

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH30208-LE-141 (3/26)

Short Title: Assistant Required/Large Kindergarten Class. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Jeffus.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A FULL-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT BE
ASSIGNED TO ANY KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM WITH MORE THAN
FIFTEEN STUDENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-301 is amended by adding a new subsection to
read:

"(c1) Kindergarten Class Size. – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a kindergarten class shall not exceed 15 students. If a local board of education cannot organizationally correct an exception to this limit and the exception resulted from (i) exceptional circumstances, emergencies, or acts of God, (ii) large changes in student population, or (iii) organizational problems caused by remote geographic location, the local board of education shall apply for an allotment adjustment as provided in subsection (g) of this section. If the local board of education does not receive an allotment adjustment, a full-time teacher assistant shall be assigned to the classroom. This subsection shall not be subject to waiver."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.