GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2003

S SENATE DRS85324-LE-183B* (4/13)

Short Title: Restore Voc. Educ. Funding for 7th Grade. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Swindell.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FOR SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 7.37 of S.L. 2003-284 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 7.37. It is the intent of the General Assembly to eliminate funding for vocational education in the seventh grade. Local school administrative units shall make every effort to focus the vocational education budget reductions on the seventh grade for 2003-2004 school year. For the 2004-2005 school year, after making the base allotment for each local school administrative unit, the State Board of Education shall use the average daily membership for grades eight—seven_through twelve only—to calculate vocational education budget allotments to local school administrative units. For the 2004-2005 school year, local school administrative units shall take all of the vocational education budget reductions for the 2003-2005 biennium in the seventh grade before making reductions to other grades."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local School Administrative Units the sum of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2004-2005 fiscal year for vocational education.

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