



# HOUSE BILL 282: Trade Schools Study.

**This Bill Analysis  
reflects the contents  
of the bill as it was  
presented in  
committee.**

2023-2024 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House Commerce. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	March 17, 2023
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Winslow, Arp, Hardister, Zenger	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Bill Patterson
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**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 282 would require the Commissioner of Labor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Insurance, Department of Commerce, University of North Carolina, and North Carolina Community College System to provide information to the Fiscal Research Division by December 31, 2023, relating to the trades of plumbing, heating and air conditioning, electricity, and welding, to be compiled into a report for the General Assembly's use as the basis for possible legislation in 2024.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 282 would require the Commissioner of Labor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Insurance, Department of Commerce, UNC, and North Carolina Community College System to provide a report to the Fiscal Research Division by December 21, 2023, containing the following information relating to the trades of plumbing, heating and air conditioning, electricity, and welding:

- The current process for becoming employed in the trade, including the requirements pertaining to education, experience, and if applicable, licensure.
- The current number of workers in the trade by age, number of years working, and years of licensure, if applicable.
- The projected State labor force needs for each trade over the next five to 25 years.
- The current options for a high school student to become a worker in the trade.
- The possibility of establishing a high school program by which students can opt to become employed in one or more of these trades, whether such a program should have a residency option, and whether students in programs such as Independent Living Services for Foster Children (NC LINKS) could benefit from such a program.

The bill would require the Fiscal Research Division to compile this information into a report for use by the General Assembly as the basis for possible legislative action in 2024.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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