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HOUSE BILL 643*

Short Title: School Technology Initiative Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Tolson; Alexander, England, Faison, Glazier, Harrison, Howard, Johnson, Jones, Parmon, Saunders, Underhill, E. Warren, Weiss, and Wray.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 15, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to fund "technology in classroom" pilot schools. The purpose of the initiative is to establish at least five pilot high schools in North Carolina that will incorporate technology in the classroom by providing computers for all teachers and students in the pilot high schools. These schools shall be as reflective of North Carolina's population makeup as possible. For example, the pilot schools chosen should reflect the urban and rural settings, as well as high free lunch and low free lunch student makeup.

The results of the pilot program funded for the 2008-2009 fiscal year shall be used in the further implementation of this initiative.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.