

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1374

Short Title: Close the Achievement Gap/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Michaux; Adams, Blue, Hunter, Oldham, Wainwright,
and Womble.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 25, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
3 TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE CONSORTIUM OF THE HISTORICALLY
4 MINORITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE TO DETERMINE THE
5 BEST METHODS FOR CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP AMONG
6 CHILDREN OF VARIOUS DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS WHO ARE
7 PERFORMING BELOW GRADE LEVEL.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
10 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of five hundred thousand
11 dollars (\$500,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year to continue to support the Historically
12 Minority College and University initiative to close the achievement gap established in
13 Section 8.28 of S.L. 2000-67.

14 **SECTION 2.** The consortium of the Historically Minority College and
15 University initiative shall continue its work, as provided in Section 8.28(i) of S.L.
16 2000-67, to determine the best practices and methodologies for closing the achievement
17 gap among children of various demographic groups who are performing below grade
18 level. The State Board of Education and the Research Council of the Education Cabinet
19 shall make an interim report regarding its findings and recommendations to the Joint
20 Legislative Education Oversight Committee by March 15, 2003, and shall make a final
21 report by March 15, 2004, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.