

March 5, 2007

S 515. SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL CURRICULUM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Filed 3/5/07. *TO IMPLEMENT A SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL CURRICULUM IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.* Amends GS 115C-81(e)(1) to expand the comprehensive school health education program curriculum to include instruction in personal safety (includes staying safe when lost and reporting and refusal skills). Amends GS 115C-81(h1) adding social and emotional learning (includes violence prevention skills and behavior skills) to the list of instructional areas that local boards of education are encouraged to include in the curriculum. Appropriates the following from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction: \$1,719,890 for 2007-08, and \$1,719,890 for 2008-09 to implement the act with prekindergarten and kindergarten children; \$3,822,734 for 2008-09 to implement the act with children in grades one through three. Expresses that it is the General Assembly's intent to appropriate funds for 2008-09 to expand the program to grades four through six. Effective July 1, 2007.

Intro. by Boseman.

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