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SENATE BILL 677

Short Title: Youth Development Fund. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rabin and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 30, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 SECTION 1. Article 3 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by
5 adding a new Part to read:

6 "Part 10C. Youth Development Fund.

7 "§ 143B-168.30. Youth Development Fund.

8 (a) The Youth Development Fund is established within the State Treasury. The Fund
9 shall be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social
10 Services, (Division) and shall be used to allocate funds to local youth development boards
11 established pursuant to this section. This Fund shall be administered in accordance with the
12 provisions of the State Budget Act under Chapter 143C of the General Statutes.

13 (b) The county board of commissioners in each county shall appoint members to a local
14 youth development board. Each local youth development board shall consist of five members,
15 including:

16 (1) One member from the county board of commissioners.

17 (2) One member from the local board of education.

18 (3) One member from the local chamber of commerce.

19 (4) Two members recommended by the county board of commissioners who do
20 not meet the criteria of any of the members under subdivisions (1) through
21 (3) of this subsection.

22 (c) The local youth development board shall be responsible for making grants to each
23 eligible youth development activity center pursuant to criteria established by the local youth
24 development board. For purposes of this section, "youth development activity center" means a
25 community center that provides a place where school-aged students from grades K-12 receive
26 counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and any other related services after school and during
27 vacations from school.

28 (d) No more than ten percent (10%) of the funds shall be used for administrative costs
29 by the local youth development board. In order to be eligible to receive grant funds under this
30 section, a youth development activity center shall fulfill all of the criteria established by the
31 local youth activity board. The application process shall include measures for effectiveness,
32 including, at a minimum, each of the following:

33 (1) The number of K-12 students attending, by each grade level.

34 (2) The number of students who are pregnant and the number of students who
35 are parents.

36 (3) The number of students who have dropped out of school.



- 1 (4) The number of students who have been arrested or convicted of a crime.
- 2 (5) The grade point average of students attending.
- 3 (e) Each local youth development board shall monitor the success of the youth
- 4 development activity centers awarded grants pursuant to this section and shall report annually
- 5 to the Division on the success of those boards. The Division shall report annually to the Joint
- 6 Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on the revenues credited to
- 7 the Fund, the youth development activity centers receiving grants from the Fund, the success of
- 8 those programs, and the costs associated with administering the Fund.
- 9 (f) This program shall not constitute an entitlement and is subject to the availability of
- 10 funds."

11 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
12 Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, the sum of twenty million dollars
13 (\$20,000,000) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and the sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000),
14 adjusted to inflation, each fiscal year thereafter to fund the Youth Development Fund
15 established under G.S. 143B-168.30, as enacted under Section 1 of this act.

16 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2016. The remainder
17 of this act is effective when it becomes law.