May 18, 2006

**S 1616. FUNDS FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING.** Filed 5/18/06. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING*. Appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for fiscal 2006-07 to implement the NC Virtual Schools program on a state-wide basis. Adds new GS 116C-5 to establish an advisory body called NC Virtual to advise the Education Cabinet on the coordination of resources for virtual and e-learning in the public schools, public and private colleges and universities, and the community colleges. NCVirtual is to consist of 24 members with two appointed by the Governor, two by the Speaker of the House, two appointed by the President Pro Tem., and one appointed by each member of the Education Cabinet. Appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Office of the Governor for fiscal 2006-07 for the operation of NCVirtual. Effective July 1, 2006.

Intro. by Garrou.

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