

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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SENATE DRS65445-LH-254 (05/10)

Short Title: Engineering Schools Consortium Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Shaw.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH CAROLINA TO STUDY THE OPTION OF PROVIDING A DISTANCE
LEARNING PROGRAM THROUGH A CONSORTIUM OF ENGINEERING
SCHOOLS IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES NORTH
CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY,
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall study the option of setting up distance learning through a consortium of engineering schools in The University of North Carolina System that includes North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The engineering classes would be offered to students through long-distance education and satellite teaching. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall report its findings and recommendations no later than January 1, 2007, and shall begin the first phase of setting up distance learning with an engineering schools' consortium by the 2008-2009 academic year.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to assist with the cost of the study authorized by this act.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.