

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 598

Short Title: Change to Low-Performing Schools Designation. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Sawyer (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING LOW-PERFORMING
SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-105.37(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Identification of Low-Performing Schools. – The State Board of Education shall identify low-performing schools on an annual basis. Low-performing schools are those that earn an overall school performance grade of D or F and a school growth score of ~~"met expected growth"~~ or "not met expected growth" as defined by G.S. 115C-83.15."

SECTION 2. G.S. 115C-105.37(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Parental Notice of Low-Performing School Status. – Each school that the State Board identifies as low-performing shall provide written notification to the parents and guardians of students attending that school within 30 days of the identification that includes the following information:

(1) A statement that the State Board of Education has found that the school has earned an overall school performance grade of D or F and a school growth score of ~~"met expected growth"~~ or "not met expected growth" and has been identified as a low-performing school as defined by G.S. 115C-105.37. The statement shall include an explanation of the school performance grades and growth scores.

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SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to identification of low performing schools based on data from the 2025-2026 school year.

