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H 1752. E-NC CONNECTIVITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS. Filed 5/17/10.

APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE E-NC AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVES AND TO ADVANCE TECHNOLOGY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Current law provides that the e-NC Authority (Authority) is the Internet planning and policy body for the state. Appropriates \$505,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the e-NC Authority. States that these funds are in addition to the \$475,000 the Authority currently receives in recurring state funds and that the added funding will allow the Authority to continue its efforts in Internet planning and policy statewide.

Appropriates \$12.5 million for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the Authority to provide connectivity incentive grants to be used to increase access to a high-speed Internet connection to the underserved households in all 100 counties. Provides that the funds are to be granted via a formal request for proposals (RFP) process with a provider match required when appropriate. Provides additional requirements regarding the use of grant funds. Effective July 1, 2010.

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