GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1276

Short Title:	Funds for Safe and Drug Free Communities.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Snow.	
Referred to:	Appropriations/Base Budget.	

March 26, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA REGION COALITION FOR SAFE AND DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES PROJECT.

Whereas, the Western North Carolina Region Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Communities provides the school system in each of the seven western North Carolina counties with the resources necessary to introduce substance abuse prevention in all grades; and

Whereas, the Coalition collaborates with other coalitions and communities to establish assistance for prevention, intervention, and education about substance abuse and makes those resources known throughout the region; and

Whereas, the Coalition provides individual coalitions with parents, schools, and citizens to increase awareness about alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse, and other topics regarding the reduction of unsafe conditions in our local communities; and

Whereas, the Coalition provides information and guidance to churches and other nonprofit organizations in neighboring communities about how to establish coalitions to promote safe and drug-free communities; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Hinton Rural Life Center, Inc., a nonprofit organization, five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) for support of the organization's Western North Carolina Region Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Communities Project for Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Clay Counties. These funds shall also be used to expand the operations of the Western North Carolina Region Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Communities Project into Transylvania County.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.