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H 437. MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ADMISSION. Filed 3/5/09. *TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ADMISSION IN NORTH CAROLINA.*

Amends GS 115C-364(c) to provide that the principal of any public school *require* (was, may require) that the parent or guardian of any child presented for admission for the first time to that school furnish (1) a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of birth, *as provided in Article 4 of GS Chapter 130A and (2) a certificate of immunization as required by GS 130A-155.* Amends GS 130A-109 (Birth certificates as evidence) to allow school authorities to accept as secondary proof of age a certified copy of any medical record of the child's birth issued by the treating physician or hospital in which the child was born or a certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a church, mosque, temple, or other religious institution that maintains birth records of its members.

Enacts new GS 115C-366(g1) to provide that when a child first enrolls in or transfers into the public schools of a local administrative unit, the principal require the parent to state whether the child is a citizen or national of the US, and if not, the immigration status of the child. Limits the use of this information to be used for fiscal analysis only and not as a basis for denying admission to a child who is a domiciliary of the local school administrative unit.

Effective beginning with the 2009-10 school year.

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