

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH70316-LG-488* (03/13)

Short Title: Motorsports Consortium Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ray, Tolson, Alexander, and Earle (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
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

1 dollars (\$4,650,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to create the North Carolina
2 Motorsports Consortium.

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

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