

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 517

Short Title: Teachers/Isolated K-12 Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator J. Davis (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 30, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TEACHER ALLOTMENTS FOR GEOGRAPHICALLY
3 ISOLATED K-12 SCHOOLS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-301 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(g1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the State Board of Education
7 shall allot additional classroom teachers to schools containing grades K-12 when consolidation
8 is not feasible due to the geographic isolation of the school and the school meets at least one of
9 the following criteria for geographic isolation:

10 (1) The school is located in a local school administrative unit in which the
11 average daily membership is less than 1.5 per square mile.

12 (2) The school is located in a local school administrative unit for a county
13 containing more than 150,000 acres of National Forest owned by the federal
14 government and managed by the United States Forest Service pursuant to
15 G.S. 104-5.

16 The State Board shall allot teachers to geographically isolated schools pursuant to this
17 subsection on the basis of one classroom teacher per grade level and shall allot teachers to the
18 remainder of the local school administrative unit under the regular teacher allotment formula."

19 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
20 Public Instruction the sum of one million five hundred twenty-seven thousand six dollars
21 (\$1,527,006) for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and the sum of one million five hundred
22 twenty-seven thousand six dollars (\$1,527,006) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year to implement the
23 provisions of this act.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.

