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S 1145. WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT. