

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 154

Short Title: Fully Fund School Social Wkrs & Psychologists. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Mohammed, Murdock, and Mayfield (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 25, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO FULLY FUND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL
3 PSYCHOLOGISTS OVER TEN YEARS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 21 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 115C-316.5. Appropriation for social workers and school psychologists.**

8 (a) Beginning with the 2021-2022 fiscal year, there is appropriated from the General
9 Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for the following fiscal years the following amounts
10 to the instructional support allotment:

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
|---|-----------------------|
| <u>2021-2022</u> | <u>\$50,882,384</u> |
| <u>2022-2023</u> | <u>\$101,764,769</u> |
| <u>2023-2024</u> | <u>\$152,647,153</u> |
| <u>2024-2025</u> | <u>\$203,529,537</u> |
| <u>2025-2026</u> | <u>\$254,411,921</u> |
| <u>2026-2027</u> | <u>\$305,294,306</u> |
| <u>2027-2028</u> | <u>\$356,176,690</u> |
| <u>2028-2029</u> | <u>\$407,059,074</u> |
| <u>2029-2030</u> | <u>\$457,941,458</u> |
| <u>2030-2031 and each subsequent fiscal year thereafter</u> | <u>\$508,823,843.</u> |

22 (b) When developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year
23 specified in subsection (a) of this section, the Director of the Budget shall include the
24 appropriated amount for that fiscal year.

25 (c) Funds appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be allocated to local
26 school administrative units to increase positions for school social workers and school
27 psychologists in the following fiscal years to the following statewide ratios of personnel to
28 students:

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Social Workers</u> | <u>Psychologists</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <u>2021-2022</u> | <u>1:1,254</u> | <u>1:1,853</u> |
| <u>2022-2023</u> | <u>1:1,142</u> | <u>1:1,725</u> |
| <u>2023-2024</u> | <u>1:1,030</u> | <u>1:1,597</u> |
| <u>2024-2025</u> | <u>1:918</u> | <u>1:1,469</u> |
| <u>2025-2026</u> | <u>1:806</u> | <u>1:1,341</u> |
| <u>2026-2027</u> | <u>1:694</u> | <u>1:1,213</u> |
| <u>2027-2028</u> | <u>1:582</u> | <u>1:1,085</u> |



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| 1 | <u>2028-2029</u> | <u>1:470</u> | <u>1:957</u> |
| 2 | <u>2029-2030</u> | <u>1:358</u> | <u>1:829</u> |
| 3 | <u>2030-2031 and each subsequent</u> | | |
| 4 | <u>fiscal year thereafter</u> | <u>1:250</u> | <u>1:700."</u> |
| 5 | SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2021. | | |