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Short Title: Bldg. Stds./Pre-K Classes in Public Schools.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEEKING VOLUNTARY CHILD  
3 CARE FACILITY LICENSURE MAY USE THE SAME BUILDING STANDARDS FOR  
4 PREKINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS AS FOR KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS  
5 MEETING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
8 section to read:

9 **"§ 115C-521.1. Building standards for preschool students.**

10 A public school that voluntarily applies for a child care facility license may use an existing  
11 or newly constructed classroom in a public school for three- and four-year-old preschool  
12 students without modifications to the classroom or building if the classroom:

13 (1) Has at least one toilet and one sink for hand washing;

14 (2) Meets kindergarten standards for overhead light fixtures;

15 (3) Meets kindergarten standards for floors, walls, and ceilings; and

16 (4) Has floors, walls, and ceilings that are free from mold, mildew, and lead  
17 hazards.

18 A public school that voluntarily applies for a child care facility license shall meet all other  
19 requirements for child care facility licensure."

20 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 110-90(11) reads as rewritten:

21 "(11) To issue a license to any child care arrangement that does not meet the  
22 definition of child care facility in G.S. 110-86 whenever the operator of the  
23 arrangement chooses to comply with the requirements of this Article and the  
24 rules adopted by the Commission and voluntarily applies for a child care  
25 facility license. The Commission shall adopt rules for the issuance or  
26 removal of the licenses.

27 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rules adopted by the  
28 Commission regarding a public school that voluntarily applies for a child  
29 care facility license shall provide that a classroom that meets the standards  
30 set out in G.S. 115C-521.1 shall satisfy child care facility licensure  
31 requirements as related to the physical classroom."

32 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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