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H 931. TAX FAIRNESS IN EDUCATION. TO ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR PART OF THE EXPENSE OF AVOIDED PUBLIC EDUCATION AND TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CHILDREN EDUCATED OTHER THAN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Enacts new GS 105-151.29 granting a tax credit of up to \$1,250 per child per semester to qualifying taxpayers whose dependent children are educated "other than in a public school" or at a public school for which tuition is charged. Sets taxable income eligibility limit at \$100,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly, \$80,000 for head of household filers, and \$60,000 for single filers. Provides for refund to taxpayer of any allowed credit that exceeds tax imposed. Amends GS 115C--429(b) to permit boards of county commissioners to appropriate up to \$500 per resident child per year for education in nonpublic schools and to pay these funds to the individual entitled to claim the child as a dependent. Effective July 1, 2006.

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