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HOUSE BILL 2289*

Short Title: Study Raising Compulsory Attendance Age. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Parmon, Bryant, Fisher, Tarleton (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Bell, Blue, Bordsen, Carney, Coates, Coleman, Current, Dollar, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Harrison, Hughes, Insko, Jones, Killian, Luebke, McAllister, Mobley, Pierce, Ross, Wainwright, Weiss, Wiley, and Womble.

Referred to: Education.

May 21, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
2 NORTH CAROLINA TO STUDY THE IMPACTS OF RAISING THE
3 COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
4 FROM SIXTEEN TO SEVENTEEN OR EIGHTEEN, AS RECOMMENDED BY
5 THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON DROPOUT PREVENTION AND
6 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina,
10 in coordination with the Department of Public Instruction, shall study the impacts of
11 raising the compulsory public school attendance age from 16 to 17 or 18. In its study,
12 the Board of Governors shall consider all of the following:

- 13 (1) What impacts, including fiscal impacts, has raising the compulsory
14 school attendance age had in states which have raised the compulsory
15 school attendance age in the last 15 years.
- 16 (2) What conclusions can be drawn as to the impact the compulsory
17 school attendance age has made in the dropout and high school
18 completion rates for states who require compulsory school attendance
19 to ages 16, 17, and 18, respectively.
- 20 (3) What best practices for working with at-risk populations of students
21 who remain in school have been employed in states that have raised
22 the compulsory attendance age in the last 15 years.
- 23 (4) What would be the fiscal impact in raising the compulsory school
24 attendance age from 16 to 17 and 16 to 18, respectively, for each local
25 administrative school unit in North Carolina.

1 **SECTION 2.** No later than November 15, 2008, the Board of Governors of
2 The University of North Carolina shall submit a report of its study to the Joint
3 Legislative Commission on Dropout Prevention and High School Graduation and the
4 Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, including its findings and
5 recommendations.

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