

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 783

Short Title: Funds for Sidekicks Academy. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Alston, Hawkins, Jeffers, and Morey (Primary Sponsors).
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April 7, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SIDEKICKS ACADEMY, INC., FOR
OPERATING EXPENSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to Sidekicks Academy, Inc., to provide its program that helps empower marginalized students in the Durham Public Schools through the combination of the martial arts, character development, and community support by creating a safe and inclusive environment where every student can thrive and realize their full potential. These funds shall be used as follows:

(1) Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) for students' training attire, safety equipment, an intra-school Taekwondo tournament, digital advertising upkeep, and staff salary.

(2) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for experiential education, which includes field trips to local Taekwondo tournaments, local museum visits, and educational and sporting events on local college campuses.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.

