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Short Title: Study Principal Board Certification.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 26, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A
2 STUDY TO DEVELOP A FRAMEWORK FOR A NORTH CAROLINA BOARD
3 CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR PRINCIPALS AND ASSISTANT
4 PRINCIPALS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** The State Board of Education, in cooperation with the
8 Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall conduct a study to
9 develop a framework for a North Carolina Board Certified Principal and Assistant
10 Principal Program. The purpose of the program shall be (i) to strengthen the leadership
11 and professional skills of principals and assistant principals, (ii) to assist with the State's
12 efforts to attract and retain highly qualified school leaders, and (iii) thereby enhancing
13 the learning environment in public schools to promote student achievement.

14 **SECTION 1.(b)** In developing the framework, the State Board of Education
15 and the Board of Governors shall consult with the Center for School Leadership
16 Development, the Principals Executive Program, the North Carolina Association of
17 School Administrators, the N. C. Principals/Assistant Principals Association, Inc., and
18 the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

19 **SECTION 1.(c)** As part of its study, the State Board of Education shall
20 ensure that the framework for the program:

- 21 (1) Aligns continued professional development with the North Carolina
22 Standards for School Executives;
23 (2) Supports the development of principals and assistant principals as 21st
24 century leaders;
25 (3) Models the principal certification program after the teacher
26 certification program developed by the National Board for
27 Professional Teaching Standards;

1 (4) Attracts and retains principals and assistant principals to address the
2 growing shortage of highly qualified leaders in North Carolina public
3 schools; and

4 (5) Provides principals and assistant principals who have successfully
5 participated in the program with a supplementary salary incentive
6 commensurate with the increased demands and responsibilities of the
7 principalship.

8 **SECTION 1.(d)** The State Board of Education shall develop the principal
9 certification program that shall be implemented beginning with the 2009-2010 fiscal
10 year.

11 **SECTION 1.(e)** The State Board of Education shall develop a process to
12 evaluate the effectiveness of the Program.

13 **SECTION 1.(f)** The State Board of Education shall deliver a draft proposed
14 framework to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by December 1,
15 2008, and report on the cost of implementing the Program for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

16 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
17 Department of Public Instruction the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the
18 2008-2009 fiscal year to implement the provisions of this act.

19 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.