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HOUSE BILL 1358*

Short Title: Testing in Grades K-2.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Preston; Berry, Hurley, Morris, Oldham, Russell, Sexton, Shubert, Warner, and Watson.

Referred to: Education.

May 20, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW LOCAL BOARDS TO ADMINISTER STANDARDIZED TESTS IN GRADES K-2.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-174.11(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Assessment Instruments for First and Second Grades. – The State Board of Education shall adopt and provide to the local school administrative units developmentally appropriate individualized assessment instruments consistent with the Basic Education Program for the first and second grades, rather than standardized tests. Local school administrative units may use these assessment instruments provided to them by the State Board for first and second grade students, ~~and shall not use standardized tests.~~ students. Local school administrative units also may use valid, age-appropriate standardized tests or assessments in kindergarten and first and second grades so long as they are used for individual student diagnostic or program evaluation purposes. If a test or an assessment is used for individual diagnostic purposes or if the results are placed in a student's record, the school shall provide the results to that student's parent or legal guardian. Local school administrative units are encouraged to notify parents and guardians of students in kindergarten and first and second grades before administering tests or assessments to those students."

1 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.