

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE DRS35069-LG-83A (02/17)**

Short Title: MEAC Scholarship Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Shaw.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC  
CONFERENCE (MEAC) FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

Whereas, the 2006 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Basketball  
Tournament is projected to generate \$1,000,000 in tax revenues; and

Whereas, projected State and local sales tax will total \$800,000; and

Whereas, projected hotel occupancy tax will total \$135,000; and

Whereas, projected prepared food and beverage taxes will total \$27,000 for  
people in hotels and \$15,000 for people not in hotels; and

Whereas, the MEAC Basketball Tournament is expected to attract graduates  
of the following institutions: Howard University, Washington, DC; Morgan State  
University, Baltimore, MD; Hampton University, Hampton, VA; North Carolina A & T  
State University, Greensboro, NC; Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, FL;  
Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, FL; South Carolina State University,  
Orangeburg, SC; Coppin State University, Baltimore, MD; Delaware State University,  
Dover, DE; and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD; and

Whereas, the number of persons projected to attend the tournament is  
100,000; and

Whereas, the projected total number of room nights that will sell is 26,000 in  
Wake and Durham counties; and

Whereas, the projected number of total visitor spending is \$12,000,000; Now,  
therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
Department of Commerce the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the  
2005-2006 fiscal year to be allocated to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)  
for student scholarships.

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**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.