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SENATE BILL 377

Short Title: Low Academic Performance/No Sports. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Albertson; Allran, Bingham, Boseman, Clodfelter, Goss, Jenkins,
Rand, Rouzer, Stevens, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS AT
3 SCHOOLS AT WHICH ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IS INADEQUATE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-12(23) reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 115C-12. Powers and duties of the Board generally.**

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

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12 (23) Power to Adopt Eligibility Rules for Interscholastic Athletic Competition. –
13 The State Board of Education may adopt rules governing interscholastic
14 athletic activities conducted by local boards of education, including
15 eligibility for student participation. The rules shall prohibit participation in
16 interscholastic athletic activities at schools at which a majority of the
17 students are below the fiftieth percentile on end-of-course and end-of-grade
18 tests for two or more consecutive years.

19 The State Board of Education may authorize a designated organization to
20 apply and enforce the Board's rules governing participation in interscholastic
21 athletic activities at the high school level."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
23 the 2010-2011 school year.

