

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 100**

Short Title: Funds for Johnson & Wales. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Dannelly; Clodfelter, Dorsett, Forrester, Graham, Hartsell,  
Malone, Purcell, and Soles.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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February 12, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE ONE NORTH CAROLINA FUND  
3 TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO JOHNSON AND WALES  
4 UNIVERSITY.

5       Whereas, Johnson and Wales University is a nonprofit, fully accredited  
6 four-year university licensed under The University of North Carolina; and

7       Whereas, Johnson and Wales University was recruited by leaders of Charlotte  
8 and the State to consolidate its campuses located in Charleston, South Carolina, and  
9 Norfolk, Virginia, and, as a result, moved those campuses to Charlotte; and

10       Whereas, as part of the effort to recruit Johnson and Wales University, the  
11 leadership of the General Assembly committed to grant \$10,000,000 to Johnson and  
12 Wales University over a period of five years to assist in the building of the  
13 infrastructure of the University; and

14       Whereas, in reliance on that commitment by the General Assembly  
15 leadership, Johnson and Wales University moved the campuses of Charleston and  
16 Norfolk to Charlotte; and

17       Whereas, the development of the new campus in North Carolina has been a  
18 true partnership among State officials, business leaders, and Johnson and Wales  
19 University; and

20       Whereas, Johnson and Wales University is in its third year of operation with  
21 more than 2,500 students, one-half of whom are citizens of North Carolina; and

22       Whereas, Johnson and Wales University has invested over \$100,000,000, has  
23 created almost 200 new jobs, including 190 full-time faculty, and has generated over  
24 \$100,000,000 annually in the State's economy; and

25       Whereas, the General Assembly leadership has kept its commitment the past  
26 four years by appropriating \$1,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 each year, thereby leaving a  
27 balance of \$6,000,000 on the commitment; and

1           Whereas, currently in the fifth year of the commitment, Johnson and Wales  
2 University needs to expand its campus to serve its students and needs the balance of the  
3 \$6,000,000 to accomplish the expansion; Now, therefore,

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5           **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the One North  
6 Carolina Fund created under G.S. 143B-437.71 the sum of six million dollars  
7 (\$6,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
8 G.S. 143B-437.71, the Department of Commerce shall allocate the funds appropriated  
9 in this act to the One North Carolina Fund to Johnson and Wales University in  
10 Charlotte, a nonprofit educational institution, for the purpose of providing financial  
11 assistance to the University.

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