

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-38
SENATE BILL 286

AN ACT TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION, ON THE REQUEST OF
THE GOVERNOR, TO THE NEW AND EXPANDING INDUSTRY TRAINING
PROGRAM.

Whereas, the New and Expanding Industry Training Program in the Department of Community Colleges assists companies creating new jobs in North Carolina by providing training for new employees; and

Whereas, the Program provides customized training to new or prospective employees in specific job skills needed by new or expanding industries; and

Whereas, the Program supports local, regional, and State economic development goals by offering entry-level training at no cost to companies that are creating new jobs in the State; and

Whereas, the General Assembly provided \$10,800,000 to the Program for the 1996-97 fiscal year from a combination of appropriations, carryforward funds, and transfers; and

Whereas, funds available in the Department of Community Colleges budget for transfer to the Program will not meet current demand for Program services; and

Whereas, due to the extraordinary growth of new and expanding industry in the State, the Program will need an additional \$4,700,000 for the 1996-97 fiscal year to meet current demand for Program services; and

Whereas, the Executive Budget Act authorizes the General Assembly to make an emergency appropriation to the Program for the 1996-97 fiscal year upon the request of the Governor; and

Whereas, the Governor has made such a request in a letter to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the 1996-97 unreserved credit balance in the General Fund to the Department of Community Colleges the sum of four million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$4,700,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year to cover the shortfall in the New and Expanding Industry Training Program.

Section 2. The provisions of G.S. 143-16.3 shall not apply to the New and Expanding Industry Training Program for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

Section 3. The State Board of Community Colleges shall require local colleges and the Department of Community Colleges to monitor closely all expenditures made to industries under this Program, including verification that the funds are used for appropriate job training purposes. College personnel shall make regular visits to training classes to assure that the funds are used consistent with a training plan developed jointly by the college and the industry. No funds shall be solely pass-through money for an industry.

Section 4. The North Carolina Community College System New and Expanding Industry Training (NEIT) Program Guidelines adopted by the State Board of Community Colleges on April 18, 1997, shall apply to all funds appropriated for the Program.

Section 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of April, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 4:30 p.m. this 24th day of April, 1997