

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE BILL 1401**

Short Title: Engineering Schools Consortium Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Shaw.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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May 16, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
2 NORTH CAROLINA TO STUDY THE OPTION OF PROVIDING A DISTANCE  
3 LEARNING PROGRAM THROUGH A CONSORTIUM OF ENGINEERING  
4 SCHOOLS IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES NORTH  
5 CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY,  
6 NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF  
7 NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE.  
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9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina  
11 shall study the option of setting up distance learning through a consortium of  
12 engineering schools in The University of North Carolina System that includes North  
13 Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, North Carolina State University,  
14 and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The engineering classes would be  
15 offered to students through long-distance education and satellite teaching. The Board of  
16 Governors of The University of North Carolina shall report its findings and  
17 recommendations no later than January 1, 2007, and shall begin the first phase of setting  
18 up distance learning with an engineering schools' consortium by the 2008-2009  
19 academic year.

20 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
21 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars  
22 (\$25,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to assist with the cost of the study authorized by  
23 this act.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.