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HOUSE BILL 937

Short Title: Keeping Our Coaches Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Helfrich, Hawkins, Ager, and R. Pierce (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 14, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOCATE TAX PROCEEDS FROM SPORTS BETTING TO PROVIDE
3 SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR ATHLETIC COACHES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 105-113.128 reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 105-113.128. Use of tax proceeds.**

7 The Secretary shall distribute the taxes collected under this Article, less the allowance to the
8 Department of Revenue and reimbursement to the Lottery Commission for administrative
9 expenses, in accordance with this section. The Secretary may retain the cost of administering this
10 Article, not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) a year, as reimbursement to the
11 Department. The Lottery Commission shall, no later than 20 days after the end of the month,
12 notify the Department of its unreimbursed expenses from administering the provisions of Article
13 9 of Chapter 18C of the General Statutes from the previous month. The Department shall
14 reimburse the Lottery Commission from the tax revenues collected under this Article no later
15 than the end of the month in which the Department was notified. The remainder of the net
16 proceeds of the tax collected under this Article are to be credited in the following priority:

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18 (3a) Eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) annually to the Department of Public
19 Instruction to be allocated to eligible public school units to provide salary
20 supplements to all eligible athletic coaches to ensure that each eligible athletic
21 coach receives a total annual salary supplement for serving as an athletic
22 coach of at least three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in State and non-State funds.
23 An eligible public school unit that provided non-State funds for salary
24 supplements for athletic coaches in the prior school year shall continue to
25 provide at least that amount of non-State funds for salary supplements for
26 athletic coaches. Any public school unit that supplants funds provided under
27 this subdivision for salary supplements for athletic coaches shall not receive
28 State funds for salary supplements in the subsequent school year. If there are
29 any unexpended funds from this allocation at the end of the fiscal year, the
30 Department shall allocate those funds to the North Carolina Alliance of
31 YMCAs, Inc., to support youth sports programming in the State. For purposes
32 of this subdivision, the following definitions shall apply:

33 a. Eligible athletic coach. – A person employed full time in a public
34 school unit who serves as an athletic coach and who receives a salary
35 supplement from non-State funds for serving as an athletic coach that



1 is equal to or less than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) each school
2 year.
3 b. Eligible public school unit. – A public school unit that reports to the
4 Department of Public Instruction by August 15 of each year on the
5 amount of non-State funds provided for salary supplements for athletic
6 coaches in the prior school year.

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8 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025, and applies beginning with
9 the 2025-2026 school year.