GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

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SENATE DRS85015-LE-59A* (1/24)

Short Title: Funds for the School Connectivity Initiative. (Public)

Sponsors:	Senators Malone, and Garrou.
Referred to:	

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL CONNECTIVITY 3 INITIATIVE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the 6 Department of Public Instruction the sum of twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) 7 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) 8 for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to fully fund the school connectivity initiative. The 9 purpose of the initiative is to connect all local school administrative units into a 10 statewide network that ensures broadband connectivity to all schools and classrooms.

11 The results of the pilot program funded for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be 12 used in the further implementation of this initiative.

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