

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

**SESSION LAW 2001-151  
SENATE BILL 708**

**AN ACT TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AND DUPLICATIVE PAPERWORK  
IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-12(19) reads as rewritten:

**"§ 115C-12. Powers and duties of the Board generally.**

The general supervision and administration of the free public school system shall be vested in the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall establish policy for the system of free public schools, subject to laws enacted by the General Assembly. The powers and duties of the State Board of Education are defined as follows:

- (19) Duty to Identify Required ~~Reports~~ Reports and to Eliminate Unnecessary Reports and Paperwork. – Prior to the beginning of each school year, the State Board of Education shall identify all reports that are required at the State level for the school year.

The State Board of Education shall adopt policies to ensure that local school administrative units are not required by the State Board of Education, the State Superintendent, or the Department of Public Instruction staff to (i) provide information that is already available on the student information management system or housed within the Department of Public Instruction; (ii) provide the same written information more than once during a school year unless the information has changed during the ensuing period; or (iii) complete forms, for children with disabilities, that are not necessary to ensure compliance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State Board may require information available on its student information management system or require the same information twice if the State Board can demonstrate a compelling need and can demonstrate there is not a more expeditious manner of getting the information."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
May, 2001.

s/ Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 11:26 a.m. this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2001