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SENATE DRS15219-LEx-59 (03/06)

Short Title: Counties May Fund Charter School Capital. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Tucker (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR  
3 CAPITAL EXPENSES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 153A-149(c) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

6 "(c) Each county may levy property taxes for one or more of the purposes listed in this  
7 subsection up to a combined rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) on the one hundred  
8 dollars (\$100.00) appraised value of property subject to taxation. Authorized purposes subject  
9 to the rate limitation are:

10 ...

11 (8a) Charter schools. – To provide up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
12 (\$250,000) per year to each charter school located within the county for the  
13 school's capital expenses."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-238.29H(a1) reads as rewritten:

15 "(a1) Funds allocated by the State Board of Education may be used to enter into  
16 operational and financing leases for real property or mobile classroom units for use as school  
17 facilities for charter schools and may be used for payments on loans made to charter schools for  
18 facilities or equipment. However, State funds shall not be used to obtain any other interest in  
19 real property or mobile classroom units.

20 A county may provide up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) per year to each  
21 charter school located within the county for the school's capital expenses.

22 No indebtedness of any kind incurred or created by the charter school shall constitute an  
23 indebtedness of the State or its political subdivisions, and no indebtedness of the charter school  
24 shall involve or be secured by the faith, credit, or taxing power of the State or its political  
25 subdivisions. Every contract or lease into which a charter school enters shall include the  
26 previous sentence.

27 The school also may own land and buildings it obtains through non-State sources."

28 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.

