



HOUSE BILL 155: Omnibus Education Law Changes.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	June 22, 2017
Introduced by:	Reps. K. Hall, Conrad, L. Bell, Floyd	Prepared by:	Drupti Chauhan
Analysis of:	Third Edition		Committee Counsel

OVERVIEW: *HB 155 makes changes to various education statutes. It also directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction (Superintendent) to study student health issues; directs the State Board of Education (SBE) to delay implementation of certain policies; and directs the Superintendent to study the expansion of the teaching of computer science.*

PART I: MODIFY SCHOOL/CLASS SIZE REPORT DATE

Bill Analysis: This section changes the reporting date from September to October for the report that must be submitted to the Superintendent on regarding school organization data for each school in a local school administrative unit, including class size.

Effective Date: This section would become effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

PART II: MAKES CONFORMING CHANGES TO CAREER STATUS STATUTES TO ALIGN WITH NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT DECISION

Bill Analysis: In 2012, the North Carolina General Assembly made numerous changes to the career status statutes, including the repeal of career status for all teachers effective June 30, 2018. The North Carolina Supreme Court held career status could not be removed from teachers who had already attained career status as long as they stayed continuously employed by the same local school administrative unit. This section makes conforming changes to retain existing laws related to career status for those teachers.

Effective Date: This section would become effective when it becomes law.

PART III: AUTHORIZE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS AT CERTAIN SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT EVALUATIONS FOR BEGINNING TEACHERS

Current Law: Teachers who have not been employed for at least three consecutive years must be evaluated at least once annually by a principal.

Bill Analysis: For high schools with at least 1500 students, this section allows the principal or assistant principal to complete the evaluation as long as at least one evaluation in a teacher's first three years of employment is conducted by the principal.

Effective Date: This section would become effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

Karen Cochrane-Brown
Director



H 1 5 5 - S M R Q - 5 6 E 3 - V - 2

Legislative Analysis
Division
919-733-2578

House Bill 155

Page 2

PART IV: SUPERINTENDENT STUDY STUDENT HEALTH ISSUES

Bill Analysis: This section directs the Superintendent to convene a Work Group to study effective and positive intervention measures or policy changes to address risky behaviors and encourage student health and mental health. The Work Group's findings and recommendations must be reported to the State Board of Education and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by April 1, 2018.

Effective Date: This section would become effective when it becomes law.

PART V: STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE DELAY IMPLEMENTATION

Bill Analysis: This section prohibits the SBE from adopting or implementing any policies or recommendations from the Interagency Advisory Committee until October, 2018. This section also directs the SBE to change the timelines for the development and implementation of plans and training required by its policy on School-Based Mental Health Initiatives by delaying all of the items by one year from the dates provided in the policy.

Effective Date: This section would become effective when it becomes law.

PART VI: STUDY/EXPAND COMPUTER SCIENCE TO ALL STUDENTS

Bill Analysis: This section directs the Superintendent and the Department of Public Instruction in collaboration with the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation at North Carolina State University and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, to develop recommendations to further the teaching and student learning of computational thinking and computer science in North Carolina K-12 schools. The recommendations must include:

- Curriculum guidelines that are aligned with K-12 Computer Science Framework (October 2016) developed by the CSforAll Consortium.
- Recommendations to increase the number of teachers prepared to teach computational thinking and computer science, addressing both preservice educator preparation for teachers and professional development for in-service teachers.
- Policy recommendations.
- Alignment with the ongoing implementation of the Digital Learning Plan in North Carolina by DPI and the Friday Institute.

A report must be submitted to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the recommendations, including any proposed legislation, by January 15, 2018.

Effective Date: This section would become effective when it becomes law.

PART VII: EFFECTIVE DATE

Except as otherwise provided, the bill would become effective when it becomes law.