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HOUSE BILL DRH30205-MKa-95 (03/01)

Short Title: Tarheel Challenge Academy Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hurley and Horn (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE TARHEEL CHALLENGE ACADEMY  
3 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROGRAM AND TO SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF  
4 THE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM.  
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
6 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
7 Public Safety the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in recurring funds for the 2017-2018  
8 fiscal year to make improvements to the Tarheel Challenge Academy program, including  
9 improvements to infrastructure and grounds, employment of temporary staff, and other  
10 program activities and costs. These funds will provide a State match for up to one hundred fifty  
11 thousand dollars (\$150,000) in federal funds that have been made available for this purpose.  
12 **SECTION 1.(b)** If federal funds are not made available for the Tarheel Challenge  
13 Academy program in a subsequent fiscal year, the Department of Public Safety may use the  
14 funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section for improvements to the Tarheel Challenge  
15 Academy program for that fiscal year.  
16 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
17 Public Safety the sum of three hundred seven thousand dollars (\$307,000) in recurring funds  
18 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year for the Tarheel Challenge Academy program. These funds shall  
19 be used to enter into an education contract for the adoption of the High School Diploma and  
20 Credit Recovery program for students enrolled in the Tarheel Challenge Academy and to create  
21 six full-time equivalent teacher positions, with three teacher positions allocated to each campus,  
22 to support implementation of the program. Adoption of the High School Diploma and Credit  
23 Recovery program will align the Tarheel Challenge Academy with the National Guard Youth  
24 Challenge Program.  
25 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.

