

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**SENATE BILL 952**

Short Title: Mediator Certification Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Clodfelter and Hartsell.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MEDIATOR CERTIFICATION FUND.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-38.29(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) An administrative fee, not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00), may be charged by the Administrative Office of the Courts to applicants for certification and annual renewal of certification for mediators and mediation training programs operating under this Article. The fees collected shall be credited to the Mediator Certification Fund. The Mediator Certification Fund is established within the Judicial Department as a nonreverting, interest-bearing special account. Accordingly, revenue in the Fund at the end of the fiscal year does not revert, and interest and other investment income earned by the Fund accrues to the Fund. Moneys in the Fund may be used by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts to establish and maintain the operations of the Commission and its staff."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 7A-38.4A(1) reads as rewritten:

"(1) An administrative fee not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) may be charged by the Administrative Office of the Courts to applicants for certification and annual renewal of certification for mediators and mediator training programs operating under this section. The fees collected shall be credited to the Mediator Certification Fund established in G.S. 7A-38.2(d). Moneys in the Fund may be used by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts to establish and maintain the operations of the Commission and its staff. The administrative fee shall be set by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts in consultation with the Dispute Resolution Commission."

**SECTION 3.** Moneys being held by the Administrative Office of the Courts as of the effective date of this act that were collected pursuant to G.S. 7A-38.2(d) or G.S. 7A-38.4A(1) prior to the effective date of this act shall be transferred to the Mediator Certification Fund created by this act.

**SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.