

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 949

Short Title: Fully Fund School Psychologists & Counselors. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Mohammed, Murdock, and Theodros (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 4, 2026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO FULLY FUND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST AND SCHOOL COUNSELOR
POSITIONS PER THE LEANDRO COMPREHENSIVE REMEDIAL PLAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of three hundred fifty-nine million three hundred thousand dollars (\$359,300,000) in recurring funds beginning in the 2026-2027 fiscal year to increase the School Health Personnel Allotment. These funds shall be used to establish a tiered system of support for students by increasing positions for the following school health support personnel in order to meet the following statewide ratios:

- (1) At least one school psychologist for every 700 students.
- (2) At least one school counselor for every 250 students.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.

