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Short Title: Definition of the Term "Middle School". (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Warner; Bell, Church, and Lucas.

Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL LAWS BY DEFINING THE TERM
"MIDDLE SCHOOL".

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-74 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-74. School system defined.

The school system of each local school administrative unit shall consist of 12 years of study or grades, and shall be graded on the basis of a school year of not less than nine months. The system may be organized in one or two ways as follows: The first eight grades shall be styled the elementary school and the remaining four grades, the high school; or if more practicable, a junior high school or middle school may be formed by combining the first year of high school with both the seventh and eighth grades or with the eighth grade alone, and a senior high school which shall comprise the last three years of high school work. For purposes of Title V of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 (Public Law 85-864) the term "secondary school" shall be applicable to grades seven through 12."

SECTION 2. G.S. 115C-75(4) reads as rewritten:

"(4) A "junior high school" <u>or "middle school"</u> is a school which embraces not more than the first year of high school with not more than the upper two elementary grades."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.