

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1995

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SENATE BILL 431

Short Title: Extend Charlotte School Funding Program.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Winner, Dannelly, and Odom.

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Referred to: Education/Higher Education

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March 21, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE SUNSET ON THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG  
SCHOOL FUNDING PILOT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 986 of the 1991 Session Laws (1992 Regular Session), as rewritten by Chapter 103 of the 1993 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"Section 1. The State Board of Education may authorize a ~~three-year~~ pilot project in the Mecklenburg County School Administrative Unit so that the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education may reduce class size in grades kindergarten through 3 in certain schools by using State funds appropriated for teacher assistants for certificated teachers.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education shall use this authority only if the parents and the certificated employees in a school vote to approve of the board's plan for using the authority at their school:

(a) If the board develops a plan for the kindergarten level at a school, the certificated kindergarten staff and the parents of kindergarten children enrolled in the school shall vote by secret ballot on the plan. The board shall implement the plan only if a majority of those voting in each group approve the plan.

(b) If the board develops a plan for grades 1 through 3 at a school, the certificated staff at the school for those grades and the parents of

1 children enrolled in those grades in the school shall vote by secret ballot  
2 on the plan. The board shall implement the plan only if a majority of  
3 those voting in each group approve the plan.

4 ~~The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education shall not abolish any State-funded~~  
5 ~~teacher assistant position that is filled on June 1, 1992, to implement this pilot project,~~  
6 ~~and no more than 75 State-funded teacher assistant positions shall be abolished to~~  
7 ~~implement this pilot project.~~

8 ~~The pilot project may be implemented in no more than 18 World Class Pilot Schools,~~  
9 ~~which shall be designated by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education."~~

10 Sec. 2. Section 3 of Chapter 986 of the 1991 Session Laws (1992 Regular  
11 Session), as rewritten by Chapter 103 of the 1993 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

12 "Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1992, and expires July 1, 1995-1992."

13 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.