



Roy Cooper, Governor  
*State of North Carolina*

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***Senate Bill 438, "AN ACT TO MODIFY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA READ TO ACHIEVE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO ATTAIN STATEWIDE READING PROFICIENCY BY THE THIRD GRADE"***

Teaching children to read well is a critical goal for their future success, but recent evaluations show that Read to Achieve is ineffective and costly. A contract dispute over the assessment tool adds to uncertainty for educators and parents. This legislation tries to put a Band-Aid on a program where implementation has clearly failed.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper  
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 13<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2019, at 4:05 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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Date August 23, 2019

Time 4:05 pm

Signed Sarah Holland

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Wolfpack WORKS by collaborating with any other constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina, in accordance with the best interests of the students of the State, as determined by the Superintendent.

Constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina participating in activities under this section shall not charge indirect facilities and administrative costs against the funding provided pursuant to this section.

By March 15 of each year that funds are used for the purposes described in this section, the Department of Public Instruction shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee that includes the following:

- (1) A list of the local school administrative units and the schools within each unit that participated, along with the total number of local school administrative units and schools participating.
- (2) The total number of elementary school teachers that participated.
- (3) A summary of activities completed.
- (4) The results of any evaluations performed on the Wolfpack WORKS pilot program.

**SECTION 11.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2019.

**PART XII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

**SECTION 12.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

**VETO**  
*Roy Cooper*

*Bill Rabon*  
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Presiding Officer of the Senate

*Tim Moore*  
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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019