

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 787

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

Sponsors: Senators Apodaca, Curtis, Rabon (Primary Sponsors); Allran, Brock, and B. Jackson.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

May 19, 2014

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR ARE ALLOCATED TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHER ALLOTMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

