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**SENATE BILL 215**

Short Title: St. Bd. of Educ./Funding Request.

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Sponsors: Senators Winner and Lee.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE EXPANSION BUDGET  
REQUEST OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local School Administrative Units the sum of twenty-eight million six hundred fourteen thousand seventy-seven dollars (\$28,614,077) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of twenty-eight million six hundred fourteen thousand seventy-seven dollars (\$28,614,077) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to reduce class size in grade 3 from one teacher and one teacher assistant for 26 students to one teacher and one teacher assistant for 23 students.

Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local School Administrative Units the sum of eighteen million seven hundred fifty thousand six hundred nine dollars (\$18,750,609) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of eighteen million seven hundred fifty thousand six hundred nine dollars (\$18,750,609) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to reduce student to adult ratio in grades 1 and 2 by funding one teacher assistant for each 23 students.

Section 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local School Administrative Units the sum of forty-nine million seven hundred nine thousand four hundred sixty-two dollars (\$49,709,462) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of fifty million four hundred twenty-four thousand five hundred twelve dollars

1 (\$50,424,512) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to award incentives to schools that meet  
2 exemplary growth in student performance.

3 Section 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of  
4 Education the sum of three million eighty-five thousand nine hundred dollars  
5 (\$3,085,900) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of three million nine hundred sixty-  
6 four thousand eight hundred thirty-four dollars (\$3,964,834) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to  
7 provide supporting funds for assistance teams and technical services to help low-  
8 performing schools.

9 Section 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local  
10 School Administrative Units the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1997-98  
11 fiscal year and the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to  
12 improve services for students with limited English proficiency.

13 Section 6. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local  
14 School Administrative Units the sum of twenty-eight million eight hundred fifty-nine  
15 thousand one hundred sixty-six dollars (\$28,859,166) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the  
16 sum of fifty-seven million seven hundred eighteen thousand three hundred thirty-two  
17 dollars (\$57,718,332) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to increase funds for school safety and  
18 violence prevention through additional funds for the At-Risk Student  
19 Services/Alternative Schools allotment.

20 Section 7. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local  
21 School Administrative Units the sum of twenty-nine million eight hundred fifty-three  
22 thousand six hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$29,853,688) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and  
23 the sum of sixty million one hundred eighty thousand seven hundred forty-two dollars  
24 (\$60,180,742) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to fund exceptional children's areas at levels  
25 closer to needs, including the areas of Handicapped, Gifted, Willie M., and the  
26 Governor's Schools.

27 Section 8. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of  
28 Education the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal  
29 year and the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal  
30 year to fund special projects including the Geographic Alliance, Math/Science Centers,  
31 Writing Projects, and Athletic Trainers.

32 Section 9. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State School  
33 Technology Fund the sum of seventy-one million dollars (\$71,000,000) for the 1997-98  
34 fiscal year and the sum of seventy-two million dollars (\$72,000,000) for the 1998-99  
35 fiscal year to fund three to five networked computer systems and accompanying software  
36 for every classroom in kindergarten through grade five.

37 Section 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of  
38 Education the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and  
39 the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to support  
40 initiatives to improve student achievement in reading, writing, and mathematics basic  
41 skills.

42 Section 11. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local  
43 School Administrative Units the sum of two hundred thirty-one million six hundred

1 seventy-nine thousand thirty-nine dollars (\$231,679,039) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and  
2 the sum of four hundred eighty-seven million five hundred one thousand one hundred  
3 fifty dollars (\$487,501,150) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to support salary increases for  
4 teachers to bring their salaries to the national average in four years.

5 Section 12. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local  
6 School Administrative Units the sum of sixty-three million seven hundred twenty-one  
7 thousand five hundred thirty-five dollars (\$63,721,535) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and  
8 the sum of sixty-three million seven hundred twenty-one thousand five hundred thirty-  
9 five dollars (\$63,721,535) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to provide for three days of  
10 extended staff development time for all teachers and to extend the months of employment  
11 for some teachers.

12 Section 13. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local  
13 School Administrative Units the sum of thirty-six million dollars (\$36,000,000) for the  
14 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of thirty-six million dollars (\$36,000,000) for the 1998-  
15 99 fiscal year to provide laptop computers, software, and related training for all teachers  
16 in grades four through eight.

17 Section 14. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of  
18 Education the sum of one million nine hundred seventy-five thousand four hundred  
19 eighty-five dollars (\$1,975,485) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of three million  
20 eighteen thousand four hundred forty-seven dollars (\$3,018,447) for the 1998-99 fiscal  
21 year to reward teachers who receive national certification through the National Board of  
22 Professional Teaching Standards.

23 Section 15. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of  
24 Education the sum of one million seven hundred forty-seven thousand four hundred  
25 sixty-five dollars (\$1,747,465) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of one million  
26 dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to increase the number of scholarships  
27 available for prospective teachers.

28 Section 16. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local  
29 School Administrative Units the sum of two million three hundred eighty-two thousand  
30 three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$2,382,375) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum  
31 of two million three hundred eighty-two thousand three hundred seventy-five dollars  
32 (\$2,382,375) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to provide a comprehensive support program for  
33 new teachers during the initial certification period.

34 Section 17. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of  
35 Education the sum of five hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$575,000) for the  
36 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$575,000)  
37 for the 1998-99 fiscal year to support State services for charter schools.

38 Section 18. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of  
39 Education the sum of four hundred ninety-eight thousand eight hundred dollars  
40 (\$498,800) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred eighty-three thousand  
41 nine hundred dollars (\$283,900) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to support State services for  
42 school facility incentives.

1           Section 19. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of  
2 Education the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and  
3 the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to upgrade the  
4 Uniform Education Reporting System.

5           Section 20. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.