

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 329

Short Title: At-Risk African-Am. Students Res. Consortium. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Shaw.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

February 26, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND
2 UNIVERSITIES EDUCATION RESEARCH CONSORTIUM TO STUDY THE
3 ISSUES RELATED TO THE DROPOUT RATE AMONG AT-RISK
4 AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is established the Historically Black Colleges and
8 Universities Education Research Consortium at Fayetteville State University. The
9 Psychology Department at Fayetteville State University shall be responsible for the
10 administrative duties associated with the Consortium. The board of trustees of each of
11 the historically black colleges and universities located within the State shall appoint one
12 person to be a member of the Consortium. The Consortium shall study the issues
13 related to the dropout rate among at-risk African-American students in North Carolina
14 and shall include the following:

- 15 (1) An analysis of the African-American student suspension rates in the
16 State.
- 17 (2) An analysis of graduation and dropout rates among Caucasian,
18 African-American, Hispanic, and Native American students.
- 19 (3) An analysis of student school assignment policies in the various local
20 school administrative units.
- 21 (4) An analysis of the numbers of Caucasian, African-American, Hispanic,
22 and Native American students who attend college after high school
23 graduation.
- 24 (5) Any other matters relating to the dropout rate of at-risk
25 African-American students that the Consortium deems appropriate.

26 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
27 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of five hundred thousand
28 dollars (\$500,000) for fiscal year 2007-2008 to support the work of the Consortium to

- 1 conduct the study. The Consortium shall submit a final report to the 2009 General
2 Assembly upon its convening and shall terminate upon filing its final report.
3 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.