

New N.C. education panels focus on increasing high school graduation rates

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The General Assembly filed two new legislative panels yesterday.

The Joint Legislative Commission on Dropout Prevention and High School Graduation was created to examine how middle and high school reforms influence the dropout rate, review curriculum, and decide which strategies are making the biggest difference.

A separate panel will award dropout prevention grants of up to \$150,000 to encourage successful initiatives by school districts, nonprofits and other entities.

Department of Public Instruction data shows that only 68 percent of North Carolina ninth-graders are earning a high-school diploma within four years.