

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 174\***

Short Title: Funds for the School Connectivity Initiative. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Tolson, Yongue, Lucas (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Cole, Coleman, England, Faison, Fisher, Glazier, Harrison, Insko, Jeffus, Pierce, Rapp, Wainwright, and Wray.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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February 14, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to fully fund the school connectivity initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to connect all local school administrative units into a statewide network that ensures broadband connectivity to all schools and classrooms.

The results of the pilot program funded for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used in the further implementation of this initiative.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.