February 14, 2001

H 106. CLARIFY APPEALS TO LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS. TO CLARIFY THE RIGHT TO APPEAL TO A LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION. Amends GS 115C-45(c) to provide specific list of final administrative decisions that may be appealed to the local school board. Includes decisions about student discipline, decisions concerning an alleged violation of an employee's contract (if there is not a more specific appeal procedure provided by law), and decisions affecting a school employee's character or right to teach (again, unless there is a more specific appeal procedure). Also provides local board with discretion to grant a hearing regarding any final decision of school personnel in the unit. Amends GS 115C-305 to provide that school employees have a right to appeal to superior court final school board decisions affecting their character or right to teach (now, statute permits appeal of decisions affecting character to board of education or superior court). Effective Jan. 1, 2002, and applicable to final administrative or school board decisions on or after that date.

Intro. by Goodwin.

Ref. to Education GS 115C

April 17, 2001

H 106. CLARIFY APPEALS TO LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS. Intro. 2/14/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Revises GS 115C-45(c) to explicitly include appeals of alleged violation of policy regarding grade retention of students and to specify that local board has discretion to grant hearings on any matter it chooses. Provides for judicial review in superior court of appeals that may be taken to school board by right and specifies the grounds for judicial review (violation of constitutional provisions, in excess of statutory authority, unlawful procedure, error of law, unsupported by substantial evidence, or is arbitrary and capricious). Repeals GS 115C-305. Makes other technical and stylistic changes.

April 24, 2001

H 106. CLARIFY APPEALS TO LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS. Intro. 2/14/01. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Exempts following school administrative units from bill: Asheboro, Caldwell, Carteret, Davie, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Harnett, Johnston, McDowell, Moore, Nash-Rocky-Mount, Onslow, Randolph, Stanly, Union, Wake, Wilson, Winston-Salem/Forsyth, and Yancey.

April 25, 2001

H 106. CLARIFY APPEALS TO LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS. Intro. 2/14/01. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amendments previously adopted removed certain school systems from the bill's coverage. Today's amendments restore coverage to the following, which were previously removed: Carteret, Nash-Rocky Mount, Wilson, and Winston-Salem/Forsyth.

July 24, 2001

H 106. SCHOOL ELECTION OPTIONS. Intro. 2/14/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO GIVE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE MANNER OF THEIR ELECTION IN A MANNER MODELED AFTER AUTHORITY ALREADY GIVEN TO CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNING BOARDS.* Adds GS 115C-37.2 to permit any local board of education to alter its form of government by adopting any one or a combination of the listed options. Adds 115C-37.3 to permit local board to amend form of government by resolution in accordance with procedures set forth in that section. Adds GS 115C-37.4 to permit referendum on form of government amendments by resolution, and sets forth ballot form at GS 115C-37.5. Provides that form of government amendments shall continue in force for at least two years.

H 106. SCHOOL ELECTION OPTIONS. Intro. 2/14/01. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. (1) Deletes provision allowing school boards to have member terms of six years, limiting term options to two years or four years. (2) Provides that the minimum number of signatures that must appear on a petition in order to force a referendum on a proposed change in school board elections that has already been adopted by the school board is 3,000 (was, 5,000), or 10% of the registered voters, whichever is less.

July 31, 2001

H 106. SCHOOL ELECTION OPTIONS. Intro. 2/14/01. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. (1) Deletes provision allowing school boards to have member terms of six years, limiting term options to two years or four years. (2) Provides that the minimum number of signatures that must appear on a petition in order to force a referendum on a proposed change in school board elections that has already been adopted by the school board is 3,000 (was, 5,000), or 10% of the registered voters, whichever is less.

September 26, 2001

H 106. SCHOOL ELECTION OPTIONS. Intro. 2/14/01. Conference report recommends the following changes to 5th edition to reconcile matters in controversy. Adds to new GS 115C-37.3(a) a provision that if the local board of education consists of six or more members, a resolution amending the form of government as to terms of office, number of members, or mode of election requires affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the board. Adds requirement that local superintendent file a certified true copy of any form of government amendment adopted under the article with the board or boards of elections administering elections for that unit.