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Short Title: Green Teacher Network Pilot Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Jeter.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE GREEN TEACHER NETWORK PILOT
3 PROGRAM.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
6 Public Instruction the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2015-2016
7 fiscal year. These funds shall be used by the Green Teacher Network, Inc., a nonprofit
8 corporation, for a three-year pilot program to transform two Title I schools into outdoor
9 learning centers, based on a national model developed by Real Green Schools. Ten years of
10 data on schools using this model show significant improvements in academic performance,
11 teacher effectiveness, and health and behavioral issues at the schools.
12 Under this model, teachers receive extensive training for three years to connect
13 school gardens to curriculum while supporting healthy eating habits through proven
14 project-based learning. The total campus is transformed into an outdoor learning center with the
15 support of corporate partners.
16 Supplemental assessment of the model is being developed through the Center for
17 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education at the University of
18 North Carolina at Charlotte.
19 **SECTION 1.(b)** As used in this section, a Title I school is a school identified under
20 Part A of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended.
21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.

