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HOUSE BILL DRH10423-LUa-130

Short Title: Funds for Universal NC Pre-K. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Brockman, Ball, Meyer, and Clemmons (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ALLOW ACCESS TO ANY CHILD IN THE
3 STATE SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA
4 PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
7 Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, the sum of
8 fifteen million fifty thousand dollars (\$15,050,000) recurring for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and
9 the sum of twenty-five million two hundred thousand dollars (\$25,200,000) recurring for the
10 2020-2021 fiscal year to provide funds to phase in the slots needed for any child in this State to
11 participate in the North Carolina Prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) program. Funds appropriated under
12 this section are allocated as follows:
13 (1) The sum of ten million one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$10,150,000) for
14 the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the sum of twenty million three hundred
15 thousand dollars (\$20,300,000) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year for new NC
16 Pre-K slots.
17 (2) The sum of four million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$4,900,000) for each
18 year of the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium for administrative needs to expand the
19 NC Pre-K program.
20 **SECTION 2.** Beginning with the 2019-2020 school calendar year, except for
21 requiring that the NC Pre-K program serve children who are four years of age on or before August
22 31 of the program year, the Division shall not otherwise require that a child seeking to participate
23 in the NC Pre-K program meet eligibility requirements.
24 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.



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