

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

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SENATE BILL 1323*

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

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Swindell; and Thomas.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 25, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FOR
2 SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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