

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 8

Short Title: Make Tier Formula Responsive. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Holliman; Glazier, Luebke, Ross, and Weiss.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

December 9, 2003

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE BILL LEE ACT TIER DESIGNATION FORMULA TO
3 ASSURE THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS ARE TARGETED TO
4 TRULY DISTRESSED AREAS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 105-129.3(b) and (b1) read as rewritten:

7 "(b) ~~Annual Designation Ranking.~~ – Each year, on or before December 31, the
8 Secretary of Commerce shall assign to each county in the State an enterprise factor that
9 is the sum of the following:

- 10 (1) The county's rank in a ranking of counties by average rate of
11 unemployment from lowest to highest, for the ~~preceding three~~
12 years, most recent 12-month period for which data are available.
13 (2) The county's rank in a ranking of counties by average per capita
14 income from highest to lowest, for the preceding three years.
15 (3) The county's rank in a ranking of counties by percentage growth in
16 population from highest to lowest.

17 (b1) ~~Annual Designation.~~ – The Secretary of Commerce shall then rank all the
18 counties within the State according to their enterprise factor from highest to lowest,
19 identify all the areas of the State by enterprise tier, and publish this information. An
20 enterprise tier designation is effective only for the calendar year following the
21 designation.

22 ~~(b1)(b2)~~ Data. – In measuring rates of unemployment and per capita income, the
23 Secretary shall use the latest available data published by a State or federal agency
24 generally recognized as having expertise concerning the data. In measuring population
25 and population growth, the Secretary shall use the most recent estimates of population
26 certified by the State Planning Officer."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to
28 designations made on or after that date.