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HOUSE BILL 1981

Short Title: Teachers' IT Funding Initiative. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Tolson, Carney, Yongue (Primary Sponsors); England, Faison, Glazier, Harrison, Ed Jones, McLawhorn, Parmon, Pate, Pierce, Rapp, Wainwright, Warren, and Womble.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 16, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE INFORMATION
2 TECHNOLOGY NEEDS OF 21ST CENTURY LEARNERS IN THE PUBLIC
3 SCHOOLS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
7 Department of Public Instruction (DPI) the sum of fifty-two million dollars
8 (\$52,000,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year for the State Board of Education
9 Instructional Programming, Access, and Support Fund.

10 **SECTION 1.(b)** These funds shall be allocated by the State Board of
11 Education to support instructional goals and professional development for 21st Century
12 learners, as (i) outlined in the publication entitled "IMPACT: Guidelines for North
13 Carolina Media and Technology Programs", (ii) defined in the North Carolina
14 Educational Technology Plan, and (iii) detailed in DPI-approved local educational
15 agency (LEA) technology plans, by:

- 16 (1) Expanding access to instructional technology resources and the
17 support necessary to advance students' ability to compete in the
18 expanding global economy.
- 19 (2) Increasing the ability of the State's educators to effectively use
20 technology resources for instruction and their own professional
21 learning.
- 22 (3) Supplementing, not supplanting, current State, local, and federal
23 funding for technology programs.
- 24 (4) Designating funds for the following purposes:
25 a. Technology facilitator salaries and benefits.
26 b. Technician salaries and benefits.
27 c. Technology-related professional development.

- 1 d. Access to instructional resources, including computer hardware,
2 software, connectivity, infrastructure, and repairs.
3 e. Other initiatives to advance instructional programs, access, and
4 support as included in DPI-approved and monitored LEA
5 technology plans.

6 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.