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North Carolina Senator Walter H. Dalton participates in 57th annual SREB Legislative Work Conference

North Carolina Senator Walter H. Dalton participated with legislative leaders across the South in a series of in-depth discussions on education topics at the Southern Regional Education Board's 57th annual Legislative Work Conference June 28-30, 2008 in Boca Raton, Florida. Senator Dalton, as immediate past chair of the SREB Legislative Advisory Council, presided at the Conference.

The meeting was designed to address key education issues. Conference participants discussed the impact of emerging technologies on education, heard from three of the region's higher education chancellors, reviewed and talked about the newly released *Challenge to Lead* Goals for Education state progress reports, and discussed school leadership and the importance of joining strong academics with technical studies.

"This conference gave me the opportunity to meet with legislators from other SREB states," Dalton said. "We tackle issues vital to our states and get to hear firsthand what is going on in education across the SREB region."

"The Legislative Work Conference is just that — a time when legislators from across the SREB region work together and get factual information on educational issues that are important to all of them," said SREB President David Spence.

SREB, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization based in Atlanta, Georgia, advises state education leaders on ways to improve education. SREB was created in 1948 by Southern governors and legislatures to help leaders in education and government work cooperatively to advance education and improve the social and economic life of the region. SREB has 16 member states: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. Each is represented by its governor and four gubernatorial appointees.