

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE BILL 1608**

Short Title: Project Enlightenment Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Weiss, Ross (Primary Sponsors); B. Allen, Coleman, and Martin.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 9, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO WAKE COUNTY FOR PROJECT  
2 ENLIGHTENMENT.  
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4 Whereas, Project Enlightenment is an early childhood education and  
5 intervention program of the Wake County Public School System that is available to  
6 Wake County teachers and parents of young children birth through kindergarten age;  
7 and

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

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

18 Whereas, Project Enlightenment has been an invaluable resource for the  
19 citizens of Wake County since 1969; Now, therefore,  
20 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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