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HOUSE BILL 1156*

Short Title: Judicial College Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hackney; Faison, Glazier, and Harrison.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 7, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL
COLLEGE AT THE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL.

Whereas, the work of the North Carolina court system is vitally important to the effective functioning of the government of the State of North Carolina and to its citizens as they seek justice in the courts; and

Whereas, the needs for continuing professional education for the judges, clerks of superior court, magistrates, and others who support the work of those judicial officials have grown significantly as legal, technical, scientific, administrative, and programmatic changes occur at an evermore rapid pace; and

Whereas, the School of Government has for many decades provided continuing education for these judicial officials and the personnel who support them; and

Whereas, the Judicial Branch Education Study Committee appointed in 2000 extensively studied the current judicial branch education program and recommended that a "Judicial College" be established at the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to build on its existing work in judicial education and provide a comprehensive educational program for the State's judicial officials and their supporting staffs; and

Whereas, to provide the comprehensive educational program needed to establish a "Judicial College", adequate funding is required; Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of nine hundred twelve thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$912,530) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to establish a North Carolina Judicial College at the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Funds for the 2005-2006 fiscal year shall

1 be used to hire core personnel and to fund planning and start-up activities. Funds for the
2 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used to hire additional staff and to begin operations for
3 the Judicial College.

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