

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1907

Short Title: Youth Advocacy and Involvement Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Weiss; and Harrison.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 2, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR TWENTY-FIVE ADDITIONAL SLOTS
FOR THE STATE GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

Whereas, for 36 years, the State Government Internship Program has provided paid internship opportunities for college, graduate, and law students in a variety of State government agencies, and, since its inception, has provided valuable experience to over 2,500 North Carolinian students while offering inexpensive, yet creative, and invaluable support to State agencies; and

Whereas, student applications to the Internship Program have increased appreciably from 376 in 2004 to 598 in 2006 and 468 in 2007; while the Internship Program, which at one period hosted 125 paid summer interns, but in 2002 was reduced to 75 positions; and partially restored to 100 positions in 2006; and

Whereas, the number of State agencies participating in the Internship Program is expected to increase from 24 to 29, creating additional potential internship opportunities for students; and

Whereas, the State Government Internship Program provides legal residents of North Carolina with a compensated experiential opportunity that integrates education, career development, and public service; and

Whereas, through a competitive application process, qualified students in a full range of academic majors are selected for internships in State government agencies, with positions based on project proposals submitted by agency personnel and designed to provide substantive and career-relevant learning experiences; and

Whereas, while service to State government is a valuable outcome of the Internship Program, the program's primary focus is to provide opportunities for students to build career-enhancing and leadership skills; Now, therefore,
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Administration, Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, the sum of forty-four thousand four hundred eight dollars (\$44,408) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year

1 and the sum of eighty-five thousand two hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$85,259) for the
2 2008-2009 fiscal year to fund an additional 25 internship slots.
3 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.