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HOUSE BILL DRH30311-MT-128 (03/21)

Short Title: Divide School Systems/Study Committee. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Brawley, Malone, and Bradford (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE  
3 DIVISION OF LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

- 15 (1) The feasibility and advisability of enacting legislation to permit local school  
16 administrative units that were merged from separate units to be divided into  
17 separate local school administrative units once again.
- 18 (2) The varied and best ways by which the division of a local school  
19 administrative unit could be achieved.
- 20 (3) Whether legislation permitting the division of local school administrative  
21 units should require as a prerequisite to the division a majority vote of the  
22 qualified voters of the county through a referendum or election.
- 23 (4) Whether legislation permitting the division of local school administrative  
24 units should require as a prerequisite to the division a petition from a certain  
25 percentage of the qualified voters of the county and, if so, to what entity the  
26 petition should be delivered.
- 27 (5) Any other issue the Committee considers relevant to this study.

28 **SECTION 3.** The Committee shall meet upon the call of its cochairs. A quorum of  
29 the Committee is a majority of its members. No action may be taken except by a majority vote  
30 at a meeting at which a quorum is present. The Committee, while in the discharge of its official  
31 duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and Article 5A of Chapter 120  
32 of the General Statutes. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant  
33 services, as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. Members of the Committee shall receive per diem,  
34 subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1. The expenses of the Committee  
35 shall be considered expenses incurred for the joint operation of the General Assembly.



1           **SECTION 4.** The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and  
2 clerical staff to assist the Committee in its work. The Director of Legislative Assistants of the  
3 House of Representatives and the Director of Legislative Assistants of the Senate shall assign  
4 clerical support to staff the Committee.

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

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