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**SENATE BILL 39**

Short Title: Charter Schools/CIHSs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Cook, Tillman (Primary Sponsors); Krawiec and Rabin.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 8, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADD CHARTER SCHOOLS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ELIGIBLE TO  
ESTABLISH COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 14A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 115C-218.12. Operation of a cooperative innovative high school.**

The board of directors of a charter school may seek to establish a cooperative innovative high school under Part 9 of Article 16 of this Chapter. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a charter school that is approved as a cooperative innovative high school shall also be subject to the statutes and rules applicable to those schools."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-238.50A(3a) reads as rewritten:

"(3a) Local board of education. – A local board as defined in ~~G.S. 115C-5(5)~~G.S. 115C-5(5), a board of directors of a charter school as provided in G.S. 115C-218.15, or a regional school board of directors as defined in G.S. 115C-238.61(5)."

**SECTION 3.** G.S. 115C-238.53(f) reads as rewritten:

"(f) Except as provided in this Part and under the terms of the agreement, cooperative innovative high schools:

(1) Shall have the same exemptions from statutes and rules as charter schools operating under Article 14A of this Chapter, ~~other than those pertaining to personnel~~except that a local board of education shall not be exempt from applicable statutes and rules pertaining to its personnel.

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**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to applications to establish a cooperative innovative high school program submitted on or after that date.

