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**HOUSE BILL 2355**

Short Title: Pilot Prof. Development Center in Eastern NC.

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Sponsors: Representatives Tolson; and Warren.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 23, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROFESSIONAL  
2 DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
6 Department of Public Instruction the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars  
7 (\$750,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to establish a pilot center for the purpose of  
8 coordinating and assisting in delivery of leadership and professional development for  
9 Eastern North Carolina school systems. The professional development shall be based on  
10 assessed needs of school leaders and teachers.

11 The funds may be used to hire personnel to work with universities and  
12 nonprofit organizations in delivering services. Funds also may be used to contract with  
13 entities such as The Center for Quality Teaching and Learning to deliver professional  
14 development about the use of technology in teaching and learning. A focus of this  
15 center is to coordinate and align the potential services of professional development  
16 providers with the needs of Eastern North Carolina school districts, especially those  
17 identified as low-performing.

18 The center's effectiveness and efficiency shall be evaluated prior to July 2009  
19 on specific educational outcomes. That evaluation shall be used to determine the  
20 feasibility of establishing other leadership and professional development centers in the  
21 State.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.