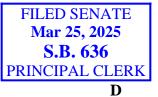
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2025



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SENATE BILL DRS15193-MTa-60

Short Title:	School Psychologist Omnibus.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Bradley, Everitt, and Grafstein (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED					
2	AN ACT TO ENACT PROVISIONS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE NUMBER AND						
3	QUALITY OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA.						
4	The General Asse	embly of North Carolina enacts:					
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6	PART I. INCRE	ASE COMPENSATION FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS					
7	SECTION 1.(a) For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, in addition to any salary received						
8	under the teacher salary schedule, school psychologists shall receive the following salary						
9	supplements:						
10	(1)	The sum of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650.00) per month.					
11	(2)	School psychologists who have a Nationally Certified School Psychologist					
12		(NCSP) credential shall receive a salary supplement each month of twelve					
13		percent (12%) of their monthly salary.					
14	SECT	TON 1.(b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of					
15	Public Instruction for the 2025-2026 fiscal year the sum of eight million one hundred thousand						
16	dollars (\$8,100,000) in recurring funds to provide compensation increases for school						
17	psychologists put	suant to this section.					
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19	PART II. SCHO	OL PSYCHOLOGISTS GRANT PROGRAM					
20	SECT	TON 2.(a) Article 21 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by					
21	adding a new sec	tion to read:					
22		School Psychologists Grant Program.					
23	(a) The D	epartment of Public Instruction shall establish the School Psychologists Grant					
24	Program (Program) to improve the safety, mental health, and well-being of students by providing						
25	grants to public	school units to recruit school psychologists, to the extent funds are made					
26	available for this	purpose, as follows:					
27	<u>(1)</u>	Grant application A public school unit may submit an application to the					
28		Superintendent of Public Instruction to receive a grant pursuant to this					
29		subdivision. The application shall identify current and ongoing needs for					
30		school psychologist services, including needs related to recruitment.					
31	<u>(2)</u>	Criteria and guidelines The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall					
32		develop criteria and guidelines for the administration and use of the grants					
33		under the Program, including any documentation required to be submitted by					
34		applicants.					



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1	(3)	Awar	d of funds. – The Superintendent	of Public Instruction shall award grants
2	<u>107</u>			signing bonuses to recruit school
3			nologists, as follows:	
4		<u>a.</u>		ze the award of funds to public school
5		<u></u>		time school psychologist at the time the
6			application is submitted.	
7		<u>b.</u>		be greater than five thousand dollars
8			(\$5,000).	
9		<u>c.</u>		a signing bonus, a school psychologist
0			shall agree to remain employe	ed in the public school unit for at least
1			<u>one year.</u>	
2		<u>d.</u>	Grants provided to public sche	ool units pursuant to the Program shall
3			be used to supplement and no	ot to supplant State or non-State funds
4			already provided for these serv	
5				ch subsequent year thereafter in which
6				e Superintendent of Public Instruction
7	-	-		lucation Oversight Committee and the
8			▲	dentity of each public school unit that
9	-	_	-	ding provided to the public school unit,
20			the public school unit."	
21				appropriated from the General Fund to
22	-			fiscal year the sum of one million seven
23 24				s to establish and implement the School
24 25	r sychologists Gi	ant FIO	gram pursuant to G.S. 115C-316	.o, as enacted by this act.
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.0 27				c of the General Statutes is amended by
28	adding a new sec		· · ·	of the Scherth Statutes is allended by
29	U		psychologists internship progr	am.
30				tablish an internship program for school
31		-		approved full-time school psychology
32				end during the internship period of the
33	program. The st	ipend s	hall be at the beginning salary	of a school psychologist. The school
34	psychology prep	aration	program where the intern is en	rolled shall provide the Department of
35	Public Instruction	n with o	certification that the intern is an e	ligible full-time student.
86	(b) Field	superv	isors in public school units prov	viding instruction to school psychology
37	-	-		n shall be eligible to receive one lump
38	· · · · ·			\$500.00) and one thousand two hundred
<u>89</u>			nount to be determined by the pu	
10				the General Fund to the Department of
1				5,000,000) in recurring funds for the
12		•	-	chool psychologists internship program
13	pursuant to G.S.	115C-3	16.7, as enacted by this act.	
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15				CHOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM
6 7			11 1	General Fund to the Board of Governors
F7 18				scal year the sum of five million dollars Appalachian State University (ASU) to
.0 .9				SU campus in Hickory, North Carolina.
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1 PART V. INCREASE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST TRAINING 2 PROGRAMS

SECTION 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be allocated to the following constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina to support the school psychology programs at those institutions with the goal of doubling the number of school psychologists produced:

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- (1) Appalachian State University.
- (2) East Carolina University.
- (3) The University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
- (4) The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
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(5) Western Carolina University.

15 PART VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.