

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 1089**

Short Title: Study Social Workers in Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jeffus; Farmer-Butterfield, Harrison, Hughes, Lucas, Parmon,  
and Rapp.

Referred to: Education, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT  
3 COMMITTEE TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF THE PRACTICE OF SCHOOL SOCIAL  
4 WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee shall study all  
7 aspects of the practice of school social work in North Carolina. The Committee shall focus on:

- 8 (1) The ratio of students to social work staff members;
- 9 (2) The Department of Public Instruction's licensure requirements for school  
10 social workers;
- 11 (3) How counties and local school administrative units make decisions about  
12 hiring social work staff;
- 13 (4) The role of regional licensing bodies in comparison to that of the  
14 Department of Public Instruction;
- 15 (5) The need to create consistency in licensure with regard to education to  
16 ensure that only degreed social workers become licensed;
- 17 (6) The role of school social work in the Department of Public Instruction and  
18 the need for a dedicated staff member within the Department to oversee the  
19 practice; and
- 20 (7) Any other issues the Committee deems relevant.

21 The Committee shall report the results of the study to the 2010 Regular Session of  
22 the 2009 General Assembly.

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

