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HOUSE BILL DRH10053-MT-38 (02/01)

Short Title: Lower Compulsory Attendance Age From 7 to 6. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Lambeth, Dobson, Hanes, and Horn (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LOWER THE AGE WHEN A CHILD IS COMPELLED TO BEGIN ATTENDING
3 SCHOOL FROM SEVEN YEARS TO SIX YEARS.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-378(a) reads as rewritten:
6 "(a) Every parent, guardian or custodian in this State having charge or control of a child
7 between the ages of ~~seven-six~~ and 16 years shall cause the child to attend school continuously for a
8 period equal to the time which the public school to which the child is assigned shall be in session.
9 Every parent, guardian, or custodian in this State having charge or control of a child under age
10 ~~seven-six~~ who is enrolled in a public school in grades kindergarten through two shall also cause
11 the child to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school to
12 which the child is assigned shall be in session unless the child has withdrawn from school."
13 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the
14 2017-2018 school year.



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