ADD SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO THE TEACHER ASSISTANT TUITION
REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

SECTION 7.21. Section 8.29 of S.L. 2016-94, as amended by Section 7.20 of S.L. 2017-57 and by Section 6(m) of S.L. 2017-189, reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 8.29.(a) Purpose. – The purpose of this section is to establish a pilot program for, to provide tuition assistance awards to part-time or full-time teacher assistants working in participating local school administrative units, to be administered by certain local boards of education as follows:

(1) Beginning with the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the local boards of education of the Anson County, Franklin County, Moore County, Richmond County, and Scotland County school administrative units, and

(2) Beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the local boards of education of the Alamance-Burlington Schools, Beaufort County Schools, Bertie County Schools, Duplin County Schools, Edenton-Chowan Schools, Edgecombe County Schools, Guilford County Schools, Halifax County Schools, Nash-Rocky Mount Schools, Northampton County Schools, Randolph County Schools, Tyrrell County Schools, Vance County Schools, and Washington County Schools.

(3) Beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the local boards of education of the Alleghany County Schools, Ashe County Schools, Bladen County Schools, Cherokee County Schools, Clay County Schools, Columbus County Schools, Davidson County Schools, Graham County Schools, Greene County Schools, Jackson County Schools, Jones County Schools, Lenoir County Public Schools, Mason County Schools, McDowell County Schools, Mitchell County Schools, Public Schools of Robeson County, Swain County Schools, Yadkin County Schools, and Yancey County Schools.

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"SECTION 8.29.(d) The local boards of education participating in the pilot program for the 2016-2017 fiscal year shall jointly report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by September 1, 2017. All of the local boards of education participating in the pilot program shall jointly report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by September 1, 2018, and by September 1 of each year thereafter following the first full fiscal year of participation in the pilot program on the results of the pilot program, including at least the following information:

(1) The number and amount of funds in tuition assistance awards provided to teacher assistants.

(2) The number of teacher assistant recipients who achieved teacher licensure, including the period of time from the issue of an initial tuition assistance award to the time of achieving licensure.

(3) The number of recipients who remained employed in the local school administrative unit after achieving teacher licensure."