

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1344**

Short Title: Funds/NC Geography Education Fund. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Swindell; Atwater, Dorsett, Garwood, Jenkins, Lucas, Rand, and Tillman.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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May 15, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA  
GEOGRAPHY EDUCATION FUND.

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 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to establish the North Carolina Geography Education Fund, provided the National Geographic Society matches these funds with non-State funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The Fund shall be used to provide teacher training and support programs that encourage and improve the teaching of geography and to increase geographic knowledge throughout the State.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.