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H 1862. FUNDING FLEX. PILOT PROG./LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS. Filed 5/18/10. *TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL FUNDING FLEXIBILITY PILOT PROGRAM FOR LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS.*

Directs the State Board of Education to permit the Lee County schools to establish a Funding Flexibility Pilot Program that, notwithstanding GS 115C-105.25 and except as otherwise required by federal law or the conditions of federal grants, allows the expenditure of state funds without limitation for any lawful purpose during fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12. The pilot unit must continue to pay employees no less than required by the existing salary schedules. At the conclusion of each year, Lee County schools must evaluate the effectiveness of funding flexibility by looking at (1) composite test scores in end-of-grade and end-of-course tests, (2) schools with average yearly progress as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, (3) high school cohort graduation rate, (4) percentage of local funds spent on non-instructional support positions, (5) minimum audit exceptions, and (6) teacher turnover. If at the end of the 2011-12 school year there has been an increase in academic performance, the unit may continue to participate in the pilot during fiscal years 2012-13 and 2012-14. Effective July 1, 2010.

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