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H 40. E-NC CONNECTIVITY INCENTIVES FUNDS. Filed 1/30/07. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE E-NC AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE THROUGH INCENTIVE GRANTS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS, TO EXPAND THE FUNDING FOR THE E-NC BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY TELECENTERS PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES TO E-COMMUNITIES, LOCAL E-GOVERNMENT UTILIZATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, AND E-COMMERCE INITIATIVES.* Appropriates the following amounts from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce for allocation to the e-NC Authority: \$7.5 million for 2007-08 and \$7.5 million for 2008-09 to provide service providers with high-speed internet connectivity incentive grants; \$300,000 for 2007-08 and \$300,000 for 2008-09 to fund general operations and research; \$2 million for 2007-08 to fund the e-NC Business and Technology Telecenters program; and \$200,000 for 2007-08 and \$200,000 for 2008-09 to fund e-commerce initiatives for programs and products that enhance the regional economy. Establishes guidelines for the high-speed internet connectivity incentive grants. Also directs the e-NC Authority to work with other entities to carry out the act. Effective July 1, 2007.

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