

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

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**HOUSE BILL 1218**

Short Title: 2001 Education Lottery Referendum. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Owens, Fitch, and Arnold (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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April 12, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN  
2 EDUCATION LOTTERY.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** The question of whether the General Assembly shall enact an  
6 Education Lottery shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at an election on  
7 the question to be held at a statewide primary, general, or special election on a date to  
8 be determined by the General Assembly.

9 The net proceeds from the Education Lottery shall be used to enable all North  
10 Carolina children to have the education they deserve. The funds shall be used to  
11 establish a voluntary statewide prekindergarten program to prepare at-risk  
12 four-year-olds for school in order to close the achievement gap that now exists. The  
13 funds shall also be used to reduce class sizes in our public schools and items necessary  
14 to accomplish those ends, for more one-on-one instruction to allow teachers to teach and  
15 children to learn so that more children will stay in school, graduate, and go on to  
16 college.

17 The funds from the Education Lottery shall supplement and not supplant  
18 other State funds appropriated for education.

19 The election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in  
20 the State. Ballots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163  
21 of the General Statutes. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall  
22 be:

23  FOR the General Assembly enacting an Education Lottery.

24  AGAINST the General Assembly enacting an Education Lottery."

25 **SECTION 2.** If the question is approved by the qualified voters of this State  
26 in the election held under Section 1 of this act, the reasonable additional costs to the  
27 State Board of Elections and the county boards of elections for conducting the election  
28 shall be considered expenses of any lottery enacted by the General Assembly, and the

- 1 Education Lottery shall reimburse the State Board of Elections and county boards of  
2 elections for these costs from the proceeds of the lottery.  
3           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.