



Whereas, recent initiatives in North Carolina including the Excellent Schools Act, the ABC's of Public Education Program, the Safe Schools Initiatives, Low-Wealth Schools Supplemental Funding, Small Schools Supplemental Funding, and Smart Start are resulting in significant, measurable improvements in public schools; and

Whereas, the National Education Goals Panel, a bipartisan panel of State and federal leaders, found that North Carolina and Texas lead all states in the nation in gains in mathematics and reading achievement; and

Whereas, SAT scores have increased for 10 years; and

Whereas, full implementation of the Excellent Schools Act, which links higher standards for public school teachers to higher pay, will result in even greater improvements in public education in the future; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2           Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local  
3 School Administrative Units the sum of two hundred seventy-four million eight hundred  
4 eighty-nine thousand one hundred seventy dollars (\$274,889,170) for the 1999-2000  
5 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred sixty-nine million five hundred thirty-four  
6 thousand five hundred seventy dollars (\$569,534,570) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to  
7 implement the commitments made in the Excellent Schools Act to increase teacher  
8 compensation.

9           Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.