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**SENATE BILL 468
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Short Title: QZAB Use Modification. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Brown (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 30, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE USES FOR QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-489.6(a) reads as rewritten:

5 "(a) QZAB Program. – The State Board of Education is designated the State education
6 agency responsible for administering the qualified zone academy bond program in North
7 Carolina for the purposes of 26 U.S.C. § 54E. The State Board of Education shall perform all
8 activities required to implement and carry out the qualified zone activity bond program in
9 North Carolina. Those activities include:

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11 (4) Awarding the State's allocation of total funds among selected applicants and
12 establishing conditions upon the usage of the allocation. These conditions
13 must include:

14 a. ~~Requiring~~ Ensuring that the bond proceeds be (i) used only for
15 ~~rehabilitating or repairing the public school facility in which the~~
16 ~~qualified zone academy is located, which may include (i) wiring and~~
17 ~~other infrastructure improvements related to providing technology~~
18 ~~and (ii) equipment related to the rehabilitation or repair, but not~~
19 ~~personal computers or similar technology equipment for purposes~~
20 listed in 26 U.S.C. § 54E and (ii) prioritized so as to be used first in
21 counties determined to have greater economic distress, as determined
22 pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.08, and for schools where seventy-five
23 percent (75%) or more of the school's students are eligible to receive
24 free or reduced lunch under the federal lunch program. The State
25 Board of Education shall establish an application process and require
26 any information necessary to enable the Board to accomplish the
27 prioritization and efficient use of the bond proceeds in accordance
28 with this subdivision.

29 b. Conditions designed to assure that the allocation is used in a timely
30 manner.

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32 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to bond
33 proceeds used on or after that date.

