

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1760

Short Title: Funds for School Transportation. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Swindell, Dannelly, Hartsell; Atwater, Jenkins, Jones, Preston, Purcell, and Snow.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 21, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SCHOOL
2 TRANSPORTATION AND TO STUDY THE ALLOTMENT FORMULA FOR
3 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT
4 LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING
5 FORMULAS.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
9 Department of Public Instruction the sum of forty-seven million dollars (\$47,000,000)
10 for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to cover increased fuel costs for the transportation of
11 pupils.

12 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
13 Department of Public Instruction the sum of seven million five hundred thousand
14 dollars (\$7,500,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to a fuel reserve to cover any
15 additional increases in fuel costs for the transportation of pupils.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Joint Legislative Study Committee on Public School
17 Funding Formulas, which was established on November 27, 2007, by the President Pro
18 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to
19 G.S. 120-19.6(a1), Rule 31 of the Rules of the Senate of the 2007 General Assembly,
20 and Rule 26(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 2007 General
21 Assembly, shall examine the equity of the transportation of pupils allotment formula
22 and develop options for:

- 23 (1) Improving the formula's transparency and fairness, and
24 (2) Limiting maximum ride times, while accounting for geographic
25 barriers and other concerns.

26 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.