

1999 LONG SESSION  
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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members of SBCC  
Presidents  
NCCC System Office Employees

**FROM:** H. Martin Lancaster

The General Assembly convened, and the House announced committee assignments on Thursday, February 11. We hope you have had a chance to review them as we forwarded the information to you by e-mail.

It appears the Senate is off to a very busy start in an effort to complete substantive legislation early in preparation to work on the House budget when it arrives.

A few bills of interest are in the hopper:

**•S.2 - Excellent Schools Act Funds, (H.2) Perdue.**

Appropriates for implementation of the Act, \$274,889,170 for FY99-00; \$569,534,570 for FY00-01. Appropriations.

**•S.3 - Smart Start Funds, (H.3) Lee.**

Appropriates \$81,371,826 for FY99-00; \$168,409,766 for FY00-01 from General Fund to DHHS. Appropriations.

**•S.5 - ABC's Performance Bonus Funds, Lee.** Appropriates for bonuses. \$125,000,000 for FY00-01, effective July 1, 1999. Appropriations.

**•S.6 - Approve Tobacco Settlement. Nonprofit Corp., Rand.**

Pursuant to court order, approves creation of nonprofit corporation for the receipt and distribution of fifty percent of funds received by the State of N.C. V. Philip Morris et al. Rules; re-referred to Sel. Tobacco Comm. Passed Senate 3rd Reading 2/4/99; sent to House.

**H.6 - School Utility Costs Paid By State, Brown and G. Wilson.**

To provide that it is state policy to provide from State revenue sources the utility expenses for current operations of the public school system. Appropriates \$158,475,351 for FY99-00; \$158,475,351 for FY00-01. Appropriations.

**S.14 - Asheville-Buncombe Tech Small Business Center Funds, Metcalf and Carter.**

**Appropriates funds for the Small Business Center at Asheville-Buncombe Tech in the amount of \$4 million for FY99-00 for capital improvements. Appropriations.**

**S.19 - UNC Tuition/Scholarship/Military, Rand.**

**To provide that a scholarship student who attends a constituent UNC institution be treated as a N.C. resident for all purposes and to provide that a member of the military attending a constituent institution UNC institution or community college be charged in-state tuition. Education.**

**S.20 - Low-Wealth School Supplement Funds, Rand.**

**Appropriated \$44.2 million for FY99-00; \$44.2 million for FY00-01. Education.**

**S.21 - 1999 N.C. Lottery, Rand. (H.42) Kinney.**

**To establish a lottery for educational purposes subject to referendum approval, Nov., 2000. Finance.**

**H.23 - Community College Scholarship Program. Warner.**

**Requires State Board to develop and implement Education improvement program which provides grants for tuition and sets mandatory fees for eligible students pursuing associate degrees. Board will determine eligibility for grants. State Education Assistance Authority will administer funding. Appropriates \$19,006,918 for FY00-01 from General Fund to Board. Grants commence 2000-2001 of the academic year.**

**Rules.**

**H.34 - Lose Control Lose License, Hurley; S.57 Cooper.**

**Provides for one-year loss of license after certain designated acts in educational setting for youth fourteen years old or older. Reeves, re-referred to J1.**

**S.48 - CFCC Public Safety Center Funds, Jordan.**

**To appropriate funds to community colleges for planning, development of a regional public safety training center at Cape Fear Community College's north campus. \$650,000 for FY99-00. Appropriations.**

**H.39 - D/C Pension Plan Study, Baker.**

**To establish defined contribution pension plan study commission. To study portable retirement benefits for teachers and state employees. Commission reports to 2000 legislative session. Study Appropriations.**

**H.46 - 1999 Lottery for Education, Owens, Hunter.**

**Similar to S.21 & H.42 except allows video poker and provides net revenues of lottery be equally divided among Education Improvement Scholarship Program, public education technology needs, county water and sewer infra-structure projects, and reduce State's bonded indebtedness. Rules.**

**H.71 - 1999 Lottery for Education - 2, Fitch.**

**Similar to H.46 except net proceeds. Fifty percent to Education Improvement Scholarship Program, \$1 million annually to each school administration unit for capital projects, balance to early childhood (Smart Start). Makes grants of \$1,000 to A or B average students who attend a private college (H.46; \$2,500 per year). Rules.**

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