

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 391\*

Short Title: Model Clinical Teaching Network Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Warren.

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Referred to: Appropriations

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR A MODEL CLINICAL  
2 TEACHING NETWORK IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA.  
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Whereas, there is growing recognition for the need to strengthen pre-service teacher preparation; and

Whereas, the Model Clinical Teaching Program (MCTP) at East Carolina University has received three national awards and further recognition by State and regional professional organizations for its clinical field-based approach to elementary teacher preparation; and

Whereas, graduates of the MCTP have achieved continuing success and are remaining in the profession at levels thirty to forty percent higher than State or national teacher retention rates; and

Whereas, East Carolina University is the largest producer of teachers in North Carolina; Now, therefore,

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
6 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of three hundred eighty-five  
7 thousand dollars (\$385,000) for the 1995-96 fiscal year to expand the successful Model  
8 Clinical Teaching Program to include all elementary, middle grades, secondary, and  
9 special education teacher preparation programs at East Carolina University. These funds  
10 shall support joint training of teachers and university faculty and operating costs to

1 implement a year-long pre-service student internship in competitively selected clinical  
2 schools in a 17-county Model Clinical Teaching Network in Eastern North Carolina.

3 (b) The East Carolina University School of Education and the Eastern North  
4 Carolina Model Clinical Teaching Network shall submit an annual evaluation report to (i)  
5 the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Education Committees and (ii) the  
6 Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Education  
7 Subcommittees concerning the employment and retention rates of graduates, employers'  
8 comments, and external evaluation reports. The evaluation data will assist members of  
9 the General Assembly in their efforts to achieve measurable improvements in public  
10 school performance.

11 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.