

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE BILL 1398\***

Short Title: New Foreign Lang. in Schools/Pilot Program. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Hagan, Lucas, Cowell, Malone, Garwood, Hartsell, Stevens, Swindell; and Atwater.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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May 16, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE JOINT  
2 LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO APPROPRIATE  
3 FUNDS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE  
4 CLASSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES CURRENTLY NOT TAUGHT AND IN  
5 THE CULTURE, GEOGRAPHY, POLITICAL, LEGAL, AND ECONOMIC  
6 SYSTEMS OF COUNTRIES WHERE THOSE LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN.  
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
10 Department of Public Instruction the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the  
11 2006-2007 fiscal year to establish and implement a pilot program in six local school  
12 administrative units to offer classes in which instruction is provided (i) in foreign  
13 languages currently not taught in the public schools, (ii) on the culture, geography,  
14 political, legal, and economic systems of the countries where those languages are  
15 spoken, and (iii) on the Internet in order to make these classes available to other local  
16 school administrative units.

17 The State Board of Education, with the assistance of the Department of  
18 Public Instruction, shall select pilot local school administrative units that are distributed  
19 geographically throughout the State. Up to two high schools in each pilot unit shall  
20 implement the program. Classes shall begin in the second semester of the 2006-2007  
21 school year.

22 The State Board of Education shall approve the curriculum for the pilot  
23 program and for the Internet courses on an expedited basis.

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