

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2216

Short Title: Children with Disabilities/Pilot Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Lucas, Parmon (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Brown, Church, Coleman, Cotham, Dickson, Earle, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Harrison, Luebke, McElraft, Pierce, Setzer, Tarleton, Underhill, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 20, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO
3 ELIMINATE MULTIGRADE LEVEL INSTRUCTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL
4 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
7 Department of Public Instruction the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars
8 (\$750,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to establish a two-year pilot program to
9 eliminate multigrade level instruction for high school students with disabilities. The
10 objective of the pilot program is to eliminate multigrade, multisubject, self-contained
11 classes and to maximize integration of children with disabilities into the general student
12 population.

13 The State Board of Education shall select three high schools to participate in
14 the pilot program. The pilot high schools shall maximize the co-teaching models and
15 shall not have any multigrade, self-contained classrooms for students with disabilities
16 The high schools may have self-contained classes by grade level or by subject.

17 The Exceptional Children Division of the Department of Public Instruction
18 shall provide training to the pilot high schools.

19 The Department of Public Instruction shall report to the Joint Legislative
20 Education Oversight Committee on the implementation of the pilot program by

21 _____.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.