AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING CHANGE ORDERS ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-521 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(h) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy governing change orders to any construction or repair work for which a contract has been awarded in accordance with G.S. 143-128, 143-128.1, 143-128.1A, 143-128.1B, 143-128.1C, or 143-129. The policy shall address, at a minimum, all of the following:

1. The process by which a proposed change order is submitted by the contractor for approval, including any request for expedited review.
2. The individual or individuals with responsible authority for approving change orders of a particular category of work or amount, or a combination thereof, and the corresponding descriptions and dollar limits.
3. The process by which any change order that must be reviewed and approved by the local board is submitted to the local board.
4. The process by which the local board is notified of all change orders submitted to the individual or individuals identified with responsible authority to approve those orders, and the resulting actions taken."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2016, and applies to contracts awarded, extended, or renewed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21st day of June, 2016.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved 9:28 a.m. this 30th day of June, 2016