

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 1208**

Short Title: Mobile Preschool Program Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives R. Hunter and Rogers.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 28, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE MCSMILES PROGRAM, A  
2 MOBILE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN  
3 AND THEIR PARENTS.  
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5 Whereas, in the years before the McSmiles Mobile Classroom was  
6 implemented in McDowell County, there was the concern that many of the children in  
7 the county were coming to school with poor backgrounds in social and preschool  
8 readiness; and

9 Whereas, kindergarten teachers were having to teach basic preparatory skills  
10 in language development, gross and fine motor skills, visual and auditory development,  
11 and social skills; and

12 Whereas, in an effort to make each child feel safe and secure and good about  
13 himself or herself so that the child would be able to move forward toward full potential  
14 according to the child's stage of readiness, McDowell County implemented the  
15 McSmiles Program; and

16 Whereas, the McSmiles Program is based on a nationally validated diffusion  
17 program designed to prevent school failure through early intervention of children's  
18 developmental skills and learning styles; and

19 Whereas, the McSmiles Program uses a teacher and a teacher assistant on a  
20 retired school bus refurbished similar to a classroom to bring the program to the  
21 children and their parents in their communities; and

22 Whereas, because of the McSmiles Program, children are coming to  
23 kindergarten eager to learn, eager to participate in small and large group activities, and  
24 eager to read and write; and

25 Whereas, the McSmiles Program involves the parents and the communities in  
26 preparing their four-year-olds for kindergarten; and

27 Whereas, the McSmiles Program allows for health and other needed services  
28 to be identified and appropriate referrals made; and

1           Whereas, children throughout the State would benefit from a McSmiles  
2 Program based on the McDowell County McSmiles Program; Now therefore,  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4           Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
5 Public Education, Aid to Local School Administrative Units, the sum of ten million  
6 dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of twenty million dollars  
7 (\$20,000,000) for the fiscal year for teachers and teacher assistants to implement a  
8 Mobile Classroom Instructional Laboratory of Education Success Program (the  
9 McSmiles Program), beginning January 1, 1994. All other costs of the McSmiles  
10 Program shall be met with non-State funds.

11           The McSmiles Program shall be a mobile preschool program for all unserved  
12 four-year-old children in the State, which is based on the McSmiles Program in  
13 McDowell County. The goal of the program shall be to prevent school failure through  
14 early identification of developmental needs and learning styles of preschool children.

15           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.