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SENATE DRS15410-LE-112 (05/13)

Short Title: Teacher Funds Must Be 51% of School Budget. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Apodaca, Curtis, and Rabon (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF GENERAL FUND
3 APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR ARE
4 ALLOCATED TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHER ALLOTMENT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-408 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "§ 115C-408. Funds under control of the State Board of Education.

8 (a) It is the policy of the State of North Carolina to create a public school system that
9 graduates good citizens with the skills demanded in the marketplace, and the skills necessary to
10 cope with contemporary society, using State, local and other funds in the most cost-effective
11 manner. The Board shall have general supervision and administration of the educational funds
12 provided by the State and federal governments, except those mentioned in Section 7 of Article
13 IX of the State Constitution, and also excepting such local funds as may be provided by a
14 county, city, or district.

15 (b) To insure a quality education for every child in North Carolina, and to assure that
16 the necessary resources are provided, it is the policy of the State of North Carolina to provide
17 from State revenue sources the instructional expenses for current operations of the public
18 school system as defined in the standard course of study.

19 It is the policy of the State of North Carolina that the facilities requirements for a public
20 education system will be met by county governments.

21 It is the intent of the 1983 General Assembly to further clarify and delineate the specific
22 financial responsibilities for the public schools to be borne by State and local governments.

23 (c) The General Assembly finds that classroom teachers are the greatest influence on
24 student performance within North Carolina's public schools; therefore, at least fifty-one percent
25 (51%) of General Fund appropriations for public schools for each fiscal year shall be to the
26 Classroom Teacher Allotment."

27 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

