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SENATE BILL 1216

Short Title: School Funding Waiver/Certain LEA's.	(Public)
Sponsors: Senator Odom.	
Referred to: Education.	

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE A WAIVER OF STATE LAWS REGARDING FUNDING FOR TEACHER ASISTANTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-238.6(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Prior to June 30 each year, the State Superintendent shall review local school improvement plans submitted by the local school administrative units in accordance with policies and performance indicators adopted by the State Board of Education. If the State Superintendent approves the plan for a local school administrative unit, that unit shall participate in the Program for the next fiscal year.

If a local plan contains a request for a waiver of State laws, regulations, or policies, in accordance with G.S. 115C-238.3(d), the State Superintendent shall determine whether and to what extent the identified laws, regulations, or policies should be waived. The State Superintendent shall present that plan and his determination to the State Board of Education. If the State Board of Education deems it necessary to do so to enable a local unit to reach its local accountability goals, the State Board, only upon the recommendation of the State Superintendent, may grant waivers of:

(1) State laws pertaining to class size, teacher certification, <u>use of funds</u> <u>for and assignment of teacher assistants</u>, the use of State-adopted textbooks, and the purposes for which State funds for the public schools, except for funds for school health coordinators, may be used: Provided, however, the State Board of Education shall not permit the

1		use of funds for teachers for expanded programs under the Basic
2		Education Program for any other purpose;
3	(2)	All State regulations and policies, except those pertaining to State
4		salary schedules and employee benefits for school employees, the
5		instructional program that must be offered under the Basic Education
6		Program, the system of employment for public school teachers and
7		administrators set out in G.S. 115C-325, health and safety codes
8		compulsory school attendance, the minimum lengths of the school day
9		and year, and the Uniform Education Reporting System."

Sec. 2. This act applies only to boards of education in local school administrative units with an average daily membership of more than 70,000 students.

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