

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1664*

Short Title: Create Jobs/Business & Tech. Telecenters. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Tolson; Hill, Goodwin, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 26, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE E-NC AUTHORITY TO CREATE
2 JOBS THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO FOUR BUSINESS AND
3 TECHNOLOGY TELECENTERS AND REQUIRING THE E-NC AUTHORITY
4 TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE TECHNOLOGY
5 EDUCATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS NEEDS OF CITIZENS AND
6 BUSINESSES IN DISTRESSED URBAN AREAS OF THE STATE.
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the E-NC
10 Authority the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year to
11 establish up to four Business and Technology Telecenters.

12 **SECTION 1.(b)** The E-NC Authority may contract with other State
13 agencies, The University of North Carolina, the North Carolina Community College
14 System, and nonprofit organizations to assist with program development and the
15 evaluation of program activities.

16 **SECTION 1.(c)** The E-NC Authority may use up to five percent (5%) of the
17 funds appropriated by this act to cover its expenses in program development and
18 implementation of activity areas.

19 **SECTION 2.(a)** The E-NC Authority shall report to the 2005 General
20 Assembly on the following:

- 21 (1) The activities necessary to be undertaken in distressed urban areas of
22 the State to enhance the capability of citizens and businesses residing
23 in these areas to access the high-speed Internet.
- 24 (2) An implementation plan for the training of citizens and businesses in
25 distressed urban areas.
- 26 (3) The technology and digital literacy training necessary to assist citizens
27 and existing businesses to create new technology-based enterprises in
28 these communities and to use the Internet to enhance the productivity
29 of their businesses.

1 **SECTION 2.(b)** By January 31, 2005, and quarterly thereafter, the E-NC
2 Authority shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
3 on program development and the evaluation of program activities.

4 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.