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HOUSE BILL DRH30399-MKa-182

Short Title: Funds/Adapted Sports Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Martin, Grange, and Meyer (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF AN
3 ADAPTED SPORTS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN LOCAL
4 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6 SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
7 Public Instruction the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the
8 2019-2020 fiscal year to provide a grant-in-aid to Bridge II Sports, a nonprofit corporation, to
9 implement their integrated community-based adapted sports program, EveryBODYPlaysNC, for
10 North Carolina students with disabilities in grades kindergarten through 12. The program shall
11 be consistent with the "Dear Colleague" letter addressing equal access to extracurricular athletics
12 for students with disabilities released by the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil
13 Rights, on January 25, 2013. The program shall also include specific strategies to overcome
14 barriers to the participation of students with disabilities in extracurricular athletics and
15 incorporate a philosophy of personal empowerment for those students. The program shall be
16 conducted in local school administrative units and provide for collaboration with universities and
17 community colleges and other community organizations to achieve the purposes of the program.
18 SECTION 2. Bridge II Sports, in consultation with the Department of Public
19 Instruction, shall report by April 15, 2020, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight
20 Committee, on the implementation of the adapted sports program provided in accordance with
21 Section 1 of this act. The report shall include any data on student outcomes related to the
22 implementation of the program and the expenditure of State funds made available pursuant to
23 this act.
24 SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

