A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE
DIVISION OF LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is established the Joint Legislative Study Committee on the
Division of Local School Administrative Units (Committee). The Committee shall consist of
five members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and five
members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
Representatives. The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House of the
Representatives shall each appoint a cochair of the Committee from among its membership.
The Committee and the terms of the members shall expire when the Committee submits a final
report to the General Assembly. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing officer.

SECTION 2. The Committee shall study and make recommendations on the
following:

(1) The feasibility and advisability of enacting legislation to permit local school
administrative units that were merged from separate units to be divided into
separate local school administrative units once again.

(2) The varied and best ways by which the division of a local school
administrative unit could be achieved.

(3) Whether legislation permitting the division of local school administrative
units should require as a prerequisite to the division a majority vote of the
qualified voters of the county through a referendum or election.

(4) Whether legislation permitting the division of local school administrative
units should require as a prerequisite to the division a petition from a certain
percentage of the qualified voters of the county and, if so, to what entity the
petition should be delivered.

(5) Any other issue the Committee considers relevant to this study.

SECTION 3. The Committee shall meet upon the call of its cochairs. A quorum of
the Committee is a majority of its members. No action may be taken except by a majority vote
at a meeting at which a quorum is present. The Committee, while in the discharge of its official
duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and Article 5A of Chapter 120
of the General Statutes. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant
services, as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. Members of the Committee shall receive per diem,
subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1. The expenses of the Committee
shall be considered expenses incurred for the joint operation of the General Assembly.
SECTION 4. The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and
clerical staff to assist the Committee in its work. The Director of Legislative Assistants of the
House of Representatives and the Director of Legislative Assistants of the Senate shall assign
clerical support to staff the Committee.

SECTION 5. The Committee shall submit a final report on the results of its study,
including any proposed legislation, to the members of the Senate and the House of
Representatives on or before May 1, 2018, by filing a copy of the report with the Office of the
President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of
Representatives, the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, and the Legislative
Library. The Committee shall terminate on May 1, 2018, or upon the filing of its final report,
whichever occurs first.

SECTION 6. This act is effective when it becomes law.