

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 231
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/14/07

Short Title: New Foreign Lang. in Schools/Pilot Program.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PILOT
2 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CLASSES IN CRITICAL FOREIGN LANGUAGES
3 INCLUDING THOSE CURRENTLY NOT TAUGHT AND IN THE CULTURE,
4 GEOGRAPHY, POLITICAL, LEGAL, AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS OF
5 COUNTRIES WHERE THOSE LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
9 Department of Public Instruction the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the
10 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the
11 2008-2009 fiscal year to establish and implement a pilot program in six local school
12 administrative units to offer classes in which instruction is provided (i) in critical
13 foreign languages including those currently not taught in those local school
14 administrative units, (ii) on the culture, geography, political, legal, and economic
15 systems of the countries where those languages are spoken, and (iii) if feasible, through
16 the North Carolina Virtual Public School in order to make these classes available to
17 other local school administrative units.

18 The State Board of Education, with the assistance of the Department of
19 Public Instruction, shall select pilot local school administrative units that are distributed
20 geographically throughout the State. Up to two middle and high schools in each pilot
21 unit shall implement the program. Classes shall begin in the first semester of the
22 2008-2009 school year.

23 The State Board of Education shall approve the curriculum for the pilot
24 program and for the North Carolina Virtual Public School courses on an expedited
25 basis.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.