

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1991**

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**SENATE BILL 127\***

Short Title: Equity in Education Funding.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Ward, Conder, and Martin of Guilford.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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February 20, 1991

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE FUNDING OF PUBLIC  
EDUCATION.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Education the sum of \$11,900,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$11,900,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year, for small needy school systems, those of 3,000 or fewer students, to provide an educational program roughly equivalent to the State-supported program offered in larger school systems. The methodology to determine need and the distribution formula shall be set in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 1991.

Sec. 2. The \$10,000,000 each fiscal year of the 1991-93 fiscal biennium currently appropriated to the State Critical Needs Fund and the approximately \$40,000,000 currently appropriated to the Public School Building Capital Fund shall be used to enable the State to issue general obligation bonds to finance school construction. The methodology to determine the distribution formula, including the match to be required by each particular county, shall be set in the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 1991.

Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services, the sum of \$16,000,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$16,000,000 for the 1992-93 fiscal year, for the State Public Assistance Equalization Fund, to reduce the impact of mandated expenditures for Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Medicaid, and Special Assistance for Adults.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.