



# HOUSE BILL 57: Create Term for Public Schs. & Codify NCVPS.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 57 would create a term in the education chapter of the General Statutes that would be used when referring to all the different types of public schools in the State. The bill also codifies the North Carolina Virtual Public School program (NCVPS) in education chapter of the General Statutes to consolidate all references to NCVPS and the NCVPS program in a newly created Part of Article 16 of Chapter 115C (the education chapter).*

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

### **Part I**

House Bill 57 would create the term "public school unit" in the education chapter of the General Statutes (115C) that would be used in statutory drafting when the intent is to include all of the different types of public schools in the State in that statute. Currently, there is no statutorily defined term in Chapter 115C of the General Statutes that can be used to refer to all the different types of public schools in the State. As a result, in order for a statute to apply to all public schools, all the different types of public schools must be listed out in that statute.

### **Part II**

Created in 2006, the NCVPS is a provider of individual online courses and is a part of the Department of Public Instruction. However, all references to it and the NCVPS program only appear in appropriations/budget bills. House Bill 57 would codify the NCVPS and the NCVPS program in Chapter 115C of the General Statutes so that all changes that are made would be to the statutes rather than amendments to sections of past session laws. The newly created statutes are the laws as they currently exist from the past session laws but are consolidated in one place in Chapter 115C.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective July 1, 2019 and would apply beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

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