

- 1 (8) Increase advisory interaction between professional geographers with
2 the North Carolina Board of Education with regard to the role of
3 geography in the curriculum; and
4 (9) Increase involvement of public school teachers with the North
5 Carolina Geographic Alliance, and thereby improve geography
6 instruction and promote global awareness and international
7 understanding among the State's students.

8 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
9 Department of Public Instruction the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)
10 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year to establish a North Carolina geography education
11 endowment. The proceeds from the endowment shall be used to fund the activities of
12 the North Carolina Geographic Alliance, which are set out in Section 1 of this act.
13 These funds shall be matched with one dollar (\$1.00) of National Geographic Society
14 funds for every dollar (\$1.00) of State funds.

15 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.