

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 1536\***

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Short Title: Motorsports Consortium Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Garrou and Graham.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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March 28, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO DEVELOP THE MOTORSPORTS  
3 CONSORTIUM IN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE.

4       Whereas, North Carolina's motorsports industry creates a \$5.9 billion  
5 economic impact, employing more than 14,000 individuals; and

6       Whereas, many businesses benefit from the motorsports industry, including  
7 advertising, marketing, media, racetrack management, parts suppliers, technical support,  
8 research, training, transportation, and tourism; and

9       Whereas, the motorsports industry requires increased education-oriented  
10 investment, support, and coordination in order to maintain and enhance the industry's  
11 economic strengths and improve opportunities for individuals; and

12       Whereas, plans have been made to establish the North Carolina Motorsports  
13 Consortium to help create a highly trained workforce and ensure that the industry can  
14 continue and thrive in the State; and

15       Whereas, the Motorsports Consortium would consist of a central office to  
16 manage the consortium and multiple centers of excellence located at different  
17 community colleges throughout the State that meet different types of needs of the  
18 industry; and

19       Whereas, the centers of excellence would provide specific leadership in  
20 particular areas or functions in order to improve the quality of learning and services for  
21 the industry that can be shared with all colleges; and

22       Whereas, as the motorsports industry grows in popularity, so does the  
23 competition from other areas; Now, therefore,

24 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

25       **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
26 Community Colleges System Office the sum of four million six hundred fifty thousand  
27 dollars (\$4,650,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to create the North Carolina  
28 Motorsports Consortium.

1           **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
2 Community Colleges System Office the sum of five million one hundred seventy-five  
3 thousand dollars (\$5,175,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of five million  
4 one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$5,175,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year  
5 for operating expenses for the North Carolina Motorsports Consortium.

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