

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 134

Short Title: School Utility Costs Paid by State.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Allran; Ballantine, Carpenter, Forrester, Garwood, Jordan, Lucas, Moore, Rucho, Shaw of Guilford, and Webster.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

February 18, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL UTILITY COSTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-408(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) To insure a quality education for every child in North Carolina, and to assure that the necessary resources are provided, it is the policy of the State of North Carolina to provide from State revenue sources the instructional expenses and utility expenses for current operations of the public school system as defined in the standard course of study.

It is the policy of the State of North Carolina that the facilities requirements for a public education system will be met by county governments.

It is the intent of the 1983 General Assembly to further clarify and delineate the specific financial responsibilities for the public schools to be borne by State and local governments."

Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local School Administrative Units the sum of one hundred fifty-eight million four hundred seventy-five thousand three hundred fifty-one dollars (\$158,475,351) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred fifty-eight million four hundred seventy-five thousand three hundred fifty-one dollars (\$158,475,351) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year for school utility costs.

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