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HOUSE BILL 994\*

Short Title: Increase Flexibility/School Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Rogers; Bowman, Cummings, and H. Hunter.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD  
3 EXPENDITURES AND PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR GREATER FISCAL  
4 RESPONSIBILITY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

7 "(5a) Consolidation of Allotments. – Beginning with the 1993-94 fiscal  
8 year, the State Board of Education shall provide for increased  
9 flexibility in the use of State funds for local school administrative units  
10 by combining the following existing funding allotments:

11 a. The allotments for school administrators and finance officers  
12 shall be combined and allocated under an allotment for 'School  
13 Administration';

14 b. The allotments for clerical assistants, teacher assistants, and  
15 custodians shall be combined and allocated under an allotment  
16 for 'Noncertified Personnel';

17 c. The allotments for summer school, remediation, dropout  
18 prevention, community schools, duty-free period, and sports  
19 medicine shall be combined and allocated under an allotment  
20 for 'Extended Services'; and

21 d. The allotments for staff development and consolidated  
22 allotment shall be combined and allocated under an allotment  
23 for 'Consolidated Allotment'.

1                   For budgetary reporting and accounting purposes, the local  
2 school administrative units shall continue to provide expenditure data  
3 at such detailed levels as required by the State Board of Education.  
4 Presentation, control, and reporting of salary and salary-related objects  
5 of expenditure shall be in accordance with G.S. 115C-12(18), other  
6 applicable statutes, and directives of the State Board of Education and  
7 the Director of the Budget.

8                   At the close of the fiscal year, the unencumbered balances of  
9 funds allocated to the local school administrative units by the State  
10 Board of Education under the Extended Services Allotment and  
11 Consolidated Allotment shall not revert to the State treasury and shall  
12 be carried forward to the next fiscal year. Local school administrative  
13 units may use these unencumbered balances in the Extended Services  
14 Allotment and the Consolidated Allotment for one-time expenditures  
15 that do not impose additional financial obligations on the State or the  
16 local school administrative unit and that directly contribute to  
17 improved student performance."

18 Sec. 2. G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding two new subdivisions to read:

19 "(36) To Enter into Interlocal Cooperative Agreements. – Local boards of  
20 education are authorized and encouraged to enter into agreements with  
21 other local boards of education providing for the shared delivery of  
22 educational and other services to students. These agreements shall be  
23 developed and implemented in accordance with Part 1 of Article 20 of  
24 Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.

25 (37) To Contract with Private Businesses. – Local boards of education are  
26 authorized and encouraged to investigate whether private businesses  
27 can provide maintenance services, janitorial services, clerical services,  
28 or other similar services for less cost or more efficiently than the local  
29 boards. When a local board of education determines that a private  
30 business can provide one or more of those services for less cost or  
31 more efficiently, the local board is authorized and encouraged to  
32 contract with that private business for those services. The contract  
33 shall be bid and awarded in accordance with State law and the rules  
34 and regulations of the Secretary of Administration and State Board of  
35 Education."

36 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.