

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 420**

Short Title: K-3 Reading and Literacy Improvement Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hunt, A. Baker, Brown, and Cooper-Suggs (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 29, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS  
IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND  
GRADE CLASSROOM HAS A FULL-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AND EVERY  
THREE THIRD GRADE CLASSROOMS HAS A FULL-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
Public Instruction the sum of two hundred seventy-one million dollars (\$271,000,000) for the  
2021-2022 fiscal year in recurring additional funds to be allocated to local school administrative  
units to provide the dollar equivalent of teacher assistant positions based on the following ratios:

- (1) One teacher assistant for every class in kindergarten, first, and second grade.
- (2) One teacher assistant for every three classes in third grade.

**SECTION 2.** Funds allocated pursuant to this act shall be distributed based on an  
estimated statewide average salary and benefits per position and an average class size of 21  
students in membership per classroom.

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.



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