

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 1991

CHAPTER 986  
SENATE BILL 1216

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO AUTHORIZE  
THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION TO USE  
FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR TEACHER ASSISTANTS FOR TEACHERS  
UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The State Board of Education may authorize a two-year pilot project in the Mecklenburg County School Administrative Unit so that the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education may reduce class size in grades kindergarten through 3 in certain schools by using State funds appropriated for teacher assistants for certificated teachers.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education shall use this authority only if the parents and the certificated employees in a school vote to approve of the board's plan for using the authority at their school:

- (a) If the board develops a plan for the kindergarten level at a school, the certificated kindergarten staff and the parents of kindergarten children enrolled in the school shall vote by secret ballot on the plan. The board shall implement the plan only if a majority of those voting in each group approve the plan.
- (b) If the board develops a plan for grades 1 through 3 at a school, the certificated staff at the school for those grades and the parents of children enrolled in those grades in the school shall vote by secret ballot on the plan. The board shall implement the plan only if a majority of those voting in each group approve the plan.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education shall not abolish any State-funded teacher assistant position that is filled on June 1, 1992, to implement this pilot project, and no more than 75 State-funded teacher assistant positions shall be abolished to implement this pilot project.

The pilot project may be implemented in no more than 18 World Class Pilot Schools, which shall be designated by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education.

Sec. 2. The State Board shall study the impact of this pilot project on student performance and shall report the results of its study to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by January 1, 1995.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1992, and expires July 1, 1994.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of July, 1992.

Henson P. Barnes  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives