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HOUSE BILL 87

Short Title: At-Risk Students Task Force.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Preston, Grady, Black, McMahan, Rogers; Aldridge, Culp, Dockham, Moore, Morris, Mosley, Shubert, Smith, Warner, Watson, and Yongue.

Referred to: Education.

February 10, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT VARIOUS STATE OFFICERS TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ESTABLISH LOCAL INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF AT-RISK STUDENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) There is created the At-Risk Students Task Force under the State Board of Education. The Task Force shall consist of the Chair of the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Secretary of Human Resources, the State Health Director, and the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. Each officer may designate one representative from that officer's department or office to represent that officer on the Task Force. These officers also may appoint additional members who represent other State and local public agencies to the Task Force. The Chair of the State Board of Education, or the Chair's designee, shall serve as the Chair of the Task Force. The Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Human Resources shall provide staff and clerical support to the Task Force. The State Board of Education shall fund the Task Force within funds available to it.

(b) The Task Force shall develop a plan to develop interagency agreements between local school administrative units and other local public agencies, including, among others, health departments, departments of social services, mental health agencies,

1 and courts, in order to provide cooperative services to students who are at risk of school
2 failure, at risk of participation in juvenile crime, or both.

3 (c) The Task Force shall report its plan, along with any suggested statutory
4 revisions, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by October 15, 1997,
5 at which time the Task Force shall terminate.

6 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.