

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 1351  
HOUSE BILL 1945

AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTY AND CITY BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO EXPEND PUBLIC FUNDS TO TRANSPORT AUTISTIC AND COMMUNICATIONS HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

Whereas, the State Program for the Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communications Handicapped Children (TEACCH) has been developed from the Child Research Project, and supported entirely by the National Institute of Mental Health and the Department of Psychiatry of the School of Medicine of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

Whereas, TEACCH continues to be administered as a division of the Department of Psychiatry of the School of Medicine of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has been enormously successful in providing a more meaningful life for Autistic and Communications Handicapped Children; and

Whereas, some, but not all, of the public school administrative units provide educational facilities for Autistic and Communications Handicapped Children making it necessary for some children living in a county that has no such facilities to travel at their own expense to another county so that they may receive proper educational training; and

Whereas, the parents of these children should not have to pay out of their own pockets these transportation costs; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** The State Board of Education is authorized to expend public funds to defray the reasonable cost of motor vehicle transportation for Autistic and Communications Handicapped Children and deaf and blind children to the nearest proper public educational institution located within the State.

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective July 1, 1974.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of April, 1974.