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The Power of *Plyler* in North Carolina

The guarantee of equal access to public K-12 education for *all* children enshrined in *Plyler v. Doe* has grown North Carolina's economy, strengthened its workforce, and advanced public health. FWD.us estimates that the state's combined past and future GDP is $61 billion more over the lifetimes of adult beneficiaries of *Plyler* because they had equal access to K-12 education. The state also gained almost 38,000 workers requiring at least a high school diploma and saved $600 million in public health costs.

Current Number of ADULTS Who Benefited from *Plyler*
(In School 1982-2022)

79,000

Current Number of CHILDREN Benefiting from *Plyler*
(In School 2023)

76,000

Fiscal Impact

Net Fiscal GAIN
(Income Tax Revenue over Lifetime minus Cost to Educate)

+$16 Billion

Economic Impact

Total Past and Future Economic GAINS from Adult Beneficiaries of *Plyler* over Their Lifetimes
(In School 1982-2022)

+$61 Billion

Future Economic LOSSES without *Plyler* for Current School-Age Children
(In School 2023)

-$49 Billion

Workforce Impact

Past Workforce GAINS from Adult Beneficiaries of *Plyler*
(In School 1982-2022)

+7,400 Workers in Occupations Requiring Some College Education
+30,500 Workers in Occupations Requiring a High School Diploma

Future Occupational LOSSES without *Plyler* for Current School-Age Children
(In School 2023)

-10,200 Workers in Occupations Requiring Some College Education

Top Three Jobs Requiring At Least a High School Diploma: Misc. Managers, Software Developers, Designers
Top Three Industries Requiring Workers with at Least a High School Diploma: Banking, Elem. & Secondary Schools, Outpatient Care Centers

Health Impact

Past Healthcare SAVINGS from Adult Beneficiaries of *Plyler*
(In School 1982-2022)

+$600 Million

Future Healthcare COSTS without *Plyler* for Current School-Age Children
(In School 2023)

-$1 Billion

SOURCE: FWD.us analysis of 2022 American Community Survey and other administrative data. See report's methodology for more information on the methods - fwd.us/plyler.