



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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February 27, 2013

Aldona Z. Wos, M.D.
Ambassador (Ret.)
Secretary DHHS

The Honorable Marilyn Avila, Co-Chair
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and
Human Services
North Carolina House of Representatives
Room 2217, Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27601

The Honorable Mark Hollo, Co-Chair
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health
and Human Services
North Carolina House of Representatives
Room 639, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable William D. Brisson, Co-Chair
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and
Human Services
North Carolina House of Representatives
Room 405, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Representatives Avila, Hollo and Brisson:

Session Law 2012-142, Section 10.1.(b) directed the Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division) to create a pilot program that provides funding for NC Pre-K classrooms on a per classroom basis. Furthermore, the Division was to report by January 31, 2013 on numerous aspects of the pilot program, including: the number of students served; the amount of funds paid for each classroom; the amount of funds paid per student; and the attendance of students in the pilot program compared with the attendance of those in a classroom with a traditional funding structure. The report was also to provide a cost comparison of the classroom pilots to the average cost per student through the per student funding methodology.

I have very recently learned that the previous administration chose not to follow the General Assembly's mandate. The Department of Health and Human Services' previous leadership decided not to create the pilot program. Accordingly, the Division has no information to report on the pilot program intended by Session Law 2012-142, Section 10.1.(b).

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Ralph Hise, Co-Chair
Appropriations on Health and Human Services
North Carolina Senate
Room 1026, Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27601

The Honorable Louis Pate, Co-Chair
Appropriations on Health and Human Services
North Carolina Senate
Room 1028, Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Senators Hise and Pate:

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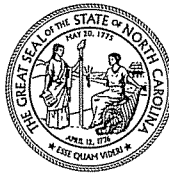
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Mr. Mark Trogden
Director, Fiscal Research Division
Room 619, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Mr. Trogden:

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