



HOUSE BILL 755: Academic Transparency.

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OVERVIEW: *HB 755 would require public school units to display information about instructional materials used in the prior school year by June 30 annually.*

The PCS would clarify that the required information accessible through the public school unit website would be a list of instructional materials with identifying information, but would not include copies of the material themselves, and clarify requirements on how information could be posted and made available for inspection. The PCS would also remove an exception for public school units of less than 500 students, and include certain schools under the control of The University of North Carolina and the Renewal School System in the bill's application.

BILL ANALYSIS: HB 755 would create a new reporting requirement for all public school units and K-12 schools under the control of The University of North Carolina to provide information annually by the end of the school year on the following lesson plans of instructional materials used in that school year:

- An outline of a teacher's instruction in each course that includes a list of all instructional materials.
- An outline of all school activities held during instructional hours outside the classroom that includes a list of presenters and instructional materials.

Instructional materials would be defined as any material used for instruction, including textbooks, reading materials, videos, digital materials, websites, and online applications.

The list of information would be accessible from the governing board's website. The information accessible from the website would be required to include the following about each instructional material:

- Title.
- Author (including if self-authored by the teacher)
- A brief description of the material.
- A link to the material if accessible through a publicly available website or an explanation for how to schedule an in-person viewing of the material.

Individual components included in a single volume, such as a textbook, would only be required to be listed once in the plan. No instructional materials would be required to be digitally reproduced or posted.

The website would also be required to include information on any procedures for documentation, review, or approval of lesson plans, and the procedure established by the governing board to request in-person review of materials.

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The public school unit could, in its discretion, provide for updating of information throughout the year and use collaborative online applications to edit and display the required information. By June 30, all information for the year would be required to be publicly accessible, and would be required to be maintained for at least one calendar year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: HB 755 would become effective when it becomes law, and would apply beginning with instructional materials used in the 2021-2022 school year displayed no later than June 30, 2022.