

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2021**

**SESSION LAW 2021-189  
HOUSE BILL 334**

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO  
THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2021 AND OTHER  
LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE STATE BUDGET.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**CORRECT AND UPDATE APPROPRIATION FIGURES**

**SECTION 1.1.** Section 2.1(a) of S.L. 2021-180 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 2.1.(a)** Appropriations from the General Fund for the budgets of the State departments, institutions, and agencies, and for other purposes as enumerated, are made for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, according to the following schedule:

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**ESPORTS PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS**

**SECTION 4.3.** G.S. 143B-437.02B, as enacted by Section 11.13(a) of S.L. 2021-180, reads as rewritten:

"**§ 143B-437.02B. The Esports Industry Grant Fund.**

(a) **Creation and Purpose of Fund.** – There is created in the Department of Commerce a special, nonreverting account to be known as the Esports Industry Grant Fund to provide funds to encourage esports events to be held within the State. The Department of Commerce shall adopt guidelines providing for the administration of the program. The guidelines may provide for the Secretary to award the grant proceeds over a period of time, not to exceed three years. The guidelines shall include the following provisions, which shall apply to each grant from the account:

- (1) The funds are reserved for a production for which a production company has qualifying expenses of at least ~~two~~one hundred fifty thousand dollars (~~\$250,000~~-\$150,000) with respect to a single production.

...

(h) Administrative Expenses. – The Department may use three percent (3%) of the funds appropriated to the Grant Fund each fiscal year for administrative costs associated with administration of the Fund. These funds may be used for up to two full-time equivalent positions or to contract with a third party to administer the program."

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**PART XI. EFFECTIVE DATE**

**SECTION 11.1.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective July 1, 2021.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

s/ Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Roy Cooper  
Governor

Approved 10:08 a.m. this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021