OVERVIEW: S.L. 2017-57, Sec. 7.25 (SB 257, Sec. 7.25) requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to contract with the Children and Parent Resource Group, Inc., to design, implement, and evaluate a two-year Life Changing Experiences School Pilot Program (Project), beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. The Project must be operated for students in grades 6 through 11 in Mitchell County Schools, Pitt County Schools, Wayne County Schools, and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. The Project includes theme-specific programs addressing dangerous life and community threatening activities that negatively impact teenagers, with the goal of increasing positive intentions and behavioral outcomes.

The Children and Parent Resource Group, Inc., in consultation with DPI, must submit an initial report on the Project by March 1, 2018, and a final report by March 1, 2019, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division. The reports must include an accounting of expenditures and student outcome data related to the operation of the Project.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.