

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2025**

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HOUSE BILL 1148

Short Title: Universal Pre-K. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Johnson-Hostler and Baker (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 4, 2026

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR ALL INCOME-ELIGIBLE,
3 FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA
4 PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
7 Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, the sum of
8 two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) in recurring funds beginning in the 2026-2027 fiscal
9 year to provide additional funds for all income-eligible, four-year-old children in this State to
10 participate in the North Carolina Prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) program.
11 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.

