



1 Coaching Fellows shall be offered a curriculum that advances coaching skills and that  
2 instills a strong motivation not only to remain in the coaching profession but to provide  
3 leadership in the schools where they coach. The State Education Assistance Authority  
4 shall administer the Fund. The Fund shall provide 25 scholarship loans per year.

5 (b) Criteria for awarding the scholarship loans shall be developed by the State  
6 Education Assistance Authority in consultation with the Board of Governors of The  
7 University of North Carolina and shall include all of the following:

8 (1) An applicant shall be enrolled in an accredited bachelors degree  
9 program in an institution of higher education in North Carolina.

10 (2) All students shall enter into a legal agreement and promissory note  
11 with the Authority to accept employment as a coach or coaching  
12 assistant in an elementary or secondary school in North Carolina in  
13 exchange for receiving any funds, which agreement shall include  
14 stipulation that the student agrees to accept employment in rural or  
15 other need-based counties.

16 (3) An applicant shall be a resident of North Carolina. For purposes of this  
17 section, residency shall be determined by the same standard as  
18 residency for tuition purposes pursuant to G.S. 116-143.1.

19 (4) Any additional criteria that the State Education Assistance Authority  
20 considers necessary to administer the Fund effectively, including all of  
21 the following:

22 a. Consideration of the appropriate numbers of minority applicants  
23 and applicants from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to  
24 receive scholarships pursuant to this section.

25 b. Consideration of the academic qualifications of the individuals  
26 applying to receive funds.

27 c. Consideration of the commitment an individual applying to  
28 receive funds demonstrates to the profession of coaching.

29 (c) The State Education Assistance Authority shall: (i) prepare a clear written  
30 explanation of the Coaching and Assistant Coaching Scholarship Fund and the  
31 information regarding the availability and criteria for awarding the scholarships, and (ii)  
32 provide that information to the appropriate counselors in each local school system and  
33 shall charge those counselors to inform students about the scholarships and to encourage  
34 them to apply for the scholarships.

35 (d) The State Education Assistance Authority shall administer the Fund and shall  
36 ensure that the loan amounts are limited to six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500)  
37 each.

38 (e) The Authority shall ensure that the following loan cancellations and  
39 repayment schedules apply to all funds distributed pursuant to this section:

40 (1) The individual who graduates with a bachelors degree and who works  
41 as a school coach or coaching assistant in a rural or other need-based  
42 area of North Carolina shall have that amount of the loan cancelled  
43 that is based on the amount of time employed and the number of

1           academic years funds were received. One full year of employment  
2           shall cancel one academic year's loan.

3           (2)   The individual who graduates with a bachelors degree and who works  
4           as a school coach or assistant coach in a rural or other need-based area  
5           of North Carolina for the equivalent of the total number of academic  
6           years funds were received shall have the entire loan cancelled.

7           (3)   The individual who graduates with a bachelors degree and who does  
8           not work as a school coach or assistant coach in a rural or other  
9           need-based area of North Carolina for any or all of the equivalent of  
10          the number of years funds were received shall repay the loan to the  
11          Authority according to a schedule prescribed in the promissory note,  
12          plus ten percent (10%) annual interest.

13          (4)   The individual who does not graduate with a bachelors degree shall  
14          repay the loan according to a schedule prescribed by the Authority, not  
15          to exceed fifteen percent (15%) annual interest. In establishing a  
16          schedule and interest rate, the Authority shall take into consideration  
17          the reasons the individual did not graduate with a bachelors degree.

18          The Authority shall ensure that all repayments, including accrued interest, shall be  
19          placed in the Fund.

20          The Authority may forgive or reduce any loan repayment if the Authority considers  
21          that extenuating circumstances exist that would make repayment impossible.

22          (f)   The State Education Assistance Authority, in consultation with the Board of  
23          Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall adopt rules to implement this  
24          section.

25          (g)   The State Education Assistance Authority shall report to the Joint Legislative  
26          Education Oversight Committee by March 1 each year regarding the Fund and  
27          scholarships awarded from the Fund."

28          **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the Escheat Fund to the State  
29          Education Assistance Authority the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for  
30          the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for  
31          the 2006-2007 fiscal year to implement this act.

32          **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.