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S 653. NCNG HEROES ACT OF 2007–2008. Filed 3/7/07. *CREATING A FUND TO PROVIDE A DEATH BENEFIT FOR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO PROVIDE A FREE HIGHER EDUCATION FOR QUALIFIED DEPENDENTS OF THOSE MEMBERS.*

Enacts new Article 17 in GS Chapter 127A to create the North Carolina National Guard Death Benefit and Dependent Higher Education Fund within the Department of the State Treasurer. The Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety is to administer the fund, which will consist of appropriations, income from the investment of the fund, as well as gifts, grants, donations and bequests to the fund. The fund is established to provide a death benefit of \$250,000 to families of members of the national guard who are killed in the line of duty, and to pay tuition and fees for four years at constituent institutions of the UNC system, or two years at a state community college, for qualified dependents of members killed in the line of duty. Appropriates \$1 million for 2007-08 from the General Fund to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to establish the fund. Adds the fund to the list of trust funds managed by the State Treasurer under GS 147-69.2. Effective July 1, 2007.

Intro. by Forrester.

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