

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1770

Short Title: Retain Excellent Teachers in Leandro Counties. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Luebke; Insko and Wainwright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 12, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ENSURE THAT LOW-WEALTH
2 SCHOOLS HAVE THE RESOURCES TO RETAIN EXCELLENT TEACHERS.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
5 Department of Public Instruction the sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for the
6 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for the
7 2006-2007 fiscal year to ensure that local school administrative units in low-wealth
8 counties have the resources to retain excellent teachers. The State Board of Education
9 shall allocate these funds to local school administrative units located in counties for
10 which the county wealth is eighty percent or less of the State average wealth, as
11 computed under the funding formula for low-wealth county supplemental funding.

12 Allocations shall be adjusted for local effort in accordance with the funding
13 formula for low-wealth county supplemental funding.

14 **SECTION 1.(b)** The State Board of Education shall allocate funds to each
15 such local school administrative unit to increase the unit's average local teacher salary
16 supplement from the percentage of salary paid by the unit for the 2004-2005 school year
17 to the average percentage of salary paid by the large urban metropolitan units in the
18 State for the 2004-2005 school year. A local school administrative unit shall receive
19 these funds only after fifty percent of any low-wealth county supplemental funding and
20 disadvantaged student supplemental funding received by the unit has been spent for this
21 purpose.

22 The large urban metropolitan units in the State are the Durham County, Wake
23 County, Orange County, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City, Charlotte-Mecklenburg County,
24 Buncombe County, Asheville City, New Hanover County, Winston-Salem/Forsyth
25 County, and Guilford County School Administrative Units.

26 Local school administrative units shall use these funds only for salary
27 supplements to retain teachers.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.
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