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SENATE BILL 1124

Short Title: Family Literacy Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lee; and Ballantine.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

April 15, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR A FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Department of Community Colleges shall develop and establish a family literacy program. The purpose of the program shall be to:

- (1) Raise the educational level of parents, including raising their basic and English language skills, and help them gain the motivation, skills, and knowledge necessary to become employed or to reach a higher level of employment.
- (2) Increase the developmental abilities of young children and better prepare them for success in school through the provision of age-appropriate curricula and environments.
- (3) Improve parenting skills through parent education and parent support groups.
- (4) Enhance the parent-child relationship by providing an opportunity for parents and children to interact together in a positive and supportive environment.

The Department shall develop guidelines for the program, including guidelines for providing services that provide education to both parents and children and that

1 promote parent-child interaction on a meaningful level. The guidelines shall also include
2 eligibility criteria for participants in the program.

3 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
4 Community Colleges the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 1999-
5 2000 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2000-
6 2001 fiscal year to develop a family literacy program pursuant to this act.

7 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.