



# SENATE BILL 507: Auto Enrollment in Advanced ELA Courses.

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<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Education/Higher Education. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	April 2, 2025
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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 507 would require local boards of education to automatically enroll eligible students in advanced learning opportunities and courses in English Language Arts.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 115C-81.36 requires, when practicable, that local boards of education offer advanced learning opportunities in mathematics in grades 3-5 and advanced courses in mathematics in grades 6 and higher. When advanced courses are offered, students who score at the highest level on an end-of-grade (EOG) or end-of-course (EOC) test in the most recent math class must be enrolled in the advanced math course. For 7th graders, a student scoring at the highest level on the EOG must be enrolled in a high school level math course in 8th grade. Students cannot be removed from the advanced learning opportunity or course unless the parent or guardian provides written consent for the removal.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 507 would require, when practicable, that local boards of education also offer advanced learning opportunities in English Language Arts in grades 3-5 and advanced courses in English Language Arts in grades 6 and higher. Students who score at the highest level on an EOG or EOC test would be provided the advanced learning opportunity or enrolled in the advanced course. Students cannot be removed from the advanced learning opportunity or course unless the parent or guardian provides written consent for the removal.

Beginning December 15, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Department of Public Instruction would be required to report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the number, demographics, and socioeconomic status of students who were eligible for advanced courses in mathematics and English Language Arts, including information on the students who were eligible but not placed in the advanced courses.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Senate Bill 507 would be effective when it becomes law and apply beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

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