



SENATE BILL 15: Teachers/Isolated K-12 Schools.

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OVERVIEW: *SB 15 would require additional classroom teacher allotments for geographically isolated schools meeting certain requirements.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115C-301 provides for allocation of teachers, and authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt rules to allot instructional personnel and teachers, within funds appropriated.

S.L. 2009-451, Sec. 7.26 established current requirements for additional allotments of teachers to geographically isolated schools. This budget provision requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to allot one classroom teacher per grade level to a school that meets the following requirements:

1. The school contains grades K-12.
2. Consolidation is not feasible due to the geographic isolation of the school.
3. The average daily membership of the local school administrative unit in which the school is located is less than 1.5 per square mile.

Currently one school in the State (Ocracoke School in Hyde County) qualifies to receive one teacher per grade level under this provision.

BILL ANALYSIS: SB 15 would amend G.S. 115C-301 to codify a modification of the 2009 budget provision for allocation of teachers in geographically isolated schools. The SBE would be required to allot one classroom teacher per grade level to a school that meets the following requirements:

1. The school contains grades K-12.
2. Consolidation is not feasible due to the geographic isolation of the school.
3. The school is located in a local school administrative unit that meets either of the following requirements:
 - a. Has an average daily membership of less than 1.5 per square mile.
 - b. Is in a county containing more than 150,000 acres of National Forest owned by the federal government and managed by the United States Forest Service, pursuant to G.S. 104-5.

EFFECTIVE DATE: SB 15 would become effective July 1, 2017

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