

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 493

Short Title: Funds for Rutherford Athletic Training. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Johnson.

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Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 29, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PURCHASE ATHLETIC TRAINING
3 EQUIPMENT AND UPGRADE FACILITIES.

4 Whereas, Rutherford County School is dedicated to supporting the educational and
5 extracurricular needs of all of its students; and

6 Whereas, athletics play an important role in the development of young people,
7 providing opportunities for physical activity, teamwork, and leadership; and

8 Whereas, the high schools in Rutherford County currently lack the necessary
9 equipment and facilities to assess, rehab, and train their student-athletes at the highest level; and

10 Whereas, the purchase of equipment and upgrades to athletic facilities would enable
11 student-athletes to train at a higher level, prevent injury, and improve their performance on the
12 field, court, and track; and

13 Whereas, new equipment, including sports medicine equipment, cardio equipment,
14 rehabilitation equipment, and sport-specific training aids, would ultimately provide enhanced
15 care and rehabilitation, thus creating a safer environment for student-athletes; and

16 Whereas, new equipment may also require upgrades to existing facilities, construction
17 of new facilities, as well as associated expenses such as shipping, installation of equipment, and
18 warranties; and

19 Whereas, Rutherford County needs State funds to complete this important project for
20 its high schools; Now, therefore,

21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

22 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State
23 Budget and Management the sum of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000)
24 in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to Rutherford
25 County to assist with the purchase of new athletic training equipment and upgrade of the athletic
26 facilities at the County's high schools.

27 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.

