

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1116

Short Title: Study Teacher Assistant Salary Schedule. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Tolson, Yongue, Jeffus, McLawhorn (Primary Sponsors);
Faison, Parmon, Pate, Pierce, Setzer, Underhill, Wainwright, and Wray.

Referred to: Education.

April 5, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHING AND FUNDING OF A TEACHER
2 ASSISTANT SALARY SCHEDULE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR
3 THAT PURPOSE.
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5 Whereas, teacher assistants are valuable members of public school personnel;
6 and

7 Whereas, the pay of teacher assistants is not commensurate with the federal
8 poverty level; Now, therefore,

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Public Instruction shall contract with a
11 third party to study the feasibility and advisability of establishing, funding, and
12 implementing a salary schedule for teacher assistants in this State. As part of the study,
13 consideration shall be given to establishing:

- 14 (1) A 15-step salary schedule where movement is based on years of
15 experience.
16 (2) The minimum annual salary for teacher assistants as sixteen thousand
17 five hundred dollars (\$16,500).
18 (3) A three percent (3%) difference between each step on the salary
19 schedule.

20 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
21 Department of Public Instruction the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for
22 the 2005-2006 fiscal year to contract with a third party to conduct the study mandated
23 by Section 1 of this act.

24 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Public Instruction shall report the findings
25 and results of the study required by this act, including any legislative recommendation
26 or proposal, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by March 1, 2006.

27 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.