GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

HOUSE BILL 1751

Short Title: Lifeboat Scholarship Funds.

Sponsors: Representative Wood.

Referred to: Appropriations.

June 1, 1998

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE LIFEBOAT SCHOLARSHIPS

- 3 TO STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO THE LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS THAT
- 4 HAVE STATE ASSISTANCE TEAMS.
- 5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local 6 7 School Administrative Units the sum of thirteen million eight hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,847,500) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to provide the 8 parents or guardians of students assigned to low-performing schools that have State 9 assistance teams the option of (i) sending those students to any public school to which 10 they are admitted or (ii) sending them to private schools and providing them with lifeboat 11 scholarships to offset the tuition, transportation, and other costs of the private schools. 12 Eligibility for the scholarships for the 1998-99 school year shall be limited to students 13 who attended a public school last year that was assigned a State assistance team by the 14 State Board of Education and who are enrolled in a private school for the 1998-99 school 15 16 year.

The maximum amount of a scholarship shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the school year. These funds shall be used only for tuition, transportation, and other costs of private school.

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The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the implementation of this
act.
Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.