

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 2

Short Title: School Improvement Act.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Conder, Ward, Royal, Barnes; and Rauch.

Referred to: Education.

January 12, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY
ACT OF 1989.**

Whereas, the economic prosperity of the State of North Carolina depends greatly upon having an educated and skilled workforce; and

Whereas, the performance of students enrolled in public schools of North Carolina continues to lag behind those in the nation in several key areas; and

Whereas, the State's 1988 average SAT score was 49th in the nation and nearly one-third of all high school students drop out of school; and

Whereas, student success must be the essential goal of the State's educational system and the means of attaining it must be the fundamental goal of schooling; and

Whereas, there is a need to introduce innovation and change into the State's educational system in order to achieve the goal of greater student success; and

Whereas, greater local flexibility combined with accountability for results are essential to make possible system-wide innovation and change; and

Whereas, a set of indicators of student success is necessary to assure accountability for student success; and

Whereas, an equitable salary schedule and a system of salary incentives rewarding schools and school systems with outstanding student performance is a necessary component of an effective educational system; and

Whereas, it is the intent of the General Assembly that State educational policy be changed to reflect these policies; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 Section 1. This act may be cited as the School Improvement and
2 Accountability Act of 1989.

3 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.