GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2001

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HOUSE BILL 239

Short Title:North Carolina Geographic Alliance Funds.(Public)Sponsors:Representatives McLawhorn, Warren, Rogers, Tolson, Edwards; and
Luebke.Referred to:Appropriations.

February 26, 2001

| 1 | A BILL TO BE ENTITLED | | |
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| 2 | AN ACT TO A | APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE | |
| 3 | NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE. | | |
| 4 | The General As | sembly of North Carolina enacts: | |
| 5 | SECT | FION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the | |
| 6 | Department of I | Public Instruction the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) for the 2001-2002 | |
| 7 | fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to fund | | |
| 8 | the activities of the North Carolina Geographic Alliance, which is headquartered at East | | |
| 9 | Carolina University. These funds shall be used by the Alliance to: | | |
| 10 | (1) | Increase communication and cooperation between the professional | |
| 11 | | geographic community within The University of North Carolina | |
| 12 | | System and the Alliance's network of teachers; | |
| 13 | (2) | Develop a North Carolina Geographic Alliance web site on Learning | |
| 14 | | Link in cooperation with UNC-TV; | |
| 15 | (3) | Increase the number of geography/Standard Course of Study in-service | |
| 16 | | workshops conducted by professional geographers and Alliance | |
| 17 | | teachers at local education agencies; | |
| 18 | (4) | Continue to offer summer institutes on various campuses of The | |
| 19 | | University of North Carolina System stressing geography standards | |
| 20 | | and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study; | |
| 21 | (5) | Continue to send North Carolina teachers for training at National | |
| 22 | | Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C.; | |
| 23 | (6) | Expand the readership of the Alliance's newsletter to more of North | |
| 24 | | Carolina's geography teachers and administrators; | |
| 25 | (7) | Continue to publish geography-based curriculum materials specific to | |
| 26 | | the North Carolina Standard Course of Study; | |

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| 1 | (0) | Increase advisory interaction between professional accompany with | |
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| I | | Increase advisory interaction between professional geographers with | |
| 2 | 1 | the North Carolina Board of Education with regard to the role of | |
| 3 | | geography in the curriculum; and | |
| 4 | (9) | Increase involvement of public school teachers with the North | |
| 5 | | Carolina Geographic Alliance, and thereby improve geography | |
| 6 | 1 | instruction and promote global awareness and international | |
| 7 | ١ | understanding among the State's students. | |
| 8 | SECTI | ON 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the | |
| 9 | Department of Pu | ablic Instruction the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) | |
| 10 | for the 2001-2002 fiscal year to establish a North Carolina geography education | | |
| 11 | endowment. The proceeds from the endowment shall be used to fund the activities of | | |
| 12 | the North Carolina Geographic Alliance, which are set out in Section 1 of this act. | | |
| 13 | These funds shall be matched with one dollar (\$1.00) of National Geographic Society | | |
| 14 | funds for every de | ollar (\$1.00) of State funds. | |
| 15 | SECTI | ON 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2001. | |
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