

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 428*

Short Title: K-3 Reading and Literacy Improvement Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hunt, K. Smith, Fisher, and Dahle (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Appropriations, Education, if favorable,
Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 25, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS
IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND
GRADE CLASSROOM HAS A FULL-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AND EVERY
THREE THIRD GRADE CLASSROOMS HAS A FULL-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
Public Instruction the sum of two hundred seventy-one million dollars (\$271,000,000) for the
2019-2020 fiscal year in recurring additional funds to be allocated to local school administrative
units to provide the dollar equivalent of teacher assistant positions based on the following ratios:

(1) One teacher assistant for every class in kindergarten, first, and second grade.

(2) One teacher assistant for every three classes in third grade.

SECTION 2. Funds allocated pursuant to this act shall be distributed based on an
estimated statewide average salary and benefits per position and an average class size of 21
students in membership per classroom.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.



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