



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 96: Revise Geo. Isolated Schs. Formula/Currituck.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations, Education. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 9, 2019
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 96 would revise the geographically isolated schools formula regarding the allocation of teachers for Currituck County.

The PCS makes technical changes and clarifies that the new criterion for geographic isolation applies to schools that contain grades kindergarten through 5 and are only accessible to the majority of the local school administrative unit by ferry.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115C-301(g1) requires the State Board of Education to allot additional classroom teachers to schools containing grades kindergarten through 12 when consolidation is not feasible due to the geographic isolation of the school. To be geographically isolated, a school must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- The school is located in a local school administrative unit in which the average daily membership is less than 1.5 per square mile.
- The school is located in a local school administrative unit for a county containing more than 150,000 acres of national forest owned by the federal government and managed by the United States Forest Service pursuant to G.S. 104-5.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 1 would add a criterion for geographic isolation to G.S. 115C-301(g1). A school would be considered geographically isolated if it meets all of the following requirements:

- The school contains grades kindergarten through 5.
- The school is located in a local school administrative unit for a county containing all or a portion of at least one national wildlife refuge owned by the federal government and managed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to G.S. 104-10.
- The school is only accessible to the majority of the local school administrative unit, while remaining in the local school administrative unit, by ferry.

Section 2 would make this act apply only to Currituck County Schools.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective when it becomes law and would apply beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

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