

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1009
SENATE BILL 428

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO REDIRECT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A TEACHER-TRAINING PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Board of Governors is directed to develop and implement a teacher-training thrust to prepare teachers for teaching exceptional children in the public schools and institutions. Funds for the implementation of this thrust are to come from a redirection of appropriated funds to the University system for teacher training and through contractual arrangements with the State Board of Education and the Secretary of Human Resources. The three agencies are authorized to seek transfers of any funds appropriated to them (federal and State) for this purpose.

Sec. 2. These funds shall be allocated by the Board of Governors for (a) the initiation of new and the implementation of existing preservice, inservice campus-based, and field-based training of professional personnel, including teachers working in the regular programs, to work with children with special needs, and (b) a continuation of a statewide planning, evaluation, and staff development capability.

Sec. 3. These funds shall be allocated by the Board of Governors consistent with the development of this statewide capability to the following universities: Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, Pembroke State University, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, The University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Western Carolina University, Winston-Salem State University, Atlantic Christian College, Bennett College, Duke University, Greensboro College, Lenoir Rhyne College, Sacred Heart College, Salem College, Shaw University and St. Andrews Presbyterian College.

Sec. 4. The General Assembly requests that the Board of Governors report to the Commission on Children with Special Needs not later than February 1, 1979, on the accomplishments of the board in terms of meeting the special education and related requirements.

Sec. 5. The General Assembly further requests that the report contain the results of a joint planning effort between the Board of Governors, the Departments of Public Instruction, Correction, and Human Resources, and the institutions of higher education, which addresses the preparation of the professional personnel necessary for meeting the special needs by both the public and private education sectors over the next five years.

Sec. 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.