

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1168

Short Title: Accelerated Schools Program Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Moore; Garwood and Lee.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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April 19, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of Education the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to strengthen and expand the Accelerated Schools Program in North Carolina public schools. Of these funds:

(1) The sum of \$60,000 for each fiscal year shall be used by the Department of Public Instruction to provide support to schools implementing the Program, and

(2) The sum of \$90,000 for each fiscal year shall be used to provide coaches for accelerated schools and for professional development for teachers on designing and implementing instructional strategies to (i) enhance students' content knowledge in reading, writing, and mathematics, (ii) build students' skills in imaginative and critical thinking and complex reasoning, and (iii) enhance students' ability to understand connections and relevance between school activities and their lives outside of the classroom. Professional development activities

1                   shall be based on strategies traditionally reserved for academically  
2                   gifted students and on strategies for improving the academic  
3                   performance of all students.

4                   Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.