GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

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HOUSE DRH60406-LG-229 (04/04)

Short Title: Project Enlightenment Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Weiss and Ross (Primary Sponsors).

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO WAKE COUNTY FOR PROJECT ENLIGHTENMENT.

Whereas, Project Enlightenment is an early childhood education and intervention program of the Wake County Public School System that is available to Wake County teachers and parents of young children birth through kindergarten age; and

Whereas, Project Enlightenment's services help identify and serve children at risk for school failure, strengthen parents' and teachers' skills in order to work effectively with their children, and provide resources and training that promote successful schools and successful children; and

Whereas, Project Enlightenment's services include a demonstration therapeutic preschool; school consultation concerning behavior and mental health issues; early screening for suspected problems; teacher and provider training; parent counseling and education courses; Parent-Teacher Resource Center; school readiness program; Parents as Teacher home visiting services; and early literacy program development and training; and consultation and training to other professions; and

Whereas, Project Enlightenment has been an invaluable resource for the citizens of Wake County since 1969; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated to Wake County the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to assist Project Enlightenment in continuing its model Demonstration Preschool program and consultation and education services to children, families, teachers, and other professionals in Wake County.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.