

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 646
HOUSE BILL 1246

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 115, ARTICLE 2A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES
PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR
EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115-11.7 is amended by rewriting the second sentence of the first paragraph to read as follows: "Of those members of the council appointed by the State board, one member shall be selected from each congressional district within the State, and the members so selected shall be composed of at least one person representing each of the following: handicapped individuals, parents or guardians of children with special needs, teachers of children with special needs, and State and local education officials and administrators of programs for children with special needs."

Sec. 2. G.S. 115-11.7 is amended by rewriting the last sentence of the first paragraph to read as follows: "The council shall designate a chairperson from among its members. The designation of the chairperson is subject to the approval of the State Board of Education. The board shall promulgate rules or regulations to carry out this section."

Sec. 3. G.S. 115-11.7 is amended by adding the following paragraph between the first and second paragraphs to read as follows: "Ex officio members of the council shall be the following: (1) the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources or the secretary's designee, (2) the Secretary of the Department of Correction or the secretary's designee, (3) a representative from The University of North Carolina Planning Consortium for Children with Special Needs, and (4) the Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction or the superintendent's designee."

Sec. 4. G.S. 115-11.7 is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (4) to read as follows: "No person shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms."

Sec. 5. G.S. 115-11.8 is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

"The duties of the council shall be to (1) advise the State Board of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with special needs, as defined in this Chapter, (2) comment publicly on rules and regulations proposed for issuance by the board regarding special education and related services and the procedures for issuing State and federal funds for special education and related services, (3) assist the board in developing and reporting such data and evaluations as may assist the Commissioner of Education in the performance of his duties under Part B, Education of the Handicapped Act, as amended by Public Law 94-142 and (4) comment publicly on State special education plans developed pursuant to Public Law 94-142 and State law."

Sec. 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 21st day of June, 1977.