April 1, 2003

S 656. INNOVATIVE EDUC. INITIATIVES ACT. *TO ESTABLISH THE INNOVATIVE EDUCATION INITIATIVES ACT.* Creates Art. 32D of GS Ch. 115C to establish Governor's First in America's Innovative Education Initiatives Account, a nonreverting restricted reserve in the General Fund. Creates twelve-member board for Account, with four members each to be appointed by Governor, Speaker of the House, and President Pro Tem. Specifies purposes of expenditures from Account. Creates Art. 16 of GS Ch 115C to create Cooperative Innovative High School Programs, to be joint programs between high schools and community colleges to serve students at risk of dropping out of school and students who would benefit from accelerated academic instruction. Requires approval of such programs by the State Board of Education and State Board of Community Colleges, with no more than two programs to be approved for each of the state's economic development regions. Programs are to be accountable to local board of education and operated under the terms of an agreement approved by the local board of education, local board of trustees of the community college, and the State Boards of Education and Community Colleges.

Intro. by Dalton.

Ref. to Education GS 115C

April 16, 2003

S 656. INNOVATIVE EDUC. INITIATIVES ACT. Intro. 4/1/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 115C-238.55 to change deadline for Boards to determine success of programs to Oct. 15, 2006 (was, 2007) and report deadline to Oct. 15, 2007 (was, 2006).

April 17, 2003

S 656. INNOVATIVE EDUC. INITIATIVES ACT. Intro. 4/1/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 115C-238.55 to change deadline for Boards to determine success of programs to Oct. 15, 2006 (was, 2007) and report deadline to Oct. 15, 2007 (was, 2006).

June 9, 2003

S 656. INNOVATIVE EDUC. INITIATIVES ACT. Intro. 04/1/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Deletes provisions establishing the Governor's First in America Innovative Education Initiatives Account, a nonreverting restricted reserve financed by grants, gifts, or other forms of voluntary donations. Substitutes new GS 116C-4 authorizing the Education Cabinet to identify federal, state, and local funds that could be used to achieve substantially similar purposes that were to be funded by the Education Initiatives Account.

July 7, 2003

SL 2003-277 (S 656). INNOVATIVE EDUCATION INITIATIVES ACT. AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE INNOVATIVE EDUCATION INITIATIVES ACT. Summarized in Daily Bulletin 4/1/03, 4/16/03, 4/17/03, and 6/9/03. Enacted June 27, 2003. Effective June 27, 2003.