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SENATE BILL 379

Short Title: Funds for NC Literacy Connection Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Malone.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

February 28, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NC 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 six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to provide funding for the NC Literacy Connection Program. The NC Literacy Connection Program shall be administered by Project Enlightenment in Wake County.

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 all 100 counties;
- (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 July 1, 2008, and July 1, 2009.

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