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H 2244. AT-RISK WORKER PILOT PROGRAM . Filed 5/19/08. *TO DEVELOP AN AT-RISK WORKER PILOT PROGRAM TO ASSIST WORKERS IN IMPROVING SKILLS BEFORE AN ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT EVENT*.

Appropriates $300,000 for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to design and implement a pilot program in coordination with the Community Colleges System Office in Hoke, Robeson, and Scotland counties to provide necessary basic skills to at-risk workers in endangered industries. Requires Commerce to 1) identify a suitable industry, which employs a high percentage of low-skilled or unskilled workers and has decreased employment of state residents because of increased foreign competition, in which to develop the pilot program; and 2) design a program that enables further educational or vocational training, including basic educational and training skills. Effective July 1, 2008.

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