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SENATE BILL 440

Short Title: Bright Beginnings Prekindergarten Prog. Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Dannelly; Ballance, Clodfelter, Lucas, and Odom.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 13, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPAND THE BRIGHT BEGINNINGS
PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

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 nine million five hundred thousand dollars (\$9,500,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of nine million five hundred thousand dollars (\$9,500,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to support the expansion of the Bright Beginnings Program, which is a Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System prekindergarten program. Of these funds:

- (1) The sum of \$8,000,000 for each fiscal year shall be used for program support and expansion, and
- (2) The sum of \$1,500,000 for each fiscal year shall be used for the transportation of children participating in the Program.

SECTION 2. The Charlotte Mecklenburg School System shall report annually to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and to the State Board of Education regarding the status of the Program and the short- and long-term gains made by students participating in the Program.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.