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SENATE BILL 1585

Short Title: Low-Perf. Sch. Scholarship Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Horton.

Referred to: Appropriations.

June 1, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO THE LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS THAT HAVE STATE ASSISTANCE TEAMS.

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 thirteen million eight hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,847,500) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to provide the parents or guardians of students assigned to low-performing that have State assistance teams the option of (i) letting those students attend the public schools to which they are assigned or (ii) sending them to private schools and providing them with scholarships to offset the tuition, transportation, and other costs of the private schools. Eligibility for the scholarships for the 1998-99 school year shall be limited to students who attended a public school last year that was assigned a State assistance team by the State Board of Education and who are enrolled in a private school for the 1998-99 school year.

The maximum amount of a scholarship shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the school year. These funds shall be used only for tuition, transportation, and other costs of private school.

The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the implementation of this act.

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