

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 784

Short Title: Online Orientation/Training for the Public. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Smith, Murdock, and Robinson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 18, 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO PROVIDE ONLINE
2 ORIENTATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
6 Natural and Cultural Resources the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in nonrecurring
7 funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be allocated to the Aid to Public Libraries Fund established
8 in G.S. 125-7. These funds shall be used to provide directed grants to public libraries for training
9 and support to the general public on Internet usage and safety, with particular emphasis on
10 training and orientation for populations less familiar with the online Internet usage that is
11 necessary to meet social distancing requirements and respond to the impacts from the coronavirus
12 disease 2019. Public libraries shall use grants funds to engage in partnerships and use the
13 resources available from community college campuses, NCWorks Online, and the Department
14 of Information Technology to provide the online orientation and training programs to the general
15 public. Notwithstanding any provision of the Department's rules for the Aid to Public Libraries
16 Fund to the contrary, no local match will be required for the grants funded by this allocation.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.



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