

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1997**

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**HOUSE BILL 864**

Short Title: Class-Size Reduction in Grade 3.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Preston; Arnold, Baddour, Baker, Black, Bonner, Bowie, Buchanan, Culp, Dedmon, Easterling, Fox, Grady, Gray, Gulley, Hiatt, Jarrell, Jeffus, Justus, McAllister, McCombs, McMahan, Miner, Moore, Morris, Mosley, Nichols, Oldham, Owens, Redwine, Rogers, Russell, Saunders, Sexton, Smith, Thompson, Wainwright, Warner, Watson, and Weatherly.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 7, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REDUCE CLASS SIZE IN THE THIRD GRADE.**

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 nineteen million eighty-five thousand nine hundred dollars (\$19,085,900) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of nineteen million eighty-five thousand nine hundred dollars (\$19,085,900) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to reduce class size in third grade to 23 or fewer students. These funds shall be allocated by the State Board of Education to local school administrative units on the basis of one teacher for every 23 students in third grade. Local school administrative units shall use these funds only to reduce class size in third grade.

For the purpose of calculating the maximum allowable class size for third grade, the ratio of teachers to students shall be 1 to 26.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.