

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 810\***

Short Title: Teacher Assistant Scholarship Fund.-AB (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Swindell; and Purcell.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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March 15, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE  
2 TEACHER ASSISTANT SCHOLARSHIP FUND.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 116-209.35(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) Criteria for awarding the scholarships shall be developed by the Board of  
7 Governors of The University of North Carolina in consultation with the State Board of  
8 Education and the State Board of Community Colleges and shall include all of the  
9 following:

- 10 (1) An applicant shall be employed full time as a teacher assistant in North  
11 Carolina.
- 12 (2) An applicant shall be enrolled in an accredited ~~bachelors-degree~~  
13 ~~program in an~~ institution of higher education in North ~~Carolina.~~  
14 Carolina pursuing teacher licensure.
- 15 (3) An applicant shall be a resident of North Carolina. For purposes of this  
16 section, residency shall be determined by the same standard as  
17 residency for tuition purposes pursuant to G.S. 116-143.1.
- 18 (4) Any additional criteria that the Board of Governors considers  
19 necessary to administer the Fund effectively, including all of the  
20 following:
- 21 a. Consideration of the appropriate numbers of minority applicants  
22 and applicants from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to  
23 receive scholarships pursuant to this section.
- 24 b. Consideration of the academic qualifications of the individuals  
25 applying to receive funds.
- 26 c. Consideration of the commitment an individual applying to  
27 receive funds demonstrates to the profession of teaching."

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