

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**SENATE DRS75112-LB-169 (02/26)**

Short Title: Lottery Emergency School Repairs/Renovations. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Jones.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO SET ASIDE A PORTION OF LOTTERY PROCEEDS FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS IN LOW-WEALTH COUNTIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-546.2(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Monies transferred into the Fund in accordance with Chapter 18C of the General Statutes shall be allocated ~~for capital projects for school construction projects~~ as follows:

(1) ~~A~~ For capital projects for school construction, a sum equal to sixty five percent (65%) sixty-two percent (62%) of those monies transferred in accordance with G.S. 18C-164 shall be allocated on a per average daily membership basis according to the average daily membership for the budget year as determined and certified by the State Board of Education.

(1a) A sum equal to three percent (3%) of those monies transferred in accordance with G.S. 18C-164 shall be used for emergency repairs and renovations of public schools located in counties in which the county wealth as a percentage of the State average wealth is less than one hundred percent (100%), as those terms are defined in the Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act for the year in which the allocations are made. The funds shall be administered by the State Board of Education. Local school administrative units shall apply to the State Board of Education for such funds, with priority criteria to be established by the State Board of Education. No more than twenty percent (20%) of the funds transferred under this subdivision shall be granted to any one local school administrative unit

1                    in any fiscal year, and no local school administrative units shall  
2                    receive funds in two consecutive fiscal years.

3                    (2) A—For capital projects for school construction, a sum equal to  
4                    thirty-five percent (35%) of those monies transferred in accordance  
5                    with G.S. 18C-164 shall be allocated to those local school  
6                    administrative units located in whole or part in counties in which the  
7                    effective county tax rate as a percentage of the effective State average  
8                    tax rate is greater than one hundred percent (100%), with the following  
9                    definitions applying to this subdivision:

10                    a.        "Effective county tax rate" means the actual county tax rate  
11                    multiplied by a three-year weighted average of the most recent  
12                    annual sales assessment ratio studies.

13                    b.        "State average effective tax rate" means the average effective  
14                    county tax rates for all counties.

15                    c.        "Sales assessment ratio studies" means sales assessment ratio  
16                    studies performed by the Department of Revenue under  
17                    G.S. 105-289(h).

18                    (3) No county shall have to provide matching funds required under  
19                    subsection (c) of this section.

20                    (4) A county may use monies in this Fund to pay for school construction  
21                    projects in local school administrative units and to retire indebtedness  
22                    incurred for school construction projects incurred on or after January  
23                    1, 2003.

24                    (5) A county may not use monies in this Fund to pay for school  
25                    technology needs."

26                    **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.