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HOUSE DRH80454-LE-182B (3/30)

Short Title: Charter School Grants/Matching Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Baker.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO MATCH FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED
BY THE STATE UNDER THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES
INCENTIVE GRANTS PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Part 6A of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes
is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-238.29L. Grant funds for charter school facilities.

The Reserve for Charter School Facilities is created as a special nonreverting fund.
The State Board of Education shall use funds in the Reserve to match federal funds
received by the State under the State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grants
Program.

The limitations on the use of State funds for charter school facilities set out in
G.S. 115C-238.29H(a1) do not apply to State funds used to match federal funds
received by the State under the State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grants
Program. These funds may be used to obtain any interest in charter school facilities that
is permissible under the terms of the grant.

No indebtedness of any kind incurred or created by a charter school shall constitute
an indebtedness of the State or its political subdivisions, and no indebtedness of the
charter school shall involve or be secured by the faith, credit, or taxing power of the
State or its political subdivisions. Every contract, lease, or other agreement into which a
charter school enters for the acquisition of charter school facilities shall include the
previous sentence."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State
Board of Education the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal
year for the Reserve for Charter School Facilities.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.