## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

S SENATE DRS35489-LE-323A\* (4/10)

Short Title:	N.C. Literacy Connection Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Malone.	
Referred to:		

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA LITERACY CONNECTION PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to provide funding for the North Carolina Literacy Connection Program. The North Carolina Literacy Connection Program shall be administered by Project Enlightenment, a division of the Wake County Public Schools.

The Program shall:

- (1) Develop a sustainable, statewide network of preschool early literacy leaders;
- (2) Provide research-based training and guided-model classroom observation to preschool early literacy leaders;
- (3) Support administrators in coaching preschool teachers on literacy instruction strategies;
- (4) Work with the More at Four program to provide training and technical support to additional local school administrative units;
- (5) Track and monitor, in cooperation with participants in the 100 counties, the effects of the Program; and
- (6) Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the effects of the Program by January 1, 2009.

**SECTION 2.** Funds appropriated for the North Carolina Literacy Connection Program for the 2007-2008 fiscal year shall not revert on June 30, 2008, but shall remain available for expenditure until August 31, 2008. Funds appropriated for the

- 2008-2009 fiscal year shall not revert on June 30, 2009, but shall remain available for expenditure until August 31, 2009.
- 3 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2008. The remainder of this act becomes effective June 30, 2008.

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