

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 827

Short Title: Judicial College Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Dalton.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 23, 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
25 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two hundred fifty thousand
26 dollars (\$250,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of nine hundred twelve
27 thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$912,530) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to
28 establish a North Carolina Judicial College at the School of Government at the
29 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.