GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1988

Short Title:	Roxboro Retail Recruitment Program Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Wilkins.	
Referred to:	Appropriations.	

May 16, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE ROXBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PURCHASE AND UPGRADE EQUIPMENT FOR THE RETAIL RECRUITMENT PROGRAM.

Whereas, the impending closure of Person County's Collins & Aikman Corporation, an automobile interiors business, will result in the loss of more than 550 jobs; and

Whereas, this loss of jobs is likely to raise Person County's unemployment rate to over 9%, which would be one of the highest unemployment rates in the State; and

Whereas, the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce has established a Retail Recruitment Program, which is designed to attract retail merchants to the area that will help provide employment opportunities for area citizens including those laid off by Collins & Aikman; and

Whereas, in order for the Retail Recruitment Program to be successful, funds are needed for supplies and equipment upgrades; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce the sum of forty thousand dollars ($40,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to purchase supplies and upgrade equipment needed to support the Retail Recruitment Program.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.