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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
Senate Bill 599

AMENDMENT NO. A2
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Fourth Edition

Date _____, 2017

Representative Blackwell

1 moves to amend the bill on page 20, lines 3-4, by inserting between the lines:

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3 "SECTION 3.(f) If Senate Bill 257, 2017 Regular Session, becomes law, Section
4 7.26B.(b) of that act, reads as rewritten:

5 "SECTION 7.26B.(b) Reading Improvement Commission. – The Superintendent
6 of Public Instruction shall establish a Reading Improvement Commission (Commission) within
7 the Department of Public Instruction to study and make recommendations on (i) best practices
8 for public schools in the State to improve reading comprehension, understanding, and
9 application for students in grades four through 12 to ensure that students complete high school
10 with literacy skills necessary for career and college ~~readiness; readiness; The Commission shall~~
11 ~~develop recommendations on appropriate~~ (ii) methods to monitor student progress and provide
12 appropriate and timely remediation to students to ensure success on nationally norm-referenced
13 college admissions tests; tests; (iii) the effectiveness of professional development in the area of
14 literacy in developing the capacity of teachers in grades four through 12 for improving student
15 performance in reading; and (iv) whether requiring professional development in the area of
16 literacy for licensure renewal would be effective in improving student performance in reading,
17 and if so, how such professional development should be structured and provided in order to
18 maximize student outcomes. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may appoint
19 superintendents, principals, reading instructors, representatives from research institutions, and
20 other individuals as determined by the Superintendent to the Commission. Of the funds
21 appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the
22 Superintendent of Public Instruction may use up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in
23 nonrecurring funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year for the work of the Reading Improvement
24 Commission. The Superintendent may also use these funds to contract with an independent
25 research organization to assist in the study. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall
26 report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the President Pro Tempore of
27 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the State Board of Education on
28 the study, including any findings and recommendations, no later than January 15, 2019. The
29 State Board of Education may use the findings and recommendations to inform the State
30 Board's policies and may submit additional comments on the report to the Joint Legislative
31 Education Oversight Committee, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of
32 the House of Representatives no later than February 15, 2019.""



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