

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 214  
HOUSE BILL 244

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM AGE RANGES IN COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS AND TO DELETE CERTAIN ARCHAIC LANGUAGE, IN STATUTES REGARDING THE GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF.

Whereas, the 1978 Legislative Research Commission's Committee to Study Public School Laws requested the Department of Human Resources to examine statutes affecting the Governor Morehead School and the Schools for the Deaf toward the end of making the age ranges in those statutes consistent with the general compulsory attendance laws in G.S. 115-366 and G.S. 115-373; and

Whereas, the committee also asked the department to examine certain language in G.S. 115-325 and G.S. 115-340 to determine if it could be deleted; and

Whereas, the Department of Human Resources determined that the age ranges could be standardized and the archaic language deleted; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 115-321 is amended in line 4 by changing the word "superintendent" to "director".

**Sec. 2.** G.S. 115-325 is amended by rewriting the first sentence to read as follows: "The Department of Human Resources shall, on application, receive in the institution for the purpose of education all blind children who are residents of this State and who are between the ages of five and 18 years." G.S. 115-325 is further amended by deleting the last sentence.

**Sec. 3.** G.S. 115-326 is repealed.

**Sec. 4.** G.S. 115-340 is amended in lines 4 through 6 by deleting the phrase "not of confirmed immoral character, not imbecile or unsound of mind or incapacitated by physical infirmity for useful instruction,". G.S. 115-340 is further amended in line 6 by substituting the words "five and 18 years" for the words "six and 21 years", and in lines 7 and 8 by substituting the phrase "who are not within the age limits set forth above" for the phrase "under the age of six years".

**Sec. 5.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 14th day of April, 1981.