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Short Title: Planning Year for CIHSs.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

January 29, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A PLANNING YEAR FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF  
3 COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-238.51A reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 115C-238.51A. Approval process.**

7 (a) Joint Advisory Committee. – The State Board of Education and the applicable  
8 governing Board of the local board of trustees shall appoint a joint advisory committee to  
9 review the applications and to recommend approval for those applications that meet the  
10 requirements of this Part and achieve purposes set out in G.S. 115C-238.50. The  
11 recommendation shall indicate whether additional funds were requested in the application.

12 (b) No Additional Funds. – For applications which have not requested additional funds,  
13 the State Board of Education and the applicable governing Board may approve cooperative  
14 innovative high schools. In granting approval, consideration shall be given to the proposed  
15 budget and demonstration of sources of sustainable funding for the operation of the cooperative  
16 innovative high school. Approvals shall be made by June 30 of each year. No additional State  
17 funds, position allotments, earning of budget full-time equivalent students, or payments of  
18 tuition shall be provided to cooperative innovative high schools approved under this subsection.  
19 A cooperative innovative high school approved as provided in this subsection may open at the  
20 beginning of the school year following approval or may open after a planning year.

21 (c) Additional Funds. – For applications which have requested additional funds, the  
22 State Board of Education and the applicable governing Board may approve cooperative  
23 innovative high schools contingent upon appropriation of (i) the additional funds or (ii) funding  
24 for a planning year by the General Assembly. Contingent approval shall be made by April 1 of  
25 each year. The contingent approval shall expire if no appropriation is made by the General  
26 Assembly for the additional funds or planning year funding within one calendar year. No  
27 cooperative innovative high school shall open prior to the appropriation by the General  
28 Assembly of (i) the full amount of the additional funds as requested in the application for that  
29 school under G.S. 115C-238.51 for the upcoming fiscal year or fiscal ~~biennium~~,biennium or (ii)  
30 planning year funding, as appropriate. A cooperative innovative high school that is  
31 appropriated planning year funding as provided in this subsection shall open after a planning  
32 year. If no appropriation is made by the General Assembly, a revised application may be  
33 submitted under subsection (b) of this section."

34 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015, and applies to applications  
35 submitted for approval in the 2014-2015 school year and each subsequent school year.

