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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
Senate Bill 257

AMENDMENT NO. A11
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Amends Title [NO]
Second Edition

Date _____, 2025

Senator Smith

moves to amend the bill on page 159, lines 5-6, by inserting the following between the lines:

**"REDUCE FUNDS FOR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS & FUND SMALL
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE IN DOA**

SECTION 8A.11.(a) G.S. 115C-562.8 reads as rewritten:

'§ 115C-562.8. The Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve.

...

(b) ~~The General Assembly finds that, due to the critical need in this State to provide opportunity for school choice for North Carolina students, it is imperative that the State provide an increase of funds for 15 years to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve. Therefore, there~~ There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the following amounts for each fiscal year to be used for the purposes set forth in this section:

Fiscal Year

Appropriation

...

2027-2028	\$700,000,000 \$699,116,622
2028-2029	\$725,000,000 \$724,116,622
2029-2030	\$750,000,000 \$749,116,622
2030-2031	\$775,000,000 \$774,116,622
2031-2032	\$800,000,000 \$799,116,622

For the 2032-2033 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the sum of ~~eight hundred twenty five million dollars (\$825,000,000)~~ eight hundred twenty-four million one hundred sixteen thousand six hundred twenty-two dollars (\$824,116,622) to be used for the purposes set forth in this section. When developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year specified in this subsection, the Director of the Budget shall include the appropriated amount specified in this subsection for that fiscal year.

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SECTION 8A.11.(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of the Committee Report referenced in Section 45.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds appropriated to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve for the award of opportunity scholarship grants pursuant to Part 2A of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes for each fiscal



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1 year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium are reduced by the sum of eight hundred eighty-three
2 thousand three hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$883,378) in recurring funds.

3 **SECTION 8A.11.(c)** This section applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

4 **SECTION 8A.11.(d)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of the
5 Committee Report referenced in Section 45.2 of this act to the contrary, the sum of eight hundred
6 eighty-three thousand three hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$883,378) in recurring funds for each
7 fiscal year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium resulting from the reductions in the Opportunity
8 Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve in accordance with subsections (a) through (c) of this section
9 shall be transferred to the Department of Administration for the Office for Historically
10 Underutilized Businesses to support the Office, including 12 full-time employees.

11 **SECTION 8A.11.(e).** The name of the Office for Historically Underutilized
12 Businesses in the Department of Administration is hereby changed to the Small Business
13 Enterprise.

14 **SECTION 8A.11.(f).** The Revisor of Statutes shall change all references to the
15 "Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses" to "Small Business Enterprise" wherever the
16 term appear in the general statutes."; and

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18 moves to amend the bill on page 321, line 38, through page 325, line 40, by deleting those lines;

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20 and on page 352, line 11, through page 353, line 5, by deleting those lines;

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22 and by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.
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SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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