

Conference Report on the Continuation, Capital, and Expansion Budget

**FY 14-15**

<p><b>17 Excellent Public Schools Act - Five Extra Days (Multiple)</b>                  Eliminates funding that had been provided to support a requirement that local education agencies (LEAs) provide additional instructional days (S.L. 2011-145, Section 7.29). A subsequent amendment to G.S. 115C-84.2.(a)(1) eliminated this mandate. Funding had previously supported \$40,168 for additional costs related to substitute teachers and \$351,469 for additional costs related to student transportation.</p>	<p>(\$391,637) R</p>
<p><b>18 Education-Based Salary Supplements Restoration (1800)</b>                  Provides additional funding necessary to restore education-based salary supplements for master's, advanced or doctoral degrees for certain personnel, as directed in a corresponding special provision.</p>	<p>\$18,700,000 R</p>
<p><b>19 School Bus Replacement (1830)</b>                  Reduces this allotment supporting the purchase of replacement school buses to reflect lower-than-expected bus prices and departmental operational efficiencies. The nonrecurring reduction reflects the savings associated with foregone bus purchases in FY 2013-14 and the recurring reduction reflects reduced future financing payments as a result of those foregone purchases. This reduction does not reduce the number of replacement buses to be purchased in FY 2014-15. \$46.2 million remains in this allotment to support the purchase of 579 replacement buses in FY 2014-15.</p>	<p>(\$3,369,983) R                  (\$3,369,983) NR</p>
<p><b>20 Teacher Assistants (1800)</b>                  Adjusts the Teacher Assistant allotment and continues to allocate funding on the basis of student headcount in grades K-3. Approximately \$368.3 million will remain in this allotment from a combination of General Fund and Lottery sources.</p>	<p>(\$129,912,165) R                  \$24,815,645 NR</p>
<p><b>21 Central Office Administration (1810)</b>                  Reduces the allotment to LEAs for the salaries and benefits of central office staff by approximately 3%. This staff includes, but is not limited to, superintendents, associate and assistant superintendents, finance officers, athletic trainers, and transportation directors. \$93.1 million will remain to support these local staff in FY 2014-15.</p>	<p>(\$2,750,000) R</p>
<p><b>22 Transportation (1830)</b>                  Reduces by approximately 1% the total budget for the allotment, which supports the salaries of transportation personnel and the maintenance of yellow school buses. Total funding for this allotment will be \$445.7 million in FY 2014-15.</p>	<p>(\$4,630,992) R</p>

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**30 Funds for Children in Private Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities** \$3,200,000 R  
 Provides funds to support the costs related to the education of children in private psychiatric residential treatment facilities. Implementation guidelines for this funding are provided in a corresponding special provision.

**D. Department of Public Instruction**

**31 DPI Flexible Reduction (Multiple)** (\$5,026,050) R  
 Reduces State General Fund support for DPI by 10%. The State Board of Education may allocate this reduction at its discretion.

**32 North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (1410)** \$3,239,639 R  
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 Shifts all State General Fund support for the ongoing operations of this teacher professional development provider to recurring funding.

**33 Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (1660)** \$11,694 R  
 Provides additional funding to cover the actual cost of membership in the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission. The Commission seeks to ensure consistent policies amongst member states to resolve educational transition issues encountered by military children due to frequent relocation. The total budget for this item will be \$60,000.

**E. Grants**

**34 Teaching Fellows (1900)** (\$3,095,000) R  
 Eliminates the General Fund appropriation supporting the Teaching Fellows program. Obligations to previous Fellows classes will continue to be supported from funds available in the Teaching Fellows Trust Fund. The Teaching Fellows Trust Fund has a cash balance of \$4.7 million as of April 30, 2014.

**35 Communities in Schools (1901)** \$1,000,000 R  
 Provides support to expand the intervention programs and services provided by Communities In Schools of North Carolina, Inc. (CISNC), as part of its public and private partnership with local school administrative units to address the needs of public school students at risk of grade level retention and dropout from school. Total FY 2014-15 State support for CISNC will be \$2,446,750.