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HOUSE BILL 1864
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/1/06

Short Title: Ensure Fair Competition in School Athletics.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 11, 2006

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO FOSTER FAIR COMPETITION IN SCHOOL ATHLETICS IN
3 CERTAIN COUNTIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-12(23) reads as rewritten:

6 "(23) Power to Adopt Eligibility Rules for Interscholastic Athletic
7 Competition. – The State Board of Education may adopt rules
8 governing interscholastic athletic activities conducted by local boards
9 of education, including eligibility for student participation. The State
10 Board of Education may authorize a designated organization to apply
11 and enforce the Board's rules governing participation in interscholastic
12 athletic activities at the high school level. If the State Board of
13 Education does authorize a designated organization to apply and
14 enforce the Board's rules, that designated organization shall permit the
15 creation of a small school conference to be afforded all rights and
16 privileges granted to other conferences within that designated
17 organization if all of the following criteria are met:

- 18 a. There are at least five small schools within a geographic region.
19 For purposes of this subdivision, 'small school' shall mean a
20 high school with an average daily membership of 300 students
21 or less.
22 b. The small school conference consists of only small schools.
23 c. The small school conference is open to all small schools in the
24 geographic region.
25 d. Participation in the small school conference is optional."

26 **SECTION 2.** A small school conference may be created for the 2006-2007
27 school year provided the designated organization authorized by the State Board of
28 Education under G.S. 115C-12(23) is notified no later than September 15, 2006.

1 Schools joining a small school conference by that date may withdraw, without penalty,
2 from any scheduling contracts previously entered into for the 2006-2007 season.

3 **SECTION 3.** This act applies only to Dare, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell, and
4 Washington Counties.

5 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.