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**S 424. REORGANIZE SCHOOLS WITH HIGH DROPOUT RATE.** Filed 3/4/09. *TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO REORGANIZE ALL HIGH SCHOOLS THAT HAVE A HIGH DROPOUT RATE.*

Enacts new GS 115C-47(38a) to require local boards of education to reorganize all high schools that have a graduation rate of less than 60% for two consecutive years. Requires that the new design include at least five of the 16 career clusters recognized by the US Department of Education. Each career cluster must include a four-unit career and technical concentration, with at least one course at an advanced level. Allows virtual school and work experience courses related to the career cluster to be used to meet the concentration requirement. Requires that school counselors or faculty members make information about career clusters, educational requirements, and career outlook available to all eighth and ninth grade students. Encourages these schools to establish career and technical student organizations related to the offered career clusters. Includes whereas clauses.

**Intro. by Brown.**

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