

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

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SENATE DRS55139-LE-70 (2/20)

Short Title: Teacher Assistant Salary/Tuition Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Metcalf.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SALARY OF TEACHER ASSISTANTS AND TO
PAY TUITION FOR THE COURSES TEACHER ASSISTANTS MUST TAKE TO
COMPLY WITH THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001.

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 two million one hundred forty-two thousand dollars (\$2,142,000) for the 2003-2004 fiscal year and the sum of two million one hundred forty-two thousand dollars (\$2,142,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year to increase the average salary for teacher assistants from fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) a year to eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500) a year.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local School Administrative Units the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 2003-2004 fiscal year and the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year to pay the community college tuition for courses teacher assistants must take to comply with the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.