

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 109

Short Title: No NCDL for Dropouts.

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Sponsors: Representatives Mitchell; Gardner, Justus, Shubert, and Buchanan.

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Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT HIGH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN WHO DO NOT  
ATTEND SCHOOL SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR DRIVERS LICENSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-9 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(i) The Division shall not issue a license to a person who is under 18 years of age and who is not enrolled in a public or private school and

(1) Is not a high school graduate,

(2) Is not enrolled full time in a vocational course of study at an institution within the community college system, or

(3) Has not successfully completed a vocational course of study at an institution within the community college system.

The superintendent of each local school administrative unit shall notify the Division, as provided in G.S. 115C-276(r), of any student between the ages of 15 and 18 who drops out of school."

Sec. 2. G.S. 20-16(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(12) Is under 18 years of age and who is not enrolled in a public or private school and

a. Is not a high school graduate,

- 1                   b.     Is not enrolled full time in a vocational course of study at an  
2                             institution within the community college system, or  
3                   c.     Has not successfully completed a vocational course of study at an  
4                             institution within the community college system.

5           The superintendent of each local school administrative unit shall notify the Division,  
6 as provided in G.S. 115C-276(r), of any student between the ages of 15 and 18 who drops  
7 out of school."

8           Sec. 3. G.S. 115C-276 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9           "(r) To Notify the Division of Motor Vehicles of Students Who Are Ineligible for  
10 Drivers Licenses. – The superintendent of each local school administrative unit shall  
11 notify the Division of Motor Vehicles immediately of all students between the ages of 15  
12 and 18 who drop out of school. For purposes of this subsection, a student shall be  
13 deemed to have dropped out of school when he has nine or more unexcused absences in  
14 the preceding semester. Any absences due to suspension shall be unexcused absences."

15           Sec. 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective July 1, 1995. Sections 3  
16 and 4 of this act are effective upon ratification.