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HOUSE DRH50861-LE-281 (05/04)

Short Title: Funding Flex. Pilot Prog./Lee County Schools.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Love.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL FUNDING FLEXIBILITY PILOT PROGRAM FOR
3 LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Pilot Overview. The State Board of Education shall permit the Lee
6 County schools to establish a Funding Flexibility Pilot Program pursuant to this act.

7 **SECTION 2.** Expenditures. Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-105.25 and except as
8 otherwise required by federal law or the conditions of federal grants, the pilot unit shall be
9 allowed to spend State funds without limitation for any lawful purpose during the 2010-2011
10 fiscal year and the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The pilot unit shall continue to pay employees no less
11 than required by the existing salary schedules. This includes, but is not limited to, choosing to
12 use current categorical funding for the public schools of North Carolina or dollars assigned to
13 each category where positions and months of employment are assigned. Funding for the Lee
14 County schools shall be appropriated in accordance with policies and formulas for all other
15 school systems in the State of North Carolina.

16 **SECTION 3.** Evaluation. At the conclusion of each year, the Lee County schools
17 shall evaluate the effectiveness of having funding flexibility through the following areas:

- 18 (1) Composite test scores in end-of-grade and end-of-course tests, weighted to
19 take into account demographic factors;
- 20 (2) Schools making average yearly progress, as defined by the No Child Left
21 Behind Act of 2001;
- 22 (3) High school cohort graduation rate;
- 23 (4) Percentage of local funds spent on non-instructional support positions;
- 24 (5) Minimal audit exceptions; and
- 25 (6) Teacher turnover.

26 **SECTION 4.** If at the end of the 2011-2012 school year there has been an increase
27 in academic performance, the unit may continue to participate in the pilot program during the
28 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 fiscal years.

29 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2010.

