GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-243 SENATE BILL 1066

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DETERMINE WHICH GROUPS OF STUDENTS ARE LIKELY TO SCORE BELOW BENCHMARKS ON STATEWIDE TESTS AND TO RECOMMEND WAYS TO FOCUS RESOURCES ON ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THOSE STUDENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The State Board of Education shall analyze the results of end-of-grade and end-of-course tests by gender, race, and economic status of students to identify those groups of students who are statistically performing below the State benchmark on these tests. The State Board shall also consider ways to focus resources to address the needs of those students.

The State Board of Education shall report the results of this study to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee prior to November 15, 1998.

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of June, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr. Governor

Approved 4:25 p.m. this 27th day of June, 1997