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HOUSE BILL 517
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/27/99
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Short Title: Study Dropout Rate Computation/ABCs Prog.   (Public)

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Sponsors:

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March 22, 1999

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2   AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE
3   COMPUTATION OF DROPOUT RATES FOR THE ABCs PROGRAM.
4   The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5   Section 1. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Office of
6   Juvenile Justice, the Department of Correction and the Department of Community
7   Colleges, shall study the method for computing dropout rates for the School-Based
8   Management and Accountability Program (ABCs). The State Board of Education shall
9   recommend whether the computation used to set the dropout rate for this purpose should
10   include students who (i) transfer to a community college; (ii) are placed by the courts in a
11   setting which provides educational opportunities; (iii) are expelled from school; (iv) do
12   not return to school after a long-term suspension in accordance with a safe school plan; or
13   (v) have been counted previously as dropouts. As a part of this study, the State Board of
14   Education shall report, from data for the 1998-99 school year, the number of students in
15   each of these categories. The State Board of Education shall examine whether it should
16   continue to use other methods of computing the dropout rate for other purposes.
17   Section 2. The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint Legislative
18   Education Oversight Committee by December 15, 1999, regarding its recommendations

1   as to the computation of the dropout rates for the ABCs accountability program. This
2   report shall include the number of dropouts for the 1998-99 school year based on
3   categories (i) and (iii)-(v) in Section 1 of this act. The report also shall include the
4   number of dropouts for the 1998-99 school year based on category (ii) in Section 1 of this
5   act if this information is available.
6   Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.