GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

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HOUSE DRH60216-LH-208D (3/22)

Short Title:	ECU & UNC-CH/Dental School Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives McLawhorn, E. Warren, Williams, and Tolson Sponsors).	(Primary
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
3	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR DENTAL SCHOOLS AT THE
4	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL AND EAST
5	CAROLINA UNIVERSITY.
6	Whereas, there is a growing need for additional dentists in North Carolina;
7	and
8	Whereas, NC ranks 47 th in the nation in dentists per capita; and
9	Whereas, only seven out of 100 counties in North Carolina meet or exceed
10	the national average of dentists per capita; and
11	Whereas, four counties, all in eastern North Carolina, have no dentist; and
12	Whereas, 33 counties saw a decline in dentists per capita from 1996 to 2005;
13	and
14	Whereas, dental caries remains the leading disease in children; and
15	Whereas, in response to the growing need for additional dentists in the State,
16	East Carolina University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill jointly
17	developed the Joint Plan for Dentistry under the direction of President Bowles and UNC
18	General Administration; and
19	Whereas, the Joint Plan endorses the expansion of the size of the dental
20	school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and endorses the development
21	of a new dental school at East Carolina University and fourth-year educational service
22	learning sites located in underserved areas of the State; and
23	Whereas, the Joint Plan is designed to draw on the strengths and missions of
24	both the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and East Carolina University; and

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1 Whereas, the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina 2 unanimously approved the Joint Plan for Dentistry to serve the needs of the citizens 3 throughout the State by providing dental education and dental outreach; and

4 Whereas, the Board of Governors is recommending the General Assembly 5 provide funds to implement the Joint Plan; Now, therefore,

6 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 forty-three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$43,500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of forty-three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$43,500,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to construct a dental school building on the Health Sciences Campus at East Carolina University and associated fourth-year educational service learning sites throughout the region and State.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of forty-four million nine hundred forty thousand dollars (\$44,940,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of fifty-one million sixty thousand dollars (\$51,060,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to construct a building for the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to operate the School of Dentistry at East Carolina University as part of the Joint Plan for dental education and dental outreach in North Carolina.

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SECTION 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.