

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1614

Short Title: Broadband Connectivity for Public Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Garrou.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 18, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE BROADBAND
2 CONNECTIVITY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of
5 State Budget and Management the sum of five million three hundred thousand dollars
6 (\$5,300,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2006-2007 fiscal year and the sum of
7 twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2006-2007 fiscal
8 year. These funds shall be used by the NC Education Network to:

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- 10 (1) Expand the number of public schools serving prekindergarten through
11 grade 12 with broadband connectivity;
 - 12 (2) Provide the "last mile connectivity" to public schools;
 - 13 (3) Infuse technology into schools' instructional efforts;
 - 14 (4) Maximize the use of e-rate;
 - 15 (5) Revise School Technology Plans; and
 - 16 (6) Provide for support personnel, network operations, security, and other
17 appropriate expenditures that are directly connected to the operations
18 of the NC Education Network.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.