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HOUSE BILL 667

Short Title: Opportunity Scholarship Testing Requirements. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Crawford, Prather, and von Haefen (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

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

April 19, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS ACCEPTING OPPORTUNITY  
3 SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS TO ADMINISTER ONE OF THE FIVE MOST COMMON  
4 NATIONALLY STANDARDIZED TESTS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE  
5 EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN A LIST OF THOSE TESTS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-562.5 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 115C-562.5. Obligations of nonpublic schools accepting eligible students receiving**  
9 **scholarship grants.**

10 (a) A nonpublic school that accepts eligible students receiving scholarship grants shall  
11 comply with the following:

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13 (4) Administer, at least once in each school year, a one of the five most common  
14 nationally standardized test-tests or other nationally standardized equivalent  
15 measurement-measurements selected by the chief administrative officer of the  
16 nonpublic school to all eligible students whose tuition and fees are paid in  
17 whole or in part with a scholarship grant enrolled in grades three and higher.  
18 For grades three through eight, the nationally standardized test or other  
19 equivalent measurement selected must measure achievement in the areas of  
20 English grammar, reading, spelling, and mathematics. For grades nine through  
21 12, the nationally standardized test or other equivalent measurement selected  
22 must measure either (i) achievement in the areas of English grammar, reading,  
23 spelling, and mathematics or (ii) competencies in the verbal and quantitative  
24 areas. Test performance data shall be submitted to the Authority by July 15 of  
25 each year. Test performance data reported to the Authority under this  
26 subdivision is not a public record under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.  
27 The Authority, in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction, shall  
28 maintain on its website a current list of the five most common nationally  
29 standardized tests or other nationally standardized equivalent measurements  
30 that meet the requirements of this subdivision and shall annually distribute  
31 this information to nonpublic schools accepting eligible students receiving  
32 scholarship grants under this Part.

33 ...."

34 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
35 the 2023-2024 school year.



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