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SENATE BILL 246

Short Title: Educ. Facil. Research Lab. Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Odom; Blackmon and Hartsell.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 20, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES RESEARCH  
LABORATORY AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is created the Educational Facilities Research Laboratory. The Laboratory shall be a component of the Applied Research Center of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The purposes of the Laboratory are:

- (1) To examine facility planning issues confronting local boards of education in the State;
- (2) To address design and technical issues that relate to school facilities; and
- (3) To disseminate information to local boards of education and public school administrators.

The Laboratory may conduct research that includes case studies and experimentation on school facilities relating to such areas as facility effectiveness, construction systems and materials, acoustics, lighting, thermal efficiency and energy conservation, visual perception-room ergonometics, alternative designs, and furniture design.

Sec. 2. There is created the Educational Facilities Research Laboratory Board of Advisors. The Board shall consist of nine members, four shall be appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the remaining five, including the chairman, shall be appointed by the Chancellor of the University. The Board shall advise the Laboratory on general matters that deal with public school facilities.

1           Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
2 Governors of The University of North Carolina for the University of North Carolina at  
3 Charlotte the sum of \$127,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$345,000 for  
4 the 1992-93 fiscal year for the purpose of operating the Educational Facilities Research  
5 Laboratory.

6           Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.