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SENATE BILL 1371*

Short Title: Scotland County School Funding.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell; and Plyler.

Referred to: State and Local Government.

June 13, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 707 OF THE 1963 SESSION LAWS RELATED
TO CURRENT EXPENSE EXPENDITURES FROM LOCAL FUNDS FOR THE
SCOTLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 707 of the 1963 Session Laws is amended by adding
the following new sections:

"Sec. 9.1. For the 2002-2003 fiscal year only, current expense expenditures from
local funds for the Scotland County Schools shall be eight million seven hundred
thousand dollars (\$8,700,000) and said sum shall be appropriated by the Scotland
County Board of Commissioners from local funds, including both general and
supplemental tax revenues, and not including fines and forfeitures or restricted use sales
taxes authorized by Article 40 or 42 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes.

Sec. 9.2. Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the base amount of funding for
current expense expenditures from local funds shall include the previous years' level of
current expense expenditures (for example, eight million seven hundred thousand
dollars (\$8,700,000) in 2002-2003), multiplied by the average percentage change in
current expense school expenditures for the most recent available fiscal year for
low-wealth counties in North Carolina (all local expenditures shall include local current
expense expenditures incurred by charter schools within the appropriate districts), as
determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or that person's designee. The
resulting product shall then be multiplied by a ratio consisting of the Average Daily
Membership used to distribute State funding for the succeeding fiscal year as provided
by the Department of Public Instruction, divided by the Average Daily Membership
used to distribute funding for the current fiscal year, as determined by the
Superintendent of Public Instruction, or that person's designee. The resulting number
shall be added to or subtracted from the previous year's amount of current expense
expenditures from local funds. This sum shall be the required level of current expense

1 funding to be appropriated by the Board of Commissioners from any local sources,
2 including both general and supplemental tax revenues, and not including fines and
3 forfeitures or restricted use sales taxes authorized by Article 40 or 42 of Chapter 105 of
4 the General Statutes.

5 Sec. 9.3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 9.1 and 9.2 of this act, the
6 Scotland County Board of Commissioners and the Scotland County Board of Education
7 may, in extraordinary economic circumstances, jointly set a level of current expense
8 expenditures for a fiscal year. This deviation from Sections 9.1 and 9.2 of this act shall
9 be valid only if approved by resolution of both boards."

10 **SECTION 2.** The remainder of Chapter 707 of the 1963 Session Laws is not
11 changed by this act except to the extent any previously enacted provisions for the
12 establishment and funding of current expense expenditures are inconsistent with the
13 provisions of this act.

14 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.