



1 Authority created in this act is dissolved effective December 31, 2006. This act is  
2 repealed effective December 31, 2006. Part 2F of Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the  
3 General Statutes and G.S. 120-123(77), as enacted by this act, are repealed effective  
4 December 31, 2006."

5       **SECTION 3.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the e-NC  
6 Authority the sum of seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) for the  
7 2006-2007 fiscal year for Internet connectivity incentive grants. These funds shall not  
8 revert. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these funds shall be used to allow at  
9 least seventy percent (70%) of the households in each county to have the ability to  
10 access high-speed Internet services by 2008. Funds for connectivity incentives should  
11 be committed to service providers by July 1, 2008. These incentive grants shall be  
12 competitive and shall require at least a fifty percent (50%) cash match from the  
13 participating service providers. Companies must ensure the number of additional  
14 households to be served as a result of this funding. The e-NC Authority may use up to  
15 five percent (5%) of these funds to cover its expenses in grant letting and monitoring.

16       **SECTION 3.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the e-NC  
17 Authority the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) for the  
18 2006-2007 fiscal year for continued and expanded funding of the e-NC Business and  
19 Technology Telecenter (BTT) program. The e-NC Authority may use up to five percent  
20 (5%) of these funds to cover its expenses in program development and implementation  
21 of activity areas with the BTTs. The e-NC Authority may contract with other State  
22 agencies, The University of North Carolina, the Community Colleges System Office,  
23 and nonprofit organizations to assist with BTT program development and the evaluation  
24 of program activities.

25       **SECTION 3.(c)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the e-NC  
26 Authority the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 2006-2007  
27 fiscal year for competitive innovation grants to e-communities, BTTs, and Local  
28 E-government Utilization Program participants for the development of model programs  
29 and value-added products that enhance the economy of their regions.

30       **SECTION 4.** The e-NC Authority shall work cooperatively with the  
31 following entities to carry out the purposes of this act: the Department of Commerce,  
32 The University of North Carolina, the Community Colleges System Office, the local  
33 councils of government, the local chambers of commerce, the North Carolina  
34 Association of County Commissioners, the North Carolina League of Municipalities,  
35 the Regional Economic Development Partnerships, local economic developers, and the  
36 private and nonprofit sectors.

37       **SECTION 5.** Section 3 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2006. The  
38 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.