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HOUSE DRH30268-LE-215A (04/13)

Short Title: Study Deconsolidation of Large LEAs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Rhodes and Gulley (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STUDY COMMISSION ON DECONSOLIDATING LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS THAT HAVE MORE THAN SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND STUDENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is created the Study Commission on Deconsolidating Local School Administrative Units that Have More than 75,000 Students. The Commission shall consist of 12 members as follows:

- (1) Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. One of these appointees shall be a school board member or county commissioner who (i) is from a county with a local school administrative unit that has more than 75,000 students and (ii) is in favor of deconsolidation; and
- (2) Six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. One of these appointees shall be a school board member or county commissioner who (i) is from a county with a local school administrative unit that has more than 75,000 students and (ii) is in favor of deconsolidation.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a cochair, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint a cochair for the Commission. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the same appointing authority as made the initial appointment.

SECTION 2. The Commission shall study the need to deconsolidate local school administrative units that have more than 75,000 students.

SECTION 3. The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through

1 G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant
2 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

3 Subject to the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
4 Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.
5 The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer, shall
6 assign professional staff to assist the Commission in its work. The House of
7 Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisors of Clerks shall assign clerical support staff
8 to the Commission, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne
9 by the Commission. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel
10 expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

11 **SECTION 4.** The Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and
12 recommendations, including any legislative recommendations, to the 2006 Regular
13 Session of the 2005 General Assembly.

14 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated to the General Assembly, the
15 Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the expenses of the
16 Commission established by this act.

17 **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.