

April 18, 2007

**H 1790. RAISE COMPULSORY EDUC. AGE & GRAD. RATE.** Filed 4/18/07. *TO RAISE THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AGE AND REDUCE THE DROPOUT RATE AND TO ESTABLISH THE TASK FORCE FOR ONE HUNDRED PERCENT GRADUATION BY EIGHTEEN.*

To be summarized in tomorrow's *Daily Bulletin*.

**Intro. by Bryant.**

GS 7B, 115C, 116, 143B

April 19, 2007

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*Compulsory school attendance.* Amends GS 115C-378 to raise the compulsory school attendance age from 16 to 17 effective July 1, 2009, and from 17 to 18, effective July 1, 2011. Makes conforming changes to GS 116-235(b)(2) regarding the compulsory school attendance age and provides that the parent or guardian must ensure that the child remains in school until the child graduates from high school.

*Undisciplined juvenile.* Amends GS 7B-1501(27) to increase the maximum age at which a child may be labeled an undisciplined juvenile from 16 to 17, effective July 1, 2009, and from 17 to 18, effective July 1, 2011. Makes additional conforming changes.

*Task force.* Establishes the Task Force for 100% Graduation by 18 (TF18) within the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Provides that TF18 consist of 27 members: nine nonvoting ex officio members as named in the act and eighteen voting members who are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (six), the President Pro Tempore of the Senate (six), the Governor (two), and the Superintendent of Public Instruction (four). Appointments to TF18 are to be made by September 1, 2007, and vacancies are to be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Directs TF18 to study issues related to raising the compulsory school attendance age to 18 and to analyze the impact of raising the compulsory school attendance age and implementing the change sequentially over a four-year period. Provides a list of the particular tasks to be addressed by TF18. Directs TF18 to consult with the House Select Committee on High School Graduation and Drop Out Rates, the Task Force for Juvenile Justice Administration (if it is established by the 2007 General Assembly) and appropriate state departments, agencies, and board representatives on issues related to high school graduation. Requires TF18 to submit an interim report to the 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly, and a final report by January 15, 2009, to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the citizens of the state. Directs that TF18 terminate upon filing its final report.

The act is effective when it becomes law except as otherwise noted.

**Intro. by Bryant.**

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May 22, 2007

**H 1790. TASK FORCE COMP. ATTEND. TO 18 & 100% GRAD. (NEW).** Filed 4/18/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes the proposed amendments to GS 115C-378 (regarding compulsory school attendance age requirements), GS 116-235(b)(2) (regarding school attendance), GS 7B-1501(27), and GS 143B-515(22) (regarding undisciplined juveniles).

Provides that it is the intent of the General Assembly to consider whether the compulsory school age should be raised and creates the Task Force to Develop a Comprehensive Plan and Timeline to Implement Raising the Compulsory School Age to 18 and the Graduation Rate to 100% (was, created the Task Force for 100% Graduation by 18).

Raises the number of ex officio members of the task force from nine to eleven, and the total membership from 27 to 29. Deletes restriction that ex officio members cannot vote. Modifies the duties of the task force to specifically include in identifying the costs of raising the compulsory education age the use of vocational, technical, and career education programs.

Conditions the receipt of per diem and other reimbursements to task force members on the availability of funds. Requires the task force to submit an interim report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee (JLEOC) (was, interim report only to 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly) and include the JLEOC among those receiving the final report of the Task Force by January 15, 2009.

Makes conforming changes to the title. Makes technical and grammatical corrections.