

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009

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HOUSE DRH11096-LH-257A* (03/22)

Short Title: Amend Highlands Scholarship Fund.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative West.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW THAT AUTHORIZED THE GOVERNING BODY OF
3 THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A
4 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR GRADUATES OF HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL TO
5 PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY HAS MORE DISCRETION WITH
6 REGARD TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 3 of S.L.1975-332 reads as rewritten:

9 "**Sec. 3.** ~~The governing body shall appoint a scholarship committee, consisting of five~~
10 ~~members who shall be residents of Highlands school area. One member shall be a businessman~~
11 ~~of the area and shall serve for an initial term of three years. One member shall be a Minister of~~
12 ~~the Gospel or a church leader of the area and shall serve for an initial term of two years. One~~
13 ~~member shall be a citizen of the area who is active in community affairs and shall serve for an~~
14 ~~initial term of one year. Thereafter each of these terms shall be for three years. One member~~
15 ~~shall be the principal of Highlands High School and shall serve during his tenure as principal.~~
16 ~~One member shall be the attorney for the Town of Highlands and shall serve during his tenure~~
17 ~~as town attorney.~~

18 ~~The town governing body shall appoint to fill any vacancy occurring in the committee some~~
19 ~~person having the same qualifications as required for the member causing the vacancy. The~~
20 ~~appointment shall be for the unexpired term.~~

21 ~~The town board shall have the power and authority to remove any member of the scholarship~~
22 ~~committee at any time when the board determines that removal is in the best interest of the~~
23 ~~scholarship fund. The governing body of Highlands is authorized to administer a scholarship~~
24 ~~program for the benefit of graduates of Highlands High School, upon the terms it deems~~
25 ~~appropriate, subject to applicable law, including Chapter 159 of the General Statutes which is~~
26 ~~"The Local Government Finance Act".~~

27 **SECTION 2.** Section 4 of S.L. 1975-332 is repealed.

28 **SECTION 3.** Section 5.2 of the Charter of the Town of Highlands, being Chapter
29 519 of the Session Laws of 1991, reads as rewritten:

30 "**Sec. 5.2. Scholarship Program.** The Town's scholarship program for graduates of
31 Highlands High School shall continue to be administered as provided in Chapter 332, Session
32 Laws of 1975-1975 as amended."

33 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

