

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 659

Short Title: State Pays for School Utilities.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Arnold; Russell, Rayfield, Sexton, and Morris.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 19, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE
2 COSTS OF SCHOOL UTILITIES.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-408(b) reads as rewritten:

5 "(b) To insure a quality education for every child in North Carolina, and to assure
6 that the necessary resources are provided, it is the policy of the State of North Carolina
7 to provide from State revenue sources the instructional expenses for current operations
8 of the public school system as defined in the standard course of ~~study~~study, the water
9 and sewer costs of the public schools, and the electricity, natural gas, and other energy
10 costs of the public schools.

11 It is the policy of the State of North Carolina that county governments will meet the
12 facilities requirements for a public education ~~system will be met by county~~
13 ~~governments.system.~~

14 It is the intent of the 1983 General Assembly to further clarify and delineate the
15 specific financial responsibilities for the public schools to be borne by State and local
16 governments."

17 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to
18 Local School Administrative Units the sum of one hundred eighty-two million dollars
19 (\$182,000,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to pay the water and sewer costs and the
20 electricity, natural gas, and other energy costs of the public schools.

21 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2002.
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