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SENATE BILL 248

Short Title: Geography-Based Curriculum Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Warren.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 8, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA
GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE.**

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 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to support the North Carolina Geographic Alliance, which is headquartered at East Carolina University. These funds shall be matched on a one-to-one basis and shall be used to:

- (1) Increase communication and cooperation between the professional geographic community within the University of North Carolina system and the Alliance network of teachers.
- (2) Develop a North Carolina Geographic Alliance web site on Learning Link in cooperation with UNC-TV.
- (3) Increase the numbers of geography/Standard Course of Study in-service workshops conducted by professional geographers and Alliance teachers at local education agencies.
- (4) Continue to offer summer institutes on various campuses of the University of North Carolina system stressing geography standards and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.

- 1 (5) Continue to send North Carolina teachers for training at National
2 Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C.
- 3 (6) Expand the readership of Alliance newsletters to more of North
4 Carolina's geography teachers and administrators.
- 5 (7) Continue to publish geography-based curriculum materials specific to
6 the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.
- 7 (8) Increase advisory interaction between professional geographers with the
8 North Carolina Board of Education with regard to the role of geography
9 in the curriculum.
- 10 (9) Increase involvement of public school teachers with the North Carolina
11 Geographic Alliance and thereby improve geography instruction and
12 promote global awareness and international understanding among the
13 State's students.
- 14 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.