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HOUSE BILL 1220

Short Title: Teacher Supplemental Pay Study.

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Sponsors: Representatives Warwick, Yongue; Black, Blue, Bonner, Braswell, Davis, Dedmon, Earle, Goodwin, Hightower, R. Hunter, Jeffus, Kinney, Moore, Mosley, Nye, Saunders, Sexton, Sutton, Warner, and Wright.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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May 5, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BLUE RIBBON STUDY COMMISSION ON  
3 TEACHER SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO  
4 IMPLEMENT THE STUDY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. The Blue Ribbon Study Commission on Teacher Supplemental  
7 Salary is created. The Commission shall study the following issues:

- 8 (1) The relationship between teacher salary schedules, supplemental salary  
9 payments, and teacher performance.  
10 (2) Identification of programs with successful supplemental salary  
11 payments for teachers in this State and in other states.  
12 (3) The impact of existing supplemental teacher salary payments in rural  
13 and urban local school administrative units.  
14 (4) The feasibility of establishing model demonstration programs  
15 supported with matching funds from State, local, business, and other  
16 resources. Consideration shall be given to needs for demonstration  
17 sites in the three regions of the State: mountains, piedmont, and coastal  
18 plains.  
19 (5) Any other issues pertinent to teacher supplemental payments.

20 Section 2. The Blue Ribbon Study Commission on Teacher Supplemental  
21 Pay shall consist of nine members to be appointed as follows:

- 1 (1) Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,  
2 at least two of whom shall be members of the minority political party  
3 of the Senate.
- 4 (2) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
5 Representatives, at least two of whom shall be members of the  
6 minority political party of the House of Representatives.
- 7 (3) Three members at large appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall  
8 have an educational background and be a member of the General  
9 Assembly.

10 Section 3. The Commission shall select two cochairs from among the  
11 membership of the Commission, one of whom shall be a member of the minority  
12 political party in the House of Representatives and one of whom shall be a member of  
13 the minority political party in the Senate. A majority of the Commission shall constitute  
14 a quorum for the transaction of business.

15 Section 4. The Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and  
16 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before the first day of the 1999  
17 Session of the General Assembly by filing the report with the President Pro Tempore of  
18 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The final report shall  
19 contain the findings, recommendations, and any legislative proposals of the  
20 Commission. The final report shall identify outstanding programs with supplemental  
21 salary payments for teachers and shall contain recommendations for implementing  
22 model demonstration programs supported with matching funds from the State, local  
23 governments, businesses and industries, and other resources.

24 Section 5. The Commission, while in the discharge of official duties, may  
25 exercise all the powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19, and G.S. 120-  
26 19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call  
27 of the cochairs. The Commission may meet in the State Legislative Building or the  
28 Legislative Office Building.

29 Section 6. Members of the Commission shall receive per diem, subsistence,  
30 and travel allowances as follows:

- 31 (1) Commission members who are also General Assembly members, at  
32 the rate established in G.S. 120-3.1.
- 33 (2) Commission members who are officials or employees of the State or  
34 local government agencies, at the rate established in G.S. 138-6.
- 35 (3) All other Commission members, at the rate established in G.S. 138-5.

36 Section 7. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or  
37 consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services  
38 Commission, through the Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional  
39 staff to assist in the work of the Commission. The House of Representatives' and the  
40 Senate's Supervisors of Clerks shall assign clerical staff to the Commission or  
41 committee, upon the direction of the Legislative Services Commission. The expenses  
42 relating to clerical employees shall be borne by the Commission.

43 Section 8. Members appointed to the Commission shall serve until the  
44 Commission makes its final report. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the

1 same appointing officer who made the initial appointment. The Commission shall  
2 terminate upon the filing of its final report.

3 Section 9. All State departments and agencies and local governments and  
4 their subdivisions shall furnish the Commission with any requested information in their  
5 possession or available to them.

6 Section 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General  
7 Assembly the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year  
8 and the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for  
9 the expenses of the Commission.

10 Section 11. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.