

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007

S

1

SENATE BILL 406*

Short Title: New Foreign Lang. in Schools/Pilot Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Cowell; Apodaca, Atwater, Boseman, Brunstetter, Clodfelter, Foriest, Garrou, Graham, Hagan, Malone, Rand, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

February 28, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PILOT
2 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CLASSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES
3 CURRENTLY NOT TAUGHT AND IN THE CULTURE, GEOGRAPHY,
4 POLITICAL, LEGAL, AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS OF COUNTRIES WHERE
5 THOSE LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN.
6

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
9 Department of Public Instruction the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the
10 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the
11 2008-2009 fiscal year to establish and implement a pilot program in six local school
12 administrative units to offer classes in which instruction is provided (i) in foreign
13 languages currently not taught in the public schools, (ii) on the culture, geography,
14 political, legal, and economic systems of the countries where those languages are
15 spoken, and (iii) on the Internet in order to make these classes available to other local
16 school administrative units.

17 The State Board of Education, with the assistance of the Department of
18 Public Instruction, shall select pilot local school administrative units that are distributed
19 geographically throughout the State. Up to two high schools in each pilot unit shall
20 implement the program. Classes shall begin in the second semester of the 2007-2008
21 school year.

22 The State Board of Education shall approve the curriculum for the pilot
23 program and for the Internet courses on an expedited basis.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.