moves to amend the bill on page 4, line 45, by increasing the requirements by one billion two hundred thirty-eight million dollars ($1,238,000,000) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and by one billion two hundred forty-eight million dollars ($1,248,000,000) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; and

further moves to amend the bill on page 10, line 24, by decreasing the reduction for the 2022-2023 fiscal year by five hundred fifty-four million five hundred ninety-two thousand six hundred thirty dollars ($554,592,630); and

further moves to amend the bill on page 10, line 40, by decreasing the amount for the 2021-2022 fiscal year by one billion two hundred thirty-eight million dollars ($1,238,000,000) and for the 2022-2023 fiscal year by one billion nine hundred thirty-one million four hundred seven thousand three hundred seventy dollars ($1,931,407,370); and

further moves to amend the bill on page 10, line 51 through page 11, lines 1-2, by deleting the phrase “one billion five hundred forty-five million five hundred forty-five thousand four hundred fifty-three dollars ($1,545,545,453)” and substituting “nine hundred ninety million nine hundred fifty-two thousand eight hundred twenty-three dollars ($990,952,823)”; and

further moves to amend the bill on page 108, lines 38-51 through page 109, lines 1-5, by rewriting the lines to read:

"SECTION 9C.1.(a) Eligibility. – The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division), shall continue implementing the prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) program. However, beginning with the 2021-2022 school calendar year and thereafter, the NC Pre-K program shall be expanded to include children who are 3 years of age and shall serve children who are 3 or 4 years of age on or before August 31 of the program year. Except for requiring that the NC Pre-K program serve children who are 3 or 4 years of age on or before August 31 of the program year, the Division shall not require that a child seeking to participate in the NC Pre-K program meet any other eligibility requirements."; and

further moves to amend the bill on page 109, lines 33-34, by inserting between those lines the following new section to read:
"FUNDS FOR UNIVERSAL NC PRE-K/EXPAND TO 3 YEAR-OLDS"

SECTION 9C.1A. Notwithstanding the Committee Report referenced in Section 43.2 of this act or any other provision of law to the contrary, funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, are increased by the sum of one billion two hundred thirty-eight million dollars ($1,238,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of one billion two hundred forty-eight million dollars ($1,248,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for all children who are 3 or 4 years of age in this State to participate in the North Carolina Prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) program in accordance with Section 9C.1 of this act."; and

further moves to amend the bill on page 390, lines 20-34, by deleting those lines; and

by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

SIGNED ________________________________

Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED ________________________________

Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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