

April 10, 2003

**H 1194. ESTABLISH E-NC AUTHORITY. TO CREATE THE "E-NC" AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE RURAL INTERNET ACCESS AUTHORITY.** Creates the e-NC Authority within the Dep't of Commerce. Provides that the purpose of the Authority is to promote, manage, oversee, and monitor efforts to provide rural counties and distressed urban areas with high-speed broadband Internet access. Creates 15-member comm'n to govern the Authority. Requires Authority to develop a plan to provide rural counties and distressed urban areas with high-speed broadband Internet access, to propose funding sources, and to set specific targets and milestones to achieve certain goals and objectives. Specifies that Authority shall not have the power of eminent domain or the power to tax. Effective Dec. 31, 2003.

**Intro. by Tolson.**

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April 24, 2003

**H 1194. ESTABLISH E-NC AUTHORITY.** Intro. 4/10/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 143B-437.45(3) to change definition of "high speed broadband Internet access" to access with transmission speeds of at least 256 kilobits per second for downloading and 128 kilobits per second for uploading (was, 384 kilobits per second symmetrical). Amends GS 143B-437.46(b), reducing membership of E-NC Authority Comm'n to 13 (was, 15) voting members, decreasing number of members appointed by the Governor, Pres. Pro Tem. and Speaker to three members each (was, four), and increasing ex officio voting members to four (was, three), deleting Sec'y of Commerce as ex officio member of Comm'n and adding Executive Directors of the NC League of Municipalities and NC Association of County Commissioners. Replaces requirement that certain members be nominated by specified organizations with general appointment guidelines. Deletes GS 147B-437.47(4) (authorizing Authority to operate telecommunications entities in certain areas) and modifies Authority duties. Makes technical changes.

April 30, 2003

**H 1194. ESTABLISH E-NC AUTHORITY.** Intro. 4/10/03. House amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Specifies that Authority has a duty to promote protective actions to limit the electronic distribution of obscene material to children via the Internet.