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HOUSE BILL 1033

Short Title: Piedmont Triad Pilot School Project.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wood.

Referred to: Education.

May 8, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE PIEDMONT TRIAD HORIZON EDUCATION
CONSORTIUM PUBLIC SCHOOL PILOT PROJECT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) The State Board of Education may authorize a two-year pilot project to be administered through an interlocal agreement among the local school administrative units that comprise the Piedmont Triad Horizon Education Consortium. These local school administrative units are the Davidson County, Thomasville City, Lexington City, Guilford County, Forsyth County, and Randolph County School Administrative Units.

The pilot project shall consist of a learning environment in which creativity, technological sophistication, high motivation, accountability, responsiveness, and other elements that contribute to excellence in education are the norm. The pilot project shall serve students from ages four through seven in multiage groupings. No State school funds shall be used for the cost of including four-year-olds in the pilot project.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law:

(1) Students who participate in the pilot project shall receive 210 days of instruction during the school term;

1 (2) Teachers who participate in the pilot project shall be employed on a 12-
2 month basis, which shall include 210 days of providing instruction and
3 additional days for staff development;

4 (3) The local boards of education participating in the pilot project may use
5 State funds appropriated for teacher assistants for certificated teachers to
6 implement the pilot project.

7 Sec. 2. The State Board of Education shall conduct an independent evaluation
8 of the impact of this pilot project and shall report the results of its study to the Joint
9 Legislative Education Oversight Committee by January 1, 1997.

10 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of
11 Education the sum of one hundred seventy-one thousand two hundred sixty-two dollars
12 (\$171,262) for the 1995-96 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred seventy-one thousand
13 two hundred sixty-two dollars (\$171,262) for the 1996-97 fiscal year to implement
14 Section 1 of this act.

15 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.