

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 218

Short Title: Spend 65% of School Funds in Classroom. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Blust; Blackwood, Brown, Cleveland, Current, Daughtry, Hilton, Holloway, Moore, Setzer, Starnes, Walend, and West.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

February 15, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT AT LEAST SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT OF SCHOOL FUNDING IS USED FOR CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 30 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-408.1. Duty to ensure that sixty-five percent of State funds for the operations of the public schools are used for classroom instruction.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Board of Education shall modify its allotment formulas, modify its rules regarding the expenditure of State funds, and transfer funds, as necessary to ensure that each local administrative unit spends on classroom instruction at least sixty-five percent (65%) of the State funding it receives for the operations of the public schools. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement this section."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to expenditures for school years beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.