



HOUSE BILL 563: 30 Min. Duty-Free Lunch for Teachers.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 563 would provide a minimum of 30 minutes of duty-free time for lunch for teachers to the extent possible.*

CURRENT LAW: Under G.S. 115C-105.27 which addresses the development and approval of school improvement plans, one of the strategies for improving student performance is to have a plan to provide a duty-free lunch for every teacher on a daily basis, or as otherwise approved by the school improvement team.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 563 would require that full-time assigned classroom teachers receive at least 30 minutes of duty-free lunch time on a daily basis during regular student contact hours. This duty-free lunch must be provided to the maximum extent that the safety and proper supervision of children may allow and to the extent that funds are provided by the General Assembly. Principals cannot unfairly burden any given teacher by making the teacher give up his or her duty-free lunch on an ongoing, regular basis without the consent of the teacher.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill becomes effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

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