

- 1 a. "Effective county tax rate" means the actual county rate for the
2 previous fiscal year, including any countywide supplemental taxes
3 levied for the benefit of public schools, multiplied by a three-year
4 weighted average of the most recent annual sales assessment ratio
5 studies.
- 6 b. "State average effective tax rate" means the average effective county
7 tax rates for all counties.
- 8 c. "Sales assessment ratio studies" means sales assessment ratio studies
9 performed by the Department of Revenue under G.S. 105-289(h).
- 10 (3) No county shall have to provide matching funds required under subsection
11 (c) of this section.
- 12 (4) A county may use monies in this Fund to pay for school construction
13 projects in local school administrative units and to retire indebtedness
14 incurred for school construction projects.
- 15 (5) ~~A county may not use monies in this Fund to pay for school technology~~
16 ~~needs.~~ For July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, a county may use monies in
17 this Fund to pay for digital learning needs such as school connectivity,
18 digital textbooks and instructional resources, or digital devices in local
19 school administrative units. A county that uses these funds for digital
20 learning needs shall also use a portion of the funds to ensure high-quality,
21 ongoing professional development for teachers.
- 22 Effective July 1, 2016, a county may use monies in this Fund for digital
23 learning needs only if the State Board of Education determines that the local
24 school administrative unit has demonstrated consistent improvement and
25 growth in student outcomes."

26 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.