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SENATE BILL 556

Short Title: Planning Time & Duty-Free Lunch for Teachers. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lucas; Atwater, Dannelly, Dorsett, and Malone.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A DUTY-FREE LUNCH PERIOD FOR TEACHERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-301.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-301.1. ~~Duty-free period.~~ Instructional planning period and duty-free lunch period.

All full-time assigned classroom teachers shall be provided a daily ~~duty-free period~~ duty-free instructional planning period and a daily duty-free lunch period during regular student contact hours. The ~~duty-free period~~ duty-free instructional planning period shall be provided except in emergency situations where the immediate and temporary suspension of the planning period is the only reasonable means of protecting the safety of children. The duty-free lunch period shall be provided to the maximum extent that (i) ~~the safety and proper supervision of children may allow during regular student contact hours.~~ hours and (ii) ~~insofar as funds are provided for this purpose by the General Assembly. If the safety and supervision of children does not allow a daily duty-free period during regular student contact hours for a given teacher, the funds provided by the General Assembly for the duty-free period for that teacher shall revert to the general fund.~~ Principals shall not unfairly burden a given teacher by making that teacher give up his or her ~~duty-free period~~ duty-free instructional planning period or duty-free lunch period on an ongoing, regular basis without the consent of the teacher."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.