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S 1144. PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING BOND ACT OF 2007. Filed 3/20/07. *TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE STATE, SUBJECT TO A VOTE OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE STATE, AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR GRANTS TO COUNTIES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS.*

Authorizes the state to issue \$2 billion in general obligation bonds, to provide funds to counties for public school capital outlay projects, if approved by the voters of the state in an election to be held in November 2007. The bonds are to be designated the "State of North Carolina 2007 Public School Building Bonds" and the proceeds of the bonds are to be used to make grants to counties for the cost of public school capital outlay projects. The bond proceeds are to be allocated to each county on the basis of high growth, low wealth, and average daily membership. The amount of bonds issued in any year cannot exceed \$500 million. Funds are to be administered and supervised by the State Board of Education. The act sets out standard provisions governing the issuance and administration of the bonds, including terms and conditions; signature, form, and registration; manner of sale; expenses; notes; repayment; refunding bonds and notes; tax treatment; investment eligibility; pledge of the state's full faith and credit and taxing power; minority business participation; other agreements, and variable interest rates.

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