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HOUSE BILL 977

Short Title: School Mealtime. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives LaRoque and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT
3 OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO DETERMINE OPTIMAL SEAT TIME FOR
4 STUDENTS EATING MEALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO EXPLORE
5 MEALTIME OPTIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT
6 COMMITTEE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** In an effort to encourage students to have ample time and
9 opportunities for meals, the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction
10 shall (i) determine the optimal amount of seat time students need for breakfast and lunch and
11 (ii) explore innovative options for utilizing mealtime as instructional time.

12 **SECTION 1.(b)** The State Board of Education and the Department of Public
13 Instruction shall report on their findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative
14 Education Oversight Committee on or before January 1, 2014.

15 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

