

1 report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
2 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the chairs of the
3 respective appropriations and appropriate substantive committees of
4 each chamber. The annual report shall evaluate claims by owners
5 upon the Escheat Fund, current and projected investment returns, and
6 projected contributions to the Escheat Fund. In the report, the State
7 Treasurer shall assess the status of utilizing the Escheat Fund as an
8 endowment fund and shall recommend an annual amount available
9 for the funding of scholarships, loans, and grants from the Fund. The
10 annual report shall be presented no later than December 31 of each
11 year.

12 c. The State Treasurer may invest, in addition to those investments
13 authorized by sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision, up to ten percent
14 (10%) of the net assets of the Escheat Fund in businesses with a
15 material nexus with this State; provided that such investments are of
16 an asset class and structure authorized for the Retirement System
17 under subdivisions (6c) through (9a) of this subsection.

18 d. The State Treasurer shall discharge his or her investment duties with
19 respect to the Escheat Fund consistent with the provisions of
20 G.S. 36E-3. When considering the factors stated in
21 G.S. 36E-3(e)(1)g., the State Treasurer may presume that the General
22 Assembly will fund scholarships, loans, and grants from the Escheat
23 Fund in the amount recommended in the annual report."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.