GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2001

SENATE BILL 1386

Short Title: Disaggregate Data for ABC Bonuses -1. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Carter; and Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

June 13, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT INCENTIVE AWARDS UNDER THE ABCS PROGRAM ARE PAID ONLY TO EMPLOYEES OF SCHOOLS THAT EDUCATE ALL OF THEIR STUDENTS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THOSE INCENTIVE AWARDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-105.35 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-105.35. Annual performance goals.

The School-Based Management and Accountability Program shall (i) focus on student performance in the basics of reading, mathematics, and communications skills in elementary and middle schools, (ii) focus on student performance in courses required for graduation and on other measures required by the State Board in the high schools, and (iii) hold schools accountable for the educational growth of their students. To those ends, the State Board shall design and implement an accountability system that sets annual performance standards for each school in the State in order to measure the growth in performance of the students in each individual school. For purposes of this Article, beginning school year 2002-2003, the State Board shall include a "closing the achievement gap" component in its measurement of educational growth in student performance for each school. The "closing the achievement gap" component shall measure and compare the performance of each subgroup in a school's population to ensure that all subgroups as identified by the State Board are meeting State standards. all students in a school and of racial and ethnic subgroups within the student body. The same annual performance standard shall apply to all subgroups in a school. In order for a school to meet its annual performance standard, all subgroups of students must meet the standard for the school."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of seventy-nine million eight hundred thirty-two thousand dollars (\$79,832,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to provide school-based incentive awards under the ABCs Program.

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SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2002.