

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 176

Short Title: Charter School Grade Level Expansion. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Rabin (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 5, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE GRADE LEVEL EXPANSION IN CHARTER SCHOOLS IN
AREAS MEETING CERTAIN CRITERIA TO MEET THE NEEDS OF RAPIDLY
GROWING POPULATIONS NEAR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. A charter school granted a charter to open an elementary school in the 2014-2015 school year may expand the school to include a middle school serving grade six during the 2015-2016 school year if the charter school is located in a county that meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) The county is adjacent to a county with a major military installation, as defined in G.S. 143-151.71.
- (2) The county's population is greater than 100,000, as determined by the 2010 United States Census.
- (3) The population percent change of the county since the 2010 Census exceeds eight percent (8%), as determined by the United States Census Bureau.

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

