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HOUSE BILL 834

Short Title: Safe School Grant Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Diamont; Bowman, Cummings, and H. Hunter.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO MAKE SCHOOLS SAFE FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Education, Aid to Local School Administrative Units, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to provide grants for local school administrative units for locally designed innovative local programs to make schools safe for students and school employees. These funds shall be used for grants of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to local school administrative units. These funds may be used for continuing or noncontinuing expenses.

Applicants for grants shall submit to the State Board of Education an application that includes the following information:

- (1) An assessment of local problems with regard to violence in the schools prepared by a local task force of educators, parents, students, community leaders, and representatives of social services and law enforcement, appointed by the local board of education.
- (2) A detailed plan for addressing these local problems, including proposed goals and anticipated outcomes, prepared after consultation with the task force.

1 (3) A statement of how the grant funds would be used to address these
2 local problems and what other resources would be used to address the
3 problems.

4 (4) A process for assessing on an annual basis the success of the local plan
5 for addressing problems with regard to violence in the schools.

6 Grant recipients shall be selected prior to January 1, 1994. In selecting grant
7 recipients, the State Board of Education shall consider the severity of the local problems
8 with regard to violence in the schools and the likelihood that the locally designed plan
9 will deal with the problems successfully. The State Board shall also attempt to give
10 grants to local school administrative units that are located geographically throughout the
11 State, that have different demographic profiles, and that propose different approaches to
12 their problems. The State Board of Education shall appoint a State task force to review
13 grant applications and recommend grant recipients to it. The State task force shall
14 include representatives of the Department of Public Instruction, local school
15 administrative units, educators, parents, the juvenile justice system, social services, and
16 nongovernmental agencies providing services to children, and other members the State
17 Board deems appropriate.

18 The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall administer the grant program,
19 provide technical assistance to grant applicants and recipients, and work with the State
20 task force that reviews grant applications and recommends grant recipients to the State
21 Board of Education.

22 The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint Legislative Education
23 Oversight Committee prior to March 15, 1994, and prior to January 15, 1995, on how
24 the funds are being used.

25 Sec. 2. G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

26 "(21) Duty to Monitor Acts of School Violence. – The State Board of
27 Education shall monitor and compile an annual report on acts of
28 violence in the public schools. The State Board shall adopt standard
29 definitions for acts of school violence and shall require local boards of
30 education to report them to the State Board in a standard format
31 adopted by the State Board."

32 Sec. 3. G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

33 "(36) To Report All Acts of School Violence. – Local boards of education
34 shall report all acts of school violence to the State Board of Education
35 in accordance with G.S. 115C-12(21)."

36 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.