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H 65. STREAMLINE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL. Filed 2/5/07. *TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS FOR APPROVAL OF SCHOOL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION PLANS.* Rewrites GS 58-31-40(b) to increase the size of a building erected for state use that requires prior approval of the building plan from the Commissioner of Insurance, from 10,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet. Rewrites GS 136-18(29a) relating to the power of the NC Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide written evaluations and recommendations regarding driveways, traffic, and safety to entities planning schools. Current law requires entities to request these recommendations from DOT upon acquiring land for a new school or before beginning construction of, relocating, or expanding a school, and requires DOT to provide the recommendations within 60 days. The act revises the statute by (1) deleting expansion of a school from the circumstances that require an entity to contact DOT; (2) requiring that the entity notify DOT but not requiring the entity to request DOT's recommendations; and (3) reducing from 60 to 30 days the deadline for DOT to respond if the entity requests the recommendations. Effective October 1, 2007.

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