

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1989**

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SENATE BILL 418

Short Title: Haz. Substances Removal Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Winner.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 14, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO FINANCE THE REMOVAL OF  
2 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, INCLUDING POISONS, CORROSIVES,  
3 FLAMMABLES, AND EXPLOSIVES, FROM THE SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE.

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5 Whereas, schools of North Carolina purchase, store, and use a wide variety of  
6 chemical substances for chemistry, science, and art classes, as well as for maintenance  
7 purposes; and

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9 Whereas, a 1984 study funded by the North Carolina Board of Science and  
10 Technology and conducted by the Science Division of the North Carolina Department  
11 of Public Instruction concluded that the average school system stores 520 different  
12 chemicals; and

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14 Whereas, the removal of fifty-one percent (51%) of the former chemical  
15 inventory, a large portion of which had accumulated over many years, resulted from that  
16 study; and

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18 Whereas, the cost at that time for commercial removal was one thousand six  
19 hundred dollars (\$1,600) per school system; and

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21 Whereas, waste management companies have increased the cost of hazardous  
22 waste disposal since 1984 such that the current cost is considered to be five thousand  
four hundred dollars (\$5,400) per school system; and

Whereas, the removal of these hazardous substances from the schools of this  
State is needed to make the school environment safe for our children and our public  
school employees; and

1           Whereas, the funds appropriated to improve education should not be used to  
2 correct the inappropriate practices over the last 30 years that led to this situation; Now,  
3 therefore,

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5           Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
6 Public Education the sum of two hundred sixteen thousand dollars (\$216,000) for the  
7 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred forty thousand dollars (\$540,000) for  
8 the 1990-91 fiscal year to finance the cost of removing the hazardous substances,  
9 including poisons, corrosives, flammables, and explosives that have accumulated in the  
10 public schools of the State.

11           Sec. 2. The State Board of Education shall use the funds appropriated by this  
12 act to contract with one or more reputable waste management companies for the  
13 collection, transportation, treatment, and disposal of hazardous substances. The State  
14 Board shall also use these funds for any necessary travel, training, and inventory that  
15 may be associated with the proper removal and disposal of such substances.

16           Sec. 3. These funds shall become a part of the continuing budget of the  
17 Department of Public Education.

18           Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.