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SENATE BILL 609

Short Title: Innovative School District/COVID-19. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Ballard (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 7, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN
RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Identification for the 2020-2021 School Year. – For the purposes of this section, a qualifying school is as defined by G.S. 115C-75.5(5). Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 115C-75.7 and G.S. 115C-105.37A(d), for the 2021-2022 school year, the following apply:

(1) The State Board shall not identify any additional schools as qualifying schools for the Innovative School District based on data from the 2020-2021 school year.

(2) Schools identified as qualifying schools for the 2019-2020 school year based on data from the 2018-2019 school year shall remain on the qualifying list, and the provisions of G.S. 115C-75.7(b1), (b2), and (d) shall continue to apply to these schools.

SECTION 2. Section 1(c) of S.L. 2019-248, as amended by Section 2.6(b) of S.L. 2020-3, is repealed.

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

