GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2009

SESSION LAW 2009-331 HOUSE BILL 582

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO STUDENTS TRANSFERRING INTO A NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL DISTRICT WHILE UNDER A TERM OF SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-366(a3)(2) reads as rewritten:

- "(a3) A student who is not a domiciliary of a local school administrative unit may attend, without the payment of tuition, the public schools of that unit if all of the following apply:
 - (2) The student is is:
 - <u>a.</u> not Not currently under a term of suspension or expulsion from a school for conduct that could have led to a suspension or an expulsion from the local school administrative unit.unit, or
 - b. Currently under a term of suspension or expulsion from a school for conduct that could have led to a suspension or an expulsion from the local school administrative unit and is identified as eligible for special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400, et seq., (2004). Assignment under this sub-subdivision is available only if evidence of current eligibility is tendered with the affidavit required under subdivision (3) of this subsection.

SECTION 2. G.S. 115C-366(a5) reads as rewritten:

"(a5) Notwithstanding any other law, a local board may deny admission to or place reasonable conditions on the admission of a student who has been suspended from a school under G.S. 115C-391 or who has been suspended from a school for conduct that could have led to a suspension from a school within the local school administrative unit where the student is seeking admission until the period of suspension has expired. Also, a local board may deny admission to or place reasonable conditions on the admission of a student who has been expelled from a school under G.S. 115C-391 or who has been expelled from a school for behavior that indicated the student's continued presence in school constituted a clear threat to the safety of other students or employees or who has been convicted of a felony in this or any other state. If the local board denies admission to a student who has been expelled or convicted of a felony, the student may request the local board to reconsider that decision in accordance with G.S. 115C-391(d). When a student who has been identified as eligible to receive special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400, et seq., (2004), is denied admission under this subsection, the local board shall provide educational services to the student to the same extent it would if the student were enrolled in the local school administrative unit at the time of the suspension or expulsion, as required by G.S. 115C-107.1(a)(3)."



SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of July, 2009.

- s/ Walter H. Dalton President of the Senate
- s/ Joe Hackney Speaker of the House of Representatives
- s/ Beverly E. Perdue Governor

Approved 9:39 a.m. this 24th day of July, 2009

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