moves to amend the bill on page 2, lines 21-27, by rewriting the lines to read:

"(a) State Board Selection. – The State Board of Education is authorized to select, upon the recommendation of the ISD Superintendent, no more than five qualifying elementary schools to transfer to the ISD as innovative schools. The five qualifying schools selected for inclusion in the ISD should represent geographic diversity, including urban and rural schools. The State Board of Education shall select no more than one qualifying school per local school administrative unit, unless the local board of education consents. shall only select schools for transfer to the ISD in accordance with this section.";

and on page 4, lines 14-31, by rewriting the lines to read:

"(c) Local Board Response. – Upon notification by the ISD Superintendent of selection by the State Board of Education of the qualifying school as a prospective innovative school, the local board of education shall determine whether to (i) close the selected qualifying school or (ii) transfer the school into the ISD. The local board shall not be required to undertake the study required by G.S. 115C-72 before closing the school. Before the adoption of a resolution, the local board of education shall provide for a public hearing in regard to the proposed transfer or closure, at which hearing the public shall be afforded an opportunity to express their views. No later than February 1, the local board of education shall adopt a resolution either (i) consenting to transfer of the selected qualifying school to the ISD as an innovative school or (ii) closing that school at the conclusion of that school year. The State Board of Education may delay the transfer of a selected school to the ISD for one year only upon the recommendation of the ISD Superintendent. Selection Process. – If a school (i) remains a qualifying school in the school year following the year the school was placed on the ISD warning list and (ii) is one of the lowest five qualifying schools on the ISD warning list, as measured by school performance scores, the school shall be selected by the State Board as an innovative school beginning with the next school year.
(c1) Voluntary Selection. – If fewer than five schools are selected pursuant to subsection (c) of this section in any given year, a local board of education, upon the recommendation of the ISD Superintendent, may request that the State Board of Education select a qualifying school under the control of that local board as an innovative school, provided that no more than five schools are selected that year in total."

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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