

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 2003

Short Title: Small School System Supplemental Funding. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Snow; Bingham, Queen, Rand, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 28, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SMALL SCHOOL
2 SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 7.7(a) of S.L. 2007-323 reads as rewritten:

6 **"SECTION 7.7.(a)** Funds for Small School Systems. – Except as provided in
7 subsections (b) and (g) of this section, the State Board of Education shall allocate funds
8 appropriated for small school system supplemental funding (i) to each county school
9 administrative unit with an average daily membership of fewer than 3,175 students and
10 (ii) to each county school administrative unit with an average daily membership from
11 3,175 to 4,000 students if the county in which the local school administrative unit is
12 located has a county-adjusted property tax base per student that is below the
13 State-adjusted property tax base per student and if the total average daily membership of
14 all local school administrative units located within the county is from 3,175 to 4,000
15 students. The allocation formula shall:

- 16 (1) Round all fractions of positions to the next whole position.
17 (2) Provide five and one-half additional regular classroom teachers in
18 counties in which the average daily membership per square mile is
19 greater than four and seven additional regular classroom teachers in
20 counties in which the average daily membership per square mile is
21 four or fewer.
22 (3) Provide additional program enhancement teachers adequate to offer
23 the standard course of study.
24 (4) Change the duty-free period allocation to one teacher assistant per 400
25 average daily membership.
26 (5) Provide a base for the consolidated funds allotment of at least seven
27 hundred eighty-eight thousand seven hundred eighty-nine dollars
28 (\$788,789), excluding textbooks for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and a
29 base of at least ~~seven hundred eighty-eight thousand seven hundred~~

1 ~~eighty nine dollars (\$788,789)~~ one million one hundred fifty-nine
2 thousand one hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$1,159,159) for the
3 2008-2009 fiscal year.

4 (6) Allot vocational education funds for grade 6 as well as for grades 7-12.

5 If funds appropriated for each fiscal year for small school system supplemental
6 funding are not adequate to fully fund the program, the State Board of Education shall
7 reduce the amount allocated to each county school administrative unit on a pro rata
8 basis. This formula is solely a basis for distribution of supplemental funding for certain
9 county school administrative units and is not intended to reflect any measure of the
10 adequacy of the educational program or funding for public schools. The formula is also
11 not intended to reflect any commitment by the General Assembly to appropriate any
12 additional supplemental funds for such county school administrative units."

13 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
14 Department of Public Instruction the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the
15 2008-2009 fiscal year to provide additional funds for small school system supplemental
16 funding.

17 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.