

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1963 SESSION

CHAPTER 841  
SENATE BILL 328

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE BOARD  
2 OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING IN THE PUBLIC  
3 SCHOOLS A MORE DIVERSIFIED AND COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF  
4 INSTRUCTION IN INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION AND OTHER COURSES.  
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6 WHEREAS, all Americans need to know and to understand how the American free  
7 enterprise economy is organized for industrial and agricultural production; how the basic raw  
8 materials are generally processed into various end products; how these commodities move, step  
9 by step, from producer to processor and fabricator, to distributor and eventually to the  
10 consumer; how such production, distribution, and consumption is financed; and how, in  
11 general, our free enterprise system operates; and

12 WHEREAS, the rapidity and direction of technological change make it necessary  
13 that a base of general vocational skills be developed on which specialized occupational study  
14 can be built; and

15 WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes the need for a curriculum in the  
16 public schools designed to keep pace with changing employment opportunities for the citizens  
17 of North Carolina; and

18 WHEREAS, it is desirable that instruction in these important areas of economic  
19 activity and basic work skills be supported by a program designed to provide training in basic  
20 work skills and to develop in the student an understanding of the more important processes of  
21 production and distribution; and

22 WHEREAS, the specialized vocational subjects taught in the high schools do not  
23 provide adequately for the development of basic work skills needed in many different  
24 occupations and the understanding of important production and distribution processes and  
25 human relations needed by every student; and

26 WHEREAS, a broadened vocational educational program in the public schools can  
27 play an important role in increasing the per capita income of North Carolina citizens; and

28 WHEREAS, the General Assembly deems it important that a program designed to  
29 fill these needs and serve these purposes be undertaken at the earliest possible time: Now,  
30 therefore,

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32 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

33 **Section 1.** The State Board of Education is authorized and directed to develop for  
34 the public schools of the State a more diversified and comprehensive program of instruction in  
35 basic work skills, applied economics, and industrial education, and to introduce in various  
36 public schools in the State such program on an experimental basis under regulations, standards,  
37 and procedures promulgated by the Board. The Board may provide for the in-service training or  
38 re-training of vocational and other teachers in cooperation with institutions of higher education  
39 in preparation for the program herein authorized. The Board may provide, under standards  
40 prescribed by it, funds, on a matching basis or otherwise, for both current expense costs and  
41 equipment necessary in the conduct of the program.

42 The title to any equipment provided a local county or city board of education for this  
43 purpose shall be held by the county or city board of education to which the funds are allocated.

1           **Sec. 2.** There is hereby appropriated from the general funds of the State and from  
2 funds that are not otherwise appropriated the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)  
3 for the fiscal year 1963-1964 and there is also appropriated from the general funds of the State  
4 and from funds not otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 1964-1965 the sum of one million  
5 dollars (\$1,000,000), for the purposes of the program authorized in Section 1 of this Act.

6           **Sec. 3.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are  
7 hereby repealed.

8           **Sec. 4.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

9           In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of June,  
10 1963.