

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 708

Short Title: Public Libraries/Maintenance of Effort. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Berger of Rockingham.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT PROVIDING PUBLIC LIBRARIES WITH AN EXEMPTION FROM THE
2 MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT FOR RECEIVING STATE
3 GRANTS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any rule
7 adopted by the Division of State Library, Department of Cultural Resources, a grant to a
8 local library system from the Aid to Public Libraries Fund shall not be terminated or
9 reduced because local funding for the public library has been reduced by the local
10 governing body unless local funding falls below the per capita average budgeted by
11 municipalities and counties in the State.

12 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective June 30, 2005.