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Short Title: High-Priority Sch. Prog. Waiver/Fund Savings. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Plyler and Purcell.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO GRANT WAIVERS FOR SCHOOLS THAT ARE UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT THE HIGH-PRIORITY SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE 2002-2003 FISCAL YEAR AND TO USE FUNDS SAVED AS A RESULT OF THE WAIVERS TO OFFSET BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS IN THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 29.6(c) of S.L. 2001-424 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 29.6.(c) If a local board of education determines that the local school administrative unit is unable to implement the class-size limitation in accordance with this section for any high-priority school located in the unit, the local board may request a waiver for the school for the 2001-2002 school year. The request shall include the documentation required in G.S. 115C-105.26(a). If the State Board grants the waiver, the State Board shall withdraw the additional teacher positions allotted to the local school administrative unit for the school and reinstate the regular allotment for teacher assistants for the school."

SECTION 2. Each waiver granted pursuant to Section 1 of this act will reduce expenditures of State funds at the school by an amount in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. The State Board of Education shall use these savings to offset base budget reductions in the State Public School Fund for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2002.