

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 1048
HOUSE BILL 1369

AN ACT RELATING TO THE THREE SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN IREDELL COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other public or local act, the Iredell County Board of Education, the Statesville Board of Education and the Mooresville Board of Education are authorized and encouraged to enter into cooperative programs, either among themselves or with Mitchell Community College, which provide opportunities for young people in such areas as vocational, education, health sciences, dramatic and visual arts, music, exceptional children and such other areas as appropriate. School transportation equipment may be used to transport students involved in these programs to and from centralized locations where such programs are offered.

Sec. 2. These cooperative programs are authorized and encouraged while the Iredell County Commissioners endeavor to raise financial support for public schools throughout the county to the point where potential reorganization of the three administrative units becomes fiscally more feasible than at the present time. To that end, the two systems with special local funding will reduce their request to the supplemental agency in a proportion agreed to by the respective Boards of Education with consideration given to the educational needs of the children they serve.

Sec. 3. To facilitate the transfer of students among the three administrative units such factors as unreasonable distance from school, excessive time spent on school buses, availability of programs or the lack of programs, whether other members of the same family are attending the school in question and whether the school to which transfer is sought can accommodate additional students shall, along with other considerations, be the measure of a child's attendance in a particular school in a particular administrative unit.

Paramount among all considerations shall be the best interest of the student.

Sec. 4. The Chairmen and Superintendents of the Iredell County, Statesville and Mooresville Boards of Education, working in conjunction with the Iredell County Commissioners, are hereby directed to develop a calendar of events that will lead to a more efficient and more productive educational delivery system. Considerations shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Capital needs.
- (2) Redistricting of student populations and attendance zones.
- (3) Improvement in curriculum.
- (4) Governance plan to include district representation.

(5) Calling a referendum to allow the Iredell County School System to levy a school tax outside the Statesville and Mooresville School Districts.

(6) Calling for a referendum on consolidation.

The calendar with supporting documentation will be forwarded to the General Assembly by May 1, 1986.

Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification and shall apply only to Iredell County.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 2nd day of July, 1984.