

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 338**

Short Title: NC Policy Collaboratory/Research Grants HSMIs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lee, Britt, and Robinson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 24, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPAND THE RESEARCH CAPACITY OF THE  
2 CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
3 IDENTIFIED AS HISTORICALLY MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors  
7 of The University of North Carolina the sum of three million one hundred fifty thousand dollars  
8 (\$3,150,000) in recurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be allocated to the University of  
9 North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the North Carolina Policy Collaboratory (Collaboratory) to  
10 establish an annual research grant program for each of the following constituent institutions of  
11 The University of North Carolina identified as Historically Minority-Serving Institutions  
12 (HMSIs): Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina  
13 Agricultural and Technical State University, North Carolina Central University, the University  
14 of North Carolina at Pembroke, and Winston-Salem State University. The Collaboratory shall  
15 award one or more research grants each fiscal year to each of the six HMSI constituent  
16 institutions to be used to expand research capacity while being in service to the needs of the State.  
17 Each HMSI constituent institution shall receive one or more research grants in an amount of at  
18 least two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) each fiscal year, with no individual grant or total  
19 of grant awards to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) in a fiscal year. The  
20 Collaboratory may use no more than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) of the funds  
21 appropriated pursuant to this section each fiscal year for expenses related to operating and  
22 supporting the research grant program, including, but not limited to, personnel, travel, training,  
23 data management, technology, and supplies.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

