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# HOUSE BILL 1110: Early Intervention School Attendance Pilot.

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**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 1110 would establish the Student Attendance Early Intervention Pilot Program to implement a data-driven attendance intervention system in select public schools to reduce chronic absenteeism.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 1110 would require the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to establish the Student Attendance Early Intervention Pilot Program (Pilot Program) to implement a data-driven attendance intervention system in select public schools in the State to reduce chronic absenteeism. The Pilot Program would have to prioritize implementation within a single public school unit to safeguard fidelity of implementation, accountability, and operational efficiency. The Pilot Program would be operational for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 fiscal years.

**School Selection:** All NC public school units would be able to apply to participate in the Pilot Program and DPI would have to select one public school unit and the schools within that unit by September 1, 2026. The selection criteria would be as follows:

- No more than 15,000 students can be covered across all the selected schools.
- The selected schools must demonstrate diversity in student demographics, including socioeconomic status, geography, and school-level characteristics to support a representative pilot program.
- Schools with a chronic absenteeism rate above the State average must be prioritized.
- Consideration must be given to the technical readiness, staffing capacity, and ability of the public school unit and the school to meet implementation timelines.

**Vendor Selection:** DPI would have to select a vendor by September 15, 2026, to work with the schools in the Pilot Program. The vendor must offer a research-proven attendance intervention solution that includes tiered evidenced-based workflows, automated bidirectional family engagement, longitudinal documentation of outreach and supports, and Statewide reporting and monitoring across the schools.

**Implementation Requirements:** The bill would direct that the implementation of the Pilot Program begin by January 1, 2027, and do the following:

- Designate a local program coordinator.
- Implement an attendance system that includes of the following:
  - Real-time attendance monitoring and early warning indicators and automated, two-way communication with families, including multilingual capability.

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- Intervention protocols aligned with a multitiered system of support including intervention workflows for at-risk students.
- Data dashboards for educators and administrators.
- Documentation and compliance tracking aligned with State attendance rules and policies.
- Safeguards for data privacy in compliance with State and federal laws.

**Funding:** The bill would appropriate \$75,000 in the 2026-2027 fiscal year to DPI to implement the Pilot Program. DPI would be able to either contract with the selected vendor to provide the services or allocate funds to the selected public school units for the public school units or public schools to contract with the selected vendor. Appropriated funds would not revert at the end of the 2026-2027 fiscal year and would remain available until June 30, 2028.

**Use of Funds:** The appropriated funds could be used for the following: (i) technology acquisition and licensing; (ii) implementation and integration services; (iii) training and professional development; and (iv) program and administration and evaluation.

**Reporting:** The bill requires reporting to be conducted at the public school unit and school level with DPI aggregating results across the participating schools for evaluation purposes. By February 1, 2028, DPI would have to report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the following:

- Measurable reductions in chronic absenteeism resulting from the Pilot Program.
- Improved student engagement and attendance consistency while participating in the Pilot Program.
- Operational efficiencies provided by the Pilot Program for school staff.
- Any recommendations on Statewide Expansion of the Pilot Program, long-term funding strategies, and integrating Statewide data systems and longitudinal data initiatives into the Pilot Program.
- Any other information DPI finds to be relevant in evaluating the effectiveness of the Pilot Program.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective July 1, 2026.