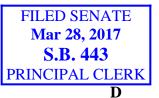
## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2017



## SENATE BILL DRS15106-MK-115 (03/09)

Short Title:	TA Tuition/Teachers Pilot/Funds for Books.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator McInnis (Primary Sponsor).	
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED			
2	AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT TEACHER ASSISTANTS RECEIVING FUNDS TO			
3	ATTEND AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM UNDER THE PILOT			
4	PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY S.L. 2016-94 CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PAY WHILE			
5	STUDENT TEACHING AND THAT THEY RECEIVE TEN PERCENT OF THE			
6	TUITION AWARD TOWARDS THE COST OF BOOKS.			
7	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:			
8	<b>SECTION 1.</b> Section 8.29 of S.L. 2016-94 reads as rewritten:			
9	<b>"TEACHER ASSISTANT TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PILOT PROGRAM</b>			
10	"SECTION 8.29.(a) Purpose. – The purpose of this section is to establish a pilot program			
11	for the local boards of education of the Anson County, Franklin County, Moore County,			
12	Richmond County, and Scotland County school administrative units to provide tuition			
13	assistance awards to part-time or full-time teacher assistants working in those local school			
14	administrative units to pursue a college degree that will result in teacher licensure. Tuition			
15	assistance awards under the program may be provided for part-time or full-time coursework. A			
16	local board of education may grant a teacher assistant academic leave to pursue coursework			
17	that may only be taken during working hours. A teacher assistant receiving an award under the			
18	program shall fulfill the student teaching requirements of an educator preparation program by			
19	working in the teacher assistant's employing local school administrative unit. Notwithstanding			
20	any provision to the contrary in G.S. 115C-310, the teacher assistant shall continue to receive			
21	salary and benefits while student teaching in the local school administrative unit.			
22	"SECTION 8.29.(b) Selection of applicants. – Each local board of education participating			
23	in the pilot program may select up to five teacher assistants to receive an award of up to four			
24	thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) per academic year for a period of up to four years to be			
25	used towards the cost of tuition and tuition, books, and materials, including electronic and hard			
26	copy materials, and fees for a teacher assistant to attend an educator preparation program at an			
27	institution of higher education. The local board of education shall provide ten percent (10%) of			
28	the award amount to the teacher assistant to cover the cost of required books and materials for			
29	the educator preparation program. A teacher assistant who (i) withdraws from the institution of			
30	higher education prior to the end of a term or (ii) is terminated by the local board of education			
31	shall return the funds awarded for the cost of required books and materials to the local board on			
32	a pro rata basis. The remainder of an award to a selected teacher assistant shall be remitted to			
33	the institution of higher education as provided for in subsection (c) of this section.			
34	Priority for awards shall be given to a teacher assistant who received a tuition assistance			
35	award for the previous academic year and who is making satisfactory academic progress			

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1	application and selection of teacher assistants to receive tuition assistance awards that includes			
2	at least the following:			
3	(1) The $1$	teacher assistant shall be employed by the local boa	ard of education in	
4	the lo	ocal school administrative unit.		
5	(2) The	teacher assistant shall be enrolled or provide a stat	tement of intent to	
6	enrol	l in an accredited institution of higher education in N	North Carolina with	
7	an ec	lucator preparation program approved by the State I	Board of Education	
8	to pu	rsue teacher licensure.		
9	(3) The t	teacher assistant shall be a resident of North Carolir	na. For purposes of	
10	this	subdivision, residency shall be determined by the	same standard as	
11	reside	ency for tuition purposes pursuant to G.S. 116-143.1.		
12	"			
13	SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2017, and applies to awards given			
14	to a teacher assistant on or after that date.			