

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1117

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

Sponsors: Representatives Jeffus; Munford, Parmon, and Pate.

Referred to: Education.

April 10, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A FULL-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT BE
2 ASSIGNED TO ANY KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM WITH MORE THAN
3 FIFTEEN STUDENTS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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