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SENATE BILL 18

Short Title: School Budget Flexibility.

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Sponsors: Senators Winner; Albertson, Perdue, Hoyle, Kerr, Martin of Guilford, Warren, Odom, Rand, Plyler, Cooper, Plexico, Gulley, and Lucas.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BUDGET FLEXIBILITY TO CERTAIN LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-238.5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-238.5. Flexible funding.

(a) For fiscal years beginning with the ~~1990-91-1995-96~~ fiscal year, ~~the State Board of Education, only upon the recommendation of the State Superintendent, shall increase flexibility in the use of State funds for schools by combining into a single funding category the existing categories for instructional materials, supplies and equipment, textbooks, testing support, and drivers education except for funds for classroom teachers of drivers education.~~ funding allotments in the Public School Fund are consolidated as follows to increase flexibility in the use of State funds:

Existing Funding Allotments New Funding Allotments

- (1) Superintendent; Administrative Allotment –
- School Administrators; Central Office.
- Finance Officers;
- Child Nutrition Supervisors;
- Maintenance Supervisors.

- 1 (2) Classroom Teachers - Regular; Classroom Teachers.
2 Math, Science, and
3 Computer Teachers;
4 Classroom Teachers - Program
5 Enhancement.
- 6 (3) Exceptional Children - Exceptional Children.
7 State Aid and Related
8 Services; Preschool
9 Handicapped.
- 10 (4) Summer School - Instruction, At-Risk Students.
11 Remediation Support, Trans-
12 portation; Dropout Prevention/
13 Students at Risk/In-School
14 Suspension.
- 15 (5) Child Nutrition - Staff Staff Development.
16 Development; Staff Development -
17 Finance Officers; Staff
18 Development - K-12.

19 Only local school administrative units electing to participate in the Performance-based
20 Accountability Program shall be eligible to receive this flexible funding.

21 ~~(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, for fiscal years beginning with~~
22 ~~the 1992-93 fiscal year, State funds for textbooks shall be set out in a separate allotment~~
23 ~~category.~~

24 (c) Local boards of education shall provide maximum flexibility in the use of
25 funds to individual schools to enable them to accomplish their individual schools' goals."

26 Sec. 2. The State Board of Education shall adopt formulas for computing the
27 new allotments created in Section 1 of this act. The formula for the new funding
28 allotment for Administrative - Central Office shall provide for a dollar allotment and not
29 a position allotment.

30 Funds allotted for the new funding allotment for At-Risk Students for the
31 1995-96 fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure until September 1, 1996; funds
32 allotted for the 1996-97 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years shall become available for
33 expenditure on September 1 of that fiscal year and shall remain available for expenditure
34 until August 31 of the next fiscal year.

35 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.