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Representative Prather

1 moves to amend the bill on page 169, lines 15-16, by inserting between the lines the following
2 new section to read:

3 **"HIGHEST COST EC FUNDING ALLOTMENT/REDUCE ELIGIBILITY FOR AP**
4 **TEST FEE COVERAGE**

5 **SECTION 7.65.(a)** Effective July 1, 2025, there is established the Highest Cost
6 Exceptional Children funding allotment within the State Public School Fund. The State Board of
7 Education shall allocate funds from the allotment to public school units on a per student basis for
8 students identified as Category 3 per the weighted model developed by the Department of Public
9 Instruction pursuant to Section 7.7 of S.L. 2023-134.

10 **SECTION 7.65.(b)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of the Committee
11 Report referenced in Section 45.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds appropriated to the
12 Department of Public Instruction to cover the cost of Advanced Placement exam fees are reduced
13 by the sum of fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-
14 2027 fiscal biennium.

15 **SECTION 7.65.(c)**. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of the Committee
16 Report referenced in Section 45.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds appropriated to the
17 Department of Public Instruction shall be increased by the sum of fourteen million dollars
18 (\$14,000,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium to be used for
19 the Highest Cost Exceptional Children funding allotment, as established by this section.

20 **SECTION 7.65.(d)** G.S. 115C-174.26(a) reads as rewritten:

21 "(a) It is the intent of the State to enhance accessibility and encourage students to enroll
22 in and successfully complete more rigorous advanced courses to enable success in postsecondary
23 education for all students. For the purposes of this section, an advanced course is an Advanced
24 Placement course, an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme course, or a Cambridge
25 Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) course, including an AS-Level or
26 A-Level course. To attain this goal, to the extent funds are made available for this purpose,
27 students enrolled in public schools shall be exempt from paying any fees for administration of
28 examinations for advanced courses and registration fees for advanced courses in which the
29 student is enrolled regardless of the score the student achieves on an ~~examination~~ examination,
30 except that students who are not economically disadvantaged shall be required to pay fees for the
31 administration of Advanced Placement examinations. A student receiving instruction through a



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1 home school, as provided by Part 3 of Article 39 of this Chapter, shall be eligible to participate
2 in administration of examinations for advanced courses as provided in G.S. 115C-565.1."";
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4 and by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.
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SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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