



HOUSE BILL 87: ESSA Plan Submission.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 87 would require the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction to submit North Carolina's state plan required by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) at the latest possible date allowed by the U.S. Department of Education.*

CURRENT LAW: Under state law, there are no restrictions on the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction as to when they choose to submit North Carolina's state plan required by ESSA (ESSA plan), other than guidelines established by the federal government.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 87 would require the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction to submit North Carolina's ESSA plan on the latest possible date allowed by the U.S. Department of Education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: Each state seeking to receive funds under ESSA is required to submit a state plan to the Secretary of Education that provides assurances the state is in compliance with the provisions of ESSA. On November 29, 2016, the U.S. Department of Education issued guidance declaring that states could submit their plans on either April 3, 2017 or September 18, 2017. On February 10, 2017, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos wrote a letter to chief state school officers indicating that these dates are still in effect. Currently, North Carolina's draft ESSA plan indicates that the final plan will be submitted on September 18, 2017.

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