## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

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## **HOUSE DRH60783-LE-329A\*** (5/16)

Short Title: Raise for Nationally Cert. Sch. Psychologists. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Jeffus.

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SALARY OF NATIONALLY CERTIFIED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Effective for the 2006-2007 school year, a school psychologist who is designated a Nationally Certified School Psychologist by the National School Psychology Certification Board shall receive an annual salary supplement of twelve percent (12%), paid on a monthly basis, in addition to the compensation provided for a certified psychologist with his or her level of academic preparation.

The Department of Public Instruction shall adopt rules for the provision of the salary increment pursuant to this act to include, but not be limited to, a process by which a nationally certified school psychologist may verify that:

- (1) The individual is still employed by a school district as a full-time employee;
- (2) The required certification has been attained and has not lapsed; and
- (3) The individual meets all the qualifications to work as a school psychologist in this State.

**SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of nine hundred ninety-eight thousand twenty-two dollars (\$998,022) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to implement the provisions of this act.

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.