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HOUSE BILL 1971

Short Title: No Standardized Testing Unless Req'd by Feds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Holloway; Cleveland, Faison, Gulley, Hilton, Moore, Setzer, Starnes, and Steen.

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

May 26, 2010

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REDUCE SPENDING BY ELIMINATING STATEWIDE STANDARDIZED  
3 TESTING IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW  
4 OR AS A CONDITION OF A FEDERAL GRANT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-174.11 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 115C-174.11. Components of the testing program.

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9 (c) Annual Testing Program.

10 (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt ~~a system of annual testing~~ the tests  
11 for grades three through ~~12, 12~~ that are required by federal law or as a  
12 condition of a federal grant. These tests shall be designed to measure  
13 progress toward reading, communication skills, and mathematics for grades  
14 three through eight, and toward ~~competencies designated by the State~~  
15 ~~Board~~ competencies for grades nine through 12. ~~The State Board may~~  
16 ~~develop and implement a plan for high school end-of-course tests that must~~  
17 ~~be aligned with the content standards developed under G.S. 115C-12(9c).~~  
18 Students who do not pass the tests adopted for eighth grade shall be provided  
19 remedial instruction in the ninth grade.

20 (2) If the State Board of Education finds that additional testing in grades three  
21 through 12 is desirable to allow comparisons with national indicators of  
22 student achievement, that testing shall be conducted with the smallest size  
23 sample of students necessary to assure valid comparisons with other states.

24 (d) The State Board of Education shall not require the public schools to administer any  
25 standardized tests except for those required by federal law or as a condition of a federal grant.

26 The State Board of Education shall adopt and provide to local school administrative units  
27 all tests required by federal law or as a condition of a federal grant."

28 SECTION 2. The following end-of-course tests are hereby eliminated:

- 29 (1) United States History.  
30 (2) Civics and Economics.  
31 (3) Algebra II.  
32 (4) Physical Science.

33 SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2010.

