

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

**SESSION LAW 2005-355
HOUSE BILL 1491**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE
LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS WHO
TRANSPORT STUDENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 21 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new section to read:

"§ 115C-317.1. School social workers and transporting students.

A school social worker shall not be required to transport students without the existence of a written job description or local board policy that imposes this requirement."

SECTION 2. G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(25a) To Reimburse the Additional Cost of Automobile Liability Coverage for School Social Workers Required to Transport Students. – Unless a local board of education otherwise provides for liability insurance coverage of a school social worker who is required to transport students under G.S. 115C-317.1, a local board of education may require a school social worker who is required to transport students as provided under G.S. 115C-317.1 to increase the liability limits or add a business-use rider, or both, on that employee's personal automobile liability insurance policy for the purpose of transporting students within the course of that employee's work duties, only if the board reimburses the employee for the additional premium charged, up to the maximum additional amount charged to a person with up to two points assessed under the Safe Driver Incentive Plan pursuant to G.S. 58-36-65, for the increased liability limits or the added rider, or both."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 2005.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of August, 2005.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 1:39 p.m. this 7th day of September, 2005