

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 1536**

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

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Sponsors: Representatives Rhodes, Gulley (Primary Sponsors); and Capps.

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Referred to: Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STUDY COMMISSION ON DECONSOLIDATING  
3 LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS THAT HAVE MORE THAN  
4 SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND STUDENTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

26 **SECTION 3.** The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties,  
27 may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through  
28 G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant  
29 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

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

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

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

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