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SENATE BILL 200

Short Title: Hot Line/Disparate Treatment of Students. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Martin of Guilford, Dannelly, Garwood; Ballance, Gulley, Jordan, Kinnaird, Lee, Lucas, and Shaw of Cumberland.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A
3 HOT LINE FOR THE COLLECTION OF COMPLAINTS ALLEGING
4 DISPARATE TREATMENT OF MINORITY STUDENTS AND STUDENTS
5 FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO
6 IMPLEMENT THIS ACT.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** Article 2 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended
9 by adding the following new section:

10 "**§ 115C-17.1. Hot line to collect complaints alleging disparate treatment.**

11 The Board shall establish a hot line to collect complaints alleging disparate treatment
12 of minority students and students from low-income families. The Board shall:

- 13 (1) Establish teams to review and categorize the complaints for reporting
14 annually to the General Assembly.
- 15 (2) Employ an appropriate number of hot line personnel who speak and
16 understand Spanish.
- 17 (3) Implement a mechanism, where warranted, for the Board to respond to
18 and secure an independent and impartial investigation of systemic
19 problems revealed through the complaints.
- 20 (4) Adopt a procedure for the Board to report individual complaints,
21 unless the person making the complaint requests otherwise, to the
22 appropriate local school administrative unit so that it may investigate.
- 23 (5) Adopt criteria for a local investigation that assures fair and impartial
24 investigation.

25 The Board shall report annually to the General Assembly on the numbers and types
26 of complaints handled by the hot line and how they were resolved."

1 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State
2 Board of Education the sum of three hundred ninety-seven thousand one hundred
3 fifty-five dollars (\$397,155) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year to implement this act.

4 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001. The State Board of
5 Education shall implement the hot line by October 1, 2001.