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H 179. RECRUITMENT & RETENTION/SPECIAL ED TEACHERS. Filed 2/13/07. *TO PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN CERTIFIED STAFF TO TEACH STUDENTS WITH BEHAVIORAL AND EMOTIONAL DISABILITIES.* Directs that of the funds appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local School Administrative Units, the sum of \$2,153,313 for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 fiscal years be used to provide annual bonuses of \$10,000 to teachers (1) certified to teach students with behavioral and emotional disabilities, and (2) teaching those students in self-contained classrooms in grades K-12. Specifies that criteria for eligibility for the bonus includes (1) four years teaching experience; (2) a formal evaluation in the past three years with an overall rating of above standard; and (3) the recommendation of the local administrative unit's exceptional children's director. Reassignment resulting in the loss of the bonus or the discontinuation or reduction of the bonus is not a demotion as defined in GS 115C-325(a)(4) (principal and teacher employment contracts).

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