

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH10080-LM-145 (03/20)

Short Title: Minority Business Resource Center/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Lucas and McAllister (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE FAYETTEVILLE BUSINESS AND
3 PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE TO ESTABLISH A MINORITY BUSINESS
4 RESOURCE CENTER.

5 Whereas, the Fayetteville Business and Professional League is a nonprofit
6 association whose mission is to promote opportunities for minority-owned and managed
7 businesses to participate in the free enterprise system; and

8 Whereas, the Fayetteville Business and Professional League was established
9 in 1967, and is currently formulating plans to celebrate its 40th anniversary with a focus
10 on expanding its outreach to minority groups in Cumberland County and the
11 surrounding area, including Scotland, Robeson, Harnett, Hoke, and Bladen Counties,
12 where there is evidence of economic development disparity; and

13 Whereas, one of the goals of the Fayetteville Business and Professional
14 League is to help the minority community increase its income, a problem that needs
15 addressing because the per capita income in the minority community continues to lag
16 behind the State average; and

17 Whereas, the Fayetteville Business and Professional League seeks to establish
18 a minority business resource center in downtown Fayetteville to serve Cumberland
19 County and the surrounding area; Now, therefore,
20 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

21 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
22 Fayetteville Business and Professional League, a nonprofit association, the sum of two
23 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year for the purpose
24 of developing a minority business resource center to serve Cumberland County and the
25 surrounding area. Some of the center's goals will include assisting potential minority
26 business owners with business planning, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)
27 opportunities, and identifying federal and State business opportunities.

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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.