

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS55074-LE-107 (2/24)

Short Title: Study Ways to Reduce Dropout Rate. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Bingham.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO IDENTIFY
RESEARCH-BASED METHODS TO REDUCE THE DROPOUT RATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The State Board of Education shall identify research-based methods to reduce the dropout rate, especially in high-poverty schools with diverse student populations. As part of its study, the State Board shall review the research for best practices, effective policies, and model programs in areas such as (i) academic rigor in the curriculum, (ii) early identification of at-risk students, (iii) effective supplemental services for at-risk students, (iv) school size, (v) school climate, and (vi) adolescent literacy programs, as they relate to a reduction in the dropout rate.

The State Board shall report its findings to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by January 2006.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.