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SENATE BILL 1234*

Short Title: School Accountability/Flexibility.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Swain.

Referred to: Education.

May 8, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION THE
CAPABILITY OF ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING AN EFFECTIVE
ACCOUNTABILITY MODEL, INCLUDING JOINT STRATEGIC PLANNING
WITH LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
section to read:

"§ 115C-230.1. Accountability/Flexibility Program.

(a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish and implement an accountability/flexibility model capable of being implemented in selected local school administrative units by July 1, 1990, and in all local school administrative units by July 1, 1993. The model shall include annual improvement plans developed by the local school administrative units, which plans shall include short-range and long-range goals and strategies designed to achieve these goals.

(b) The model shall further contain local plans for monitoring the implementation of the model in participating local school administrative units and assessing the impact of model implementation in terms of improved learning.

(c) Standards for monitoring should address such issues as reduction in dropouts, improvement in attendance, improvement in grades, improvement in test scores and such other output indicators as are determined to be useful.

(d) Fiscal flexibility should be achieved by accurately assessing the cost effectiveness of the dollars spend for education, rather than placing emphasis on objects and items of expenditure.

1 (e) The model shall include a schedule showing initial administrative units
2 selected for participation and a proposed plan for phasing in the remaining
3 administrative units by July 1, 1993."

4 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Department
5 of Public Education \$600,000 for 1989-90 and \$600,000 for 1990-91 to implement the
6 provisions of this act.

7 Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.