## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

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## **HOUSE DRH50424-LG-384 (05/04)**

Short Title:	Instructional Tech. Integration Pilot Funds.	(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wilkins.

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

## AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION PILOT PROGRAM.

Whereas, the total State allocation in 2004 for instructional technology in North Carolina is approximately \$5.70 per pupil; and

Whereas, the national average for instructional technology spending is approximately \$110 per pupil in 2004; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Technology Association (NCTA) has implemented a series of school technology demonstration projects to provide funding to rural and underserved elementary schools for instruction technology purposes; and

Whereas, NCTA's Education Foundation has implemented Technology Demonstration Projects at Oak Lane Elementary School in Person County and Efland Cheeks Elementary School in Orange County; and

Whereas, the success of private and federal investment in these counties would be positively impacted by establishing a pilot program to fund technology plans for the middle schools in which the students from Oak Lane Elementary and Efland Cheeks Elementary Schools will attend; and

Whereas, funding these pilots would build upon the total technology integration from grades K-8; and

Whereas, this increased investment in instructional technology would aid in the longitudinal study of the effects of technology use in the classroom and could yield information data on this subject; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Local School Administrative Unit in Person County the sum of four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to establish a pilot program to implement a five-year technology plan for Southern Middle School.

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**SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Local School Administrative Unit in Orange County the sum of four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to establish a pilot program to implement a five-year technology plan for Stanback Middle School in Orange County.

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**SECTION 1.(c)** As much as is practicable, the Local School Administrative Units in Person and Orange Counties shall collaborate with the NCTA Education Foundation and the NCTA Technology Demonstration Project model, which includes professional development and state-of-the-art technology, when expending funds appropriated in this act.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.

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