

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 171

Short Title: NC LEAF Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Ballance.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 18, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 **AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA LEGAL**
3 **EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION FOR ITS LOAN REPAYMENT**
4 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE**
5 **ATTORNEYS.**

Whereas, the North Carolina Legal Education Assistance Foundation is the nation's first nonprofit organization dedicated to providing loan repayment assistance to public service attorneys; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Legal Education Assistance Foundation's mission is to help ensure the quality of legal services given in North Carolina to the poor, the underrepresented, and the public by enabling dedicated and competent lawyers to enter, and remain in, public service; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Legal Education Assistance's Loan Repayment Assistance Program targets those public interest attorneys who are most in need of financial assistance to be able to remain in their jobs; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Legal Education Assistance Foundation serves the best interests of the citizens of North Carolina by promoting public service by North Carolina attorneys; Now, therefore,

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina
2 Legal Education Assistance Foundation the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
3 (\$100,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year to help fund its Loan Repayment Assistance
4 Program.

5 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.