

February 15, 2007

**H 231. NEW FOREIGN LANG. IN SCHOOLS/PILOT PROGRAM.** Filed 2/15/07.

*APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CLASSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES CURRENTLY NOT TAUGHT AND IN THE CULTURE, GEOGRAPHY, POLITICAL, LEGAL, AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS OF COUNTRIES WHERE THOSE LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN.* Appropriates \$1 million for 2007-08 and \$1 million for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction as title indicates.

Specifies that the pilot program is to be offered in six local school administrative units (units) and via the Internet in order to make the foreign language classes available to other units. Directs the State Board of Education (SBE), with assistance from the Department of Public Instruction, to select pilot units that are distributed geographically throughout the state. Specifies that classes are to begin in the second semester of the 2007-08 school year at a maximum of two high schools per pilot unit. Requires the SBE to expedite approval of the curriculum for the pilot program and for the Internet courses. Effective July 1, 2007.

**Intro. by Glazier.**

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March 14, 2007

**H 231. NEW FOREIGN LANG. IN SCHOOLS/PILOT PROGRAM.** Filed 2/15/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Specifies that pilot programs are to offer instruction in critical foreign languages (was, "foreign languages") that include those not taught in those local school administrative units (was, in the public schools). Directs that if feasible, instruction be offered via the North Carolina Virtual Public School ( was, on the Internet) to make the classes available to other local school administrative units. Designates that classes begin in the first semester of the 2008-09 school year (was, 2007-08). Makes conforming and technical changes.