AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON FILING OF ACTIONS BY THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHALLENGING THE SUFFICIENCY OF LOCAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Union County Board of Education shall not file any legal action under G.S. 115C-426, 115C-431, or 115C-432 challenging the sufficiency of the funds appropriated by the Union County Board of Commissioners to the local current expense fund, the capital outlay fund, or both for any budget ordinance adopted for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

SECTION 2. In order to promote greater mutual understanding of immediate and long-term budgetary issues and constraints affecting public schools and county governments, the Union County Board of Education and the Union County Board of Commissioners shall conduct periodic joint meetings during the 2016-2017 fiscal year. In particular, the boards shall assess the school capital outlay needs, develop and update a joint five-year plan for meeting those needs, and consider this plan in the preparation and approval of the budget ordinance for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies only to Union County for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of June, 2016.

s/ Robert A. Rucho
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives