A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Transfer of Funds from Reserves to Relief Fund. – The State Controller shall transfer one million one hundred thousand dollars ($1,100,000) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year from the Coronavirus Relief Reserve established in Section 2.1 of S.L. 2020-4 to the Coronavirus Relief Fund established in Section 2.2 of S.L. 2020-4.

SECTION 1.(b) Appropriation of Funds from Relief Fund. – There is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the sum of one million one hundred thousand dollars ($1,100,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to be allocated to North Carolina Central University (NCCU) to respond to the impacts of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on its students. Of the funds allocated to NCCU pursuant to this section, the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000) shall be used to expand online learning capacity for students and the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) shall be used to address food insecurity and basic needs for students who have been impacted by COVID-19.

SECTION 1.(c) Reporting. – By September 30, 2020, NCCU shall report on the progress of the use of the appropriated funds received pursuant to this section to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

SECTION 1.(d) Limitations. – Of the funds appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund by this section, funds shall only be used for necessary eligible expenditures incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020. The funds appropriated by this section shall not revert at the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year but shall remain available to expend until December 30, 2020.

SECTION 2. State Funds for BRITE and BBRI. – There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of six million dollars ($6,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be allocated to North Carolina Central University. The funds shall be used as follows:

(1) The sum of three million dollars ($3,000,000) shall be used to support operations of the Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE) at NCCU.

(2) The sum of three million dollars ($3,000,000) shall be used for expenses for the operation and repair of the Julius L. Chambers Biomedical Biotechnology Research Institute (BBRI) at NCCU.
SECTION 3. Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2020. The remainder of this act becomes effective when this act becomes law.