



HOUSE BILL 23: Education Studies and Other Changes.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 23 would do the following:*

- *Revise the reporting date for myFutureNC Commission's annual attainment goal report.*
- *Study ways to provide private placement options for students with disabilities with intensive needs.*
- *Add the President of the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, or designee, to the North Carolina Principal Fellows Commission.*
- *Clarify the Beaufort County Schools may use the Hillsdale College K-12 Curriculum in implementing the standard course of study.*
- *Raise the limit on funds that may be held at a school before a bank deposit is required.*

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:

PART I: Revise myFutureNC Educational Attainment Goal Reporting

The State of North Carolina has established as a postsecondary attainment goal that, by the year 2030, 2,000,000 residents between the ages of 25 and 44 will have completed a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree. myFutureNC Commission, a statewide commission focusing on postsecondary educational attainment in North Carolina, reports annually by September 1 to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the progress of the State in reaching the postsecondary attainment goal.

Part 1 would revise the reporting date for the myFutureNC Commission from September 1 to March 15 annually.

PART II: Study for Students with Extraordinary Costs

Part II would require the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to study and report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and to each chamber's subcommittee of education appropriations by October 15, 2023 on ways to improve options for students with disabilities within intensive needs that require private placement in schools with approved programs to meet those needs. The study should consider a means for determining the appropriateness of placement, a method of creating a network of approved programs, recommendations on funding, and a means of prioritizing disbursement of funds to ensure enrollment of student at the earliest appropriate age.

PART III: Revise NC Principal Fellows Commission Membership

Currently, the NC Principal Fellows Commission, which selects recipients for the Principal Fellows grants, has 15 members, including the following 5 ex officio members:

- The chair of the board of the State Education Assistance Authority.
- The NC Principal Fellows director.

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- The Executive Director of the NC Principals and Assistant Principals' Association.
- The President of the Personnel Administrators of NC.
- The President of NC Business Leaders for Education (BEST NC).

Part III would add the President of the NC Independent Colleges and Universities, or designee, as a 16th member of the NC Principal Fellows Commission.

PART IV: Clarification of Curriculum

Part IV would clarify that the Beaufort County Board of Education would be permitted to use the Hillsdale College K-12 Curriculum in implementing the standard course of study to the extent that Curriculum does not conflict with requirements of the standard course of study.

PART V: RAISE THE DAILY DEPOSIT LIMIT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

G.S. 115C-445 establishes requirements for deposits of funds collected in local school administrative units and individual schools. Daily deposits are required unless the local board approves allowing deposits only when the money on hand reaches \$250.00.

Part V would raise the amount that a local board may allow to be on hand from \$250.00 to \$1,500.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective when it becomes law.