

SPECIAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Senate Bill 1741

Session Law 2006-66

Modify Appropriations Act of 2005

PART VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.9.(b) AMEND CIVIL PENALTY AND LIABILITY FUND AVAILABILITY

Reduces the 2006-07 appropriations from the Civil Penalty and Liability Fund by \$30 million, based upon revised projections of collections from State agencies.

6.10 FUNDS FOR ENROLLMENT INCREASES

Directs the Budget Director to consider enrollment increases submitted by the State Board of Education, the State Board of Community Colleges, and the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina. The Director will include in the continuation budget the proposed amounts of funds for enrollment increases to public schools, community colleges, and the university system.

6.15 EDUCATION LOTTERY FUND REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS

Transfers \$425,000,000 from the State Lottery Fund and appropriates those funds to class size reduction, the prekindergarten program, the public school capital building fund, and scholarships for needy students.

6.16 FUNDS FOR INCREASED FUEL COSTS

Allows State Board of Education to use funds appropriated for State Aid to Local Administrative Units to cover increases in fuel costs.

PART VII. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

7.1 TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULES

Sets out the 2006-07 Monthly Salary Schedules for Teachers. Average increase 8.23%; added 31st step increase.

7.2 SCHOOL-BASED ADMINISTRATOR SALARY SCHEDULES

Sets out the 2006-07 Principal and Assistant Principal Salary Schedules. Average increase 7%.

7.3 CENTRAL OFFICE SALARIES

Sets out the 2006-07 Monthly Salary ranges for superintendents, assistant superintendents, associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers, beginning July 1, 2006. Includes salary increase of 5.5% for all full-time personnel.

7.4 NONCERTIFIED PERSONNEL SALARY AND FAIR MINIMUM PAY

Provides that the annual salary increase for permanent, full-time noncertified public school employees whose salaries are supported from the State's General Fund shall be 5.5%, commencing July 1, 2006. These employees will be paid a minimum annual salary of \$20,112 or the prorated amount for less than 12 months service per year.

Summary of Special Provisions

7.17 DISTANCE EDUCATION

Allows the State Board of Education to use monies from the State Public School Fund in the 2006-2007 fiscal year only to pay for an increased number of registration fees for Distance Education.

7.18 TRANSFER MORE AT FOUR PROGRAM AND OFFICE OF SCHOOL READINESS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Amends SL 2005-276 to reflect the program and office transfer to the Department of Public Instruction; directs DPI to implement a plan to expand More at Four program standards to include four-and five-star-rated centers and schools. These centers that choose to apply and meet these standards will have first priority to receive expansion slots when available. Allows shifting of unfilled slots to counties with waiting lists to occur January 31 of each year. Permits continued funding support of More at Four programs serving four-year-olds as of the 2005-2006 fiscal year when current funding is eliminated, reduced, or redirected as required to meet other specified federal and State educational mandates.

7.19 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING FOR TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM

Allows Public School Forum to use Teaching Fellows Program funds to meet current administrative expenses, expand minority recruitment initiatives, and expand the program up to four additional campuses.

7.20 REFUND OF LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES TO A LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

Permits LEAs to receive an annual refund of sales and use taxes.

7.21 SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHERS PILOT PROGRAM

Directs the State Board of Education to develop a pilot salary supplement program for newly hired highly qualified math and science teachers.

7.22 STUDY THE COMPENSATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS WITH NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

Directs the State Board of Education to consider (i) whether nationally certified psychologists should be compensated at the same level as nationally certified teachers and (ii) the cost of doing so.

PART IX. UNIVERSITIES

9.1 UNC-NCCCS 2+2 E-LEARNING INITIATIVE

Requires a report from the University of North Carolina and Community College System Office on the implementation of the initiative.

9.2 TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENT PLANS

Directs the University of North Carolina General Administration to submit a report based on each constituent institution's plan to increase the number of teacher education graduates.

9.3 NORTH CAROLINA IN THE WORLD PROJECT

Directs the North Carolina Center for International Understanding to collaborate with the State Board of Education and the Department of Commerce to develop a K-12 international education plan.

9.3A. A+ SCHOOLS BUDGET TECHNICAL CORRECTION

Appropriates funds to support integrating arts into the curriculum.

