

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 912

Short Title: Class-Size Reduction Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Arnold; Baker, Barbee, Berry, Brown, Capps, Clary, Creech, Culp, Davis, Esposito, Gillespie, Grady, Gray, Gulley, Howard, Justus, McCombs, Mitchell, Morris, Preston, Rayfield, Russell, Setzer, Sexton, Starnes, Teague, Thompson, Walend, and G. Wilson.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 5, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE TEACHER POSITIONS TO
REDUCE CLASS SIZE IN THE THIRD GRADE.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local School Administrative Units the sum of nineteen million dollars (\$19,000,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of nineteen million dollars (\$19,000,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to provide teacher positions to reduce class size in the third grade.

The State Board of Education shall allocate these funds and other funds for teachers in kindergarten through third grade to local school administrative units on the basis of one teacher for every 23 students in kindergarten through third grade. Local school administrative units shall use these funds (i) to reduce class size in kindergarten through third grade or (ii) to hire reading teachers within kindergarten through third grade or otherwise reduce the student-teacher ratio within kindergarten through third grade.

Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 115C-301(c), both the maximum average class size for the grade span kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third

1 grade, and the maximum size of an individual class within the grade span shall be 26
2 students.

3 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.