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HOUSE BILL 518

Short Title: County Commissioners Approval For Assignment. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Lambeth and Conrad (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, State and Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 1, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE APPROVAL FROM THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR CHANGES TO STUDENT ASSIGNMENT IN THE WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-366(b) or any other State or local provision to the contrary, no change in the matter of assignment of children to the public schools of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Local School Administrative Unit shall be effective unless approved by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners. Changes in the matter of assignment shall not include changes to an individual student transfer or reassignment but shall include changes in any the following:

- (1) Board of education policy related to student assignment or school choice.
- (2) Neighborhood school assignments.
- (3) Elementary or middle school attendance zones.
- (4) The Schools of Choice process.
- (5) Magnet school choice.
- (6) Any other school assignment or school choice policy or practice that is based primarily on a student's place of residence within the county.

SECTION 2. Any proposed change described in this act, following approval by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education, shall be submitted to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners for its concurrence and approval. Upon approval by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, the proposed change shall become final and effective.

Any change in the matter of assignment made on or after March 28, 2019, by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education is declared void unless submitted to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners for its concurrence and approval. Upon approval by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, the change shall become final and effective.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

