

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 408

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

Sponsors: Senators Bingham; Albertson, Apodaca, Berger of Rockingham, Blake, Brown, Cowell, East, Forrester, Garwood, Hagan, Jacumin, Jenkins, Kinnaird, Pittenger, Presnell, Smith, and Stevens.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

March 7, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO IDENTIFY
2 RESEARCH-BASED METHODS TO REDUCE THE DROPOUT RATE.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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