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**HOUSE BILL 1786  
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Short Title: Coaching Scholarship Fund.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO  
2 STUDY THE ISSUE OF CREATING A COACHING SCHOLARSHIP FUND.  
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4 Whereas, athletic coaches play an important role in the lives of North  
5 Carolina's students; and

6 Whereas, coaches impart the values of sportsmanship, leadership, and  
7 teamwork to the student athletes they train; and

8 Whereas, coaches provide at-risk children with positive activities during  
9 critical after-school hours and are necessary in leading the fight against a growing  
10 national epidemic of obesity; and

11 Whereas, teachers who coach have the highest level of interest and  
12 involvement in the lives of their students; and

13 Whereas, coaches help to facilitate interscholastic athletic competition, which  
14 is the most visible means by which the public interacts with students; Now, therefore,  
15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

16 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission shall study the  
17 feasibility of creating a Coaching Scholarship Fund to help provide qualified coaches  
18 and assistant coaches for the public schools. In conducting the study, the Commission  
19 is encouraged to consult with public school coaches, public school superintendents,  
20 public school principals and teachers, parents, the North Carolina High School Athletic  
21 Association, and other interested parties. In conducting the study, the Commission may  
22 consider the following:

- 23 (1) The relationship between athletics and educational performance;  
24 (2) The extent of the shortage of qualified coaches and assistant coaches in  
25 the public schools of North Carolina;  
26 (3) The number and amount of scholarship loans that are needed;  
27 (4) Which entity shall have responsibility for administering the Fund;  
28 (5) The criteria for receiving a scholarship loan and whether that criteria  
29 should include any specific requirements for academic qualifications

1                   that must be maintained during the period of the loan, academic course  
2                   work that is required to receive the loan, and any employment  
3                   requirements;

4           (6)   Whether the scholarship loans should be available to students at both  
5           public and private colleges and universities; and

6           (7)   Any other issues related to the creation of a Coaching Scholarship  
7           Fund.

8           **SECTION 2.** The Commission shall report its findings, together with any  
9   recommended legislation to the 2005 General Assembly.

10           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.