

June 13, 2002

H 1708. CHARTER SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS/TORT CLAIMS ACT. TO BRING CHARTER SCHOOLS UNDER THE TORT CLAIMS ACT FOR SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENTS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE. Amends GS 143-300.1 to extend Tort Claims Act to cover charter school bus accidents. Authorizes Industrial Comm'n to determine tort claims against a board of directors of a charter school when driver of vehicle is an employee of the board or is an employee of a county or city administrative unit with which the charter school contracts for transportation in accordance with charter school's transportation plan. Amends GS 143-300.1 to make Attorney General's role in defense of claims against charter schools and their employees the same as for local boards of education and their employees. Appropriates \$200,000 for 2002-2003 from General Fund to Dep't of Public Instruction. Effective July 1, 2002, and applies to claims arising on or after July 1, 2002.

Intro. by Bonner.

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