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SENATE BILL 898

Short Title: Funds for Spouse-to-Teacher Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Rand.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SPOUSE-TO-TEACHER PROGRAM AND TO SIMPLIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF LATERAL ENTRY PROGRAMS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR SPOUSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Community Colleges System Office the sum of fifty thousand one hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$50,178) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand one hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$50,178) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year for the Spouse-to-Teacher Program, a lateral entry program for the spouses of military personnel.

SECTION 2. G.S. 115C-296 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(c3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c1) of this section, an individual participating in the Troops-to-Teachers Program or the Spouse-to-Teacher Program for military personnel and their spouses may be certified as a teacher under the community college lateral entry program regardless of whether the individual:

(1) Completed a bachelors degree at least five years before undertaking the program of study,

(2) Holds a lateral entry teaching certificate, or

(3) Is employed as a teacher in a local school administrative unit."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007, and expires July 1, 2011.