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SENATE BILL 64*

Short Title: DPI/EC Div. Feedback/DIT Study/PED report. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Foushee and Waddell (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 18, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, EXCEPTIONAL
3 CHILDREN DIVISION, TO DEVELOP AS PART OF ITS POLICIES AND
4 PROCEDURES A SYSTEM OF EVALUATION OF THE DIVISION'S TECHNICAL
5 ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS PROVIDED TO LOCAL EDUCATION
6 AGENCIES AND TO DIRECT CERTAIN AGENCIES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY
7 OF LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN NC HEALTHCONNEX, AS
8 RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM EVALUATION
9 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Public Instruction, Exceptional Children
12 Division, shall incorporate into its policies and procedures a system of evaluation of the
13 Division's technical assistance and support programs provided to the directors of exceptional
14 children programs for local education agencies and other school personnel. As part of its
15 evaluation system, the Division shall include formal methods for soliciting feedback and
16 collecting customer satisfaction data, such as customer satisfaction surveys, on at least the
17 following technical assistance efforts:

- 18 (1) The New Directors' Leadership Institute.
- 19 (2) Annual conferences for school personnel related to exceptional children
20 programs.
- 21 (3) Assistance provided to school personnel by the Department of Public
22 Instruction's regional consultants.
- 23 (4) Regional meetings hosted by regional consultants for exceptional children
24 program directors for local education agencies.
- 25 (5) Webinars provided to exceptional children program directors for local
26 education agencies.

27 **SECTION 1.(b)** By December 15, 2019, the Department of Public Instruction,
28 Exceptional Children Division, shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight
29 Committee on the incorporation of a system of evaluation into its policies and procedures as
30 required under subsection (a) of this section.

31 **SECTION 2.(a)** The Government Data Analytics Center within the Department of
32 Information Technology, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services and
33 the Department of Public Instruction, shall study the feasibility of local education agencies
34 participating in the North Carolina Health Information Exchange Network (HIE Network),
35 known as NC HealthConnex, as Medicaid providers of health care services to students. The study
36 shall include at least the following:



- 1 (1) Identification of technology gaps that are obstacles to participation of local
2 education agencies in NC HealthConnex.
3 (2) Cost estimates for local education agencies to connect and submit data to NC
4 HealthConnex and any availability of federal or State funds to meet
5 connection or submission requirements.
6 (3) Whether it is necessary to extend the mandatory deadline for participation of
7 local education agencies in NC HealthConnex consistent with the provisions
8 of G.S. 90-414.4.

9 **SECTION 2.(b)** By April 15, 2019, the Government Data Analytics Center within
10 the Department of Information Technology shall report on the results of the study required by
11 subsection (a) of this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human
12 Services, the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, the Joint Legislative
13 Oversight Committee on Information Technology, and the Fiscal Research Division of the
14 General Assembly.

15 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.