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HOUSE BILL 1763

Short Title: County School Appropriations. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hurley, Gray, Gibson, Baddour; Russell, Johnson, and Shubert.

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

June 17, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A COUNTY MAY
REDUCE APPROPRIATIONS TO A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT
AFTER PASSAGE OF THE BUDGET ORDINANCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 159-13(b)(9) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The following directions and limitations shall bind the governing board in adopting the budget ordinance:

...

(9) Appropriations made to a school administrative unit by a county may not be reduced after the budget ordinance is adopted, unless the board of education of the administrative unit agrees by resolution to a reduction, or unless a general reduction in county expenditures is required ~~because of prevailing economic conditions to meet emergencies unforeseen and unforeseeable at the time the budget ordinance was adopted.~~ Before a board of county commissioners may reduce appropriations to a school administrative unit as part of a general reduction in county expenditures to meet emergencies unforeseen and unforeseeable at the time the budget ordinance was adopted, it must do all of the following:

a. Hold a public meeting at which the school board is given an opportunity to present information on the impact of the reduction.

b. Take a public vote on the decision to reduce appropriations to a school administrative unit."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for fiscal year 2002-2003 the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to assist counties and boards of education in administering this act.

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SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.