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- 7.5 BONUS FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL AT THE TOP OF THEIR SALARY SCHEDULES**
Provides a 2% one-time bonus for principals and assistant principals at the top of their salary schedules.
- 7.6 FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE ABCS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**
Appropriates funds to provide funding for schools that met or exceeded the projected levels of improvement during the 2005-2006 school year; allocates funds to establish a consolidated, comprehensive program to provide assistance to low-performing schools; directs SBE to review the ABCs award structure to ensure that extraordinary performance is rewarded.
- 7.7 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**
Provides funds for children with disabilities on the basis of \$2,972.52 per child for a maximum of 170,240 children for the 2006-2007 school year. Each LEA shall receive funds for the lesser of (i) all children who are identified as children with disabilities or (ii) 12.5% of the 2006-2007 allocated ADM in the LEA.
- 7.8 FUNDS FOR ACADEMICALLY GIFTED CHILDREN**
Provides funds for academically or intellectually gifted children on the basis of \$961.60 per child. An LEA shall receive funds for a maximum of 4% of its 2006-2007 allocated ADM, regardless of the number of children identified as academically or intellectually gifted in the unit. The State Board shall allocate funds for no more than 57,419 children for the 2006-2007 school year.
- 7.10 DISADVANTAGED STUDENT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING**
Establishes the DSSF funding allotments to LEAs based on: (i) the LEA's eligible DSSF population and (ii) a combination of teacher-to-student ratios and percentage of the statewide average wealth.
- 7.11 LEARN AND EARN HIGH SCHOOLS**
Expands the use of allocated funds to include university enrollment, tuition and fees, textbooks, and community college fees and textbooks.
- 7.12 NC WISE POSITIONS**
Appropriates funds to create a maximum of 20 positions and to transfer the NC WISE system maintenance and administration from the vendor to DPI.
- 7.13 LITERACY COACHES**
Provides funds to support the selection and hiring of 100 literacy coaches in 100 schools with an eighth grade.
- 7.14 EXPAND LEA ACCESS TO EDUCATION VALUE ADDED ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (EVAAS)**
Directs SBE to identify LEAs to receive funds for purchasing licenses to EVAAS diagnostic software based on (i) identified need, (ii) readiness, and (iii) county wealth. Any remaining funds are carried forward for EVAAS training.
- 7.15 CLARIFY DEFINITION: PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUNDS**
Clarifies definition of "effective county tax rate" to include any countywide supplemental taxes levied for the benefit of public schools.
- 7.16 NORTH CAROLINA VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCHOOL**
Establishes an NCVPS administrative office within DPI; consolidates under NCVPS all e-learning opportunities offered to public school students; prioritizes e-learning course offerings for students in rural and low-wealth county LEAs; directs SBE to develop an allotment formula for funding e-learning, effective FY 2007-2008.

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9.11 NC SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATH/HIGH SCHOOL CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION

Establishes the North Carolina School of Science and Math as a constituent high school of the University of North Carolina.

9.13 TUITION AND CONTRACTUAL GRANTS FOR TEACHING/NURSING

Expands grants to aid licensure students attending private institutions of higher education.

9.15 NC CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING

Establishes the center under the University of North Carolina Board of Governors which will appoint the center's executive director.

9.16 PRINCIPAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

Amends G.S. 116-74.42 regarding scholarship loans. The loan will be \$30,000 for the first year of participation and 60% of the assistant principal's beginning salary plus \$4,000 for tuition, fees, and books in the second year of participation.

9.17 TEACHER ACADEMY TRANSFER

Transfers administration of the Teacher Academy to the State Board of Education from the Board of Governors; restructures the Teacher Academy Board of Trustees.

PART XVII-A. DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES

17A.1 CULTURAL SHARING AND CARING PROGRAM

Requires the Department of Cultural Resources to report program availability within local school systems and the coordination required between the Department of Cultural Resources, DPI, and local school systems for program implementation.

PART XXII. SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

22.13 MOST STATE EMPLOYEES/SALARY INCREASES

Generally provides for an employee salary increase of 5.5%.

22.14 ALL STATE-SUPPORTED PERSONNEL/SALARY INCREASES

Provides that permanent full-time employees who work a nine-, ten-, or eleven-month work year schedule will receive a salary increase of 5.5%.

PART XXIV. TAX REDUCTIONS

24.12.(a) PARENTAL SAVINGS TRUST FUND TAX DEDUCTION

Amends G.S. 105-134.6(d) to allow a \$750 maximum tax deduction based on the taxpayer's adjusted gross income and to add stipulations for unused funds withdrawn from the Parental Savings Trust Fund.