



**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
House Bill 307**

AMENDMENT NO. **A8**

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Senator Waddell

moves to amend the bill on page 16, lines 47-48, by inserting between the lines the following:

**"DISTRICT ATTORNEY SUPPORT**

**SECTION 8G.(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law 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 year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium are reduced by the sum of forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000) in recurring funds.

**SECTION 8G.(b)** G.S. 115C-562.8 reads as rewritten:

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

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

Fiscal Year	Appropriation
...	
2027-2028	<del>\$700,000,000</del> \$655,000,000
2028-2029	<del>\$725,000,000</del> \$680,000,000
2029-2030	<del>\$750,000,000</del> \$705,000,000
2030-2031	<del>\$775,000,000</del> \$730,000,000
2031-2032	<del>\$800,000,000</del> \$755,000,000

For the 2032-2033 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the sum of ~~eight hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$825,000,000)~~ seven hundred eighty million dollars (\$780,000,000) to be used for the purposes set forth in this section. When developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year specified in this subsection, the Director of the Budget shall include the appropriated amount specified in this subsection for that fiscal year.

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**SECTION 8G.(c)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts the sum of forty-three million fifty-seven thousand one hundred forty-nine dollars



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(\\$43,057,149) in recurring funds beginning in the 2025-2026 fiscal year and one million three hundred fifty-six thousand one hundred eight dollars (\\$1,356,108) in nonrecurring funds in the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be used for the following purposes:

- (1) To hire up to 177 full-time assistant district attorney positions.
- (2) To hire up to 163 full-time district attorney legal assistant positions.
- (3) To hire up to 2 district attorney investigator positions.

**INDIGENT DEFENSE SUPPORT**

**SECTION 8H.(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law 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 year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium are reduced by the sum of one hundred million dollars (\\$100,000,000) in recurring funds.

**SECTION 8H.(b)** G.S. 115C-562.8, as amended by Section 8G of this act, reads as rewritten:

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

...

(b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the following amounts for each fiscal year to be used for the purposes set forth in this section:

Fiscal Year	Appropriation
...	
2027-2028	<del>\$655,000,000</del> <u>\$555,000,000</u>
2028-2029	<del>\$680,000,000</del> <u>\$580,000,000</u>
2029-2030	<del>\$705,000,000</del> <u>\$605,000,000</u>
2030-2031	<del>\$730,000,000</del> <u>\$630,000,000</u>
2031-2032	<del>\$755,000,000</del> <u>\$655,000,000</u>

For the 2032-2033 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the sum of ~~sevensix~~ seven hundred eighty million dollars ~~(\\$780,000,000)~~(\\$680,000,000) to be used for the purposes set forth in this section. When developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year specified in this subsection, the Director of the Budget shall include the appropriated amount specified in this subsection for that fiscal year.

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**SECTION 8H.(c)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts, Office of Indigent Defense Services, the sum of one hundred million dollars (\\$100,000,000) in recurring funds beginning in the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be used for the following purposes:

- (1) Increasing the salaries of public defenders and assistant public defenders.
- (2) Increasing the reimbursement rate of private assigned counsel."

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