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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
Senate Bill 257

AMENDMENT NO. A11
(to be filled in by
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Amends Title [NO]
Second Edition

Date _____, 2025

Senator Smith

1 moves to amend the bill on page 159, lines 5-6, by inserting the following between the lines:

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3 **"REDUCE FUNDS FOR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS & FUND SMALL**
4 **BUSINESS ENTERPRISE IN DOA**

5 SECTION 8A.11.(a) G.S. 115C-562.8 reads as rewritten:

6 **'§ 115C-562.8. The Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve.**

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8 (b) ~~The General Assembly finds that, due to the critical need in this State to provide~~
9 ~~opportunity for school choice for North Carolina students, it is imperative that the State provide~~
10 ~~an increase of funds for 15 years to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve. Therefore,~~
11 ~~there~~ There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the following amounts for each
12 fiscal year to be used for the purposes set forth in this section:

13 Fiscal Year	14	15 Appropriation
16 ...		
17 2027-2028		\$700,000,000\$699,116,622
18 2028-2029		\$725,000,000\$724,116,622
19 2029-2030		\$750,000,000\$749,116,622
20 2030-2031		\$775,000,000\$774,116,622
21 2031-2032		\$800,000,000\$799,116,622

22 For the 2032-2033 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the
23 General Fund to the Reserve the sum of ~~eight hundred twenty five million dollars~~
24 ~~(\$825,000,000)~~ eight hundred twenty-four million one hundred sixteen thousand six hundred
25 twenty-two dollars (\$824,116,622) to be used for the purposes set forth in this section. When
26 developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year specified in this
27 subsection, the Director of the Budget shall include the appropriated amount specified in this
28 subsection for that fiscal year.

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30 **SECTION 8A.11.(b)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of the
31 Committee Report referenced in Section 45.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds appropriated
to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve for the award of opportunity scholarship
grants pursuant to Part 2A of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes for each fiscal



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1 year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium are reduced by the sum of eight hundred eighty-three
2 thousand three hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$883,378) in recurring funds.

3 **SECTION 8A.11.(c)** This section applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

4 **SECTION 8A.11.(d)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of the
5 Committee Report referenced in Section 45.2 of this act to the contrary, the sum of eight hundred
6 eighty-three thousand three hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$883,378) in recurring funds for each
7 fiscal year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium resulting from the reductions in the Opportunity
8 Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve in accordance with subsections (a) through (c) of this section
9 shall be transferred to the Department of Administration for the Office for Historically
10 Underutilized Businesses to support the Office, including 12 full-time employees.

11 **SECTION 8A.11.(e)**. The name of the Office for Historically Underutilized
12 Businesses in the Department of Administration is hereby changed to the Small Business
13 Enterprise.

14 **SECTION 8A.11.(f)**. The Revisor of Statutes shall change all references to the
15 "Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses" to "Small Business Enterprise" wherever the
16 term appear in the general statutes."; and

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18 moves to amend the bill on page 321, line 38, through page 325, line 40, by deleting those lines;

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20 and on page 352, line 11, through page 353, line 5, by deleting those lines;

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22 and by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.
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Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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