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HOUSE BILL 1323

Short Title: Class Size/Low-Performing Schools.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Dickson; Smith, Luebke, Hurley, and Watson.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 19, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REDUCE CLASS SIZE IN LOW-PERFORMING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local School Administrative Units the sum of twenty-six million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$26,900,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to provide teacher positions to reduce class size in kindergarten through fifth grade in schools identified as low-performing. The State Board of Education shall allocate these funds to local school administrative units on the basis of one teacher for every 15 students in kindergarten through fifth grade in schools identified as low-performing. Local school administrative units shall use these funds to reduce class size in kindergarten through fifth grade in low-performing schools to one teacher for every 15 students.

The maximum size of an individual class within kindergarten through fifth grade in a school identified as low-performing shall be 18 students.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.

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