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H 1480. MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ADMISSION. TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ADMISSION IN NORTH CAROLINA. Amends GS 130A-109 to provide that in lieu of an enrolling child's birth certificate, school authorities may accept a certified copy of any record of the child's birth issued by the hospital in which child was born or a treating physician, or a birth certificate issued by a religious institution that maintains members' birth records. Current GS 115C-366(a3)b. provides that an abandoned child who is not a domiciliary of a local school administrative unit may attend school without the payment of tuition. Act amends provision to further define abandonment as any willful or intentional conduct by the parent that demonstrates parent's intent to forego all parental duties and relinquish all parental claims to the child and willful neglect and refusal to perform parental obligations of care and support. Amends GS 115C-366(a2) to clarify that homeless children must be domiciled in State to have access to public schools and to provide that a child who is temporarily living with a friend or relative is not considered homeless, except as provided in subsection (a3). Enacts new GS 115C-366(h) to require that parents enrolling a child in the schools of a local administrative unit for the first time state whether child is a citizen or a national of the U.S., and if not, the immigration status of the child. Provides that this information may only be used for fiscal analysis and not to deny child's admission to school. Effective beginning with the 2005-06 school year. Makes technical and conforming changes.

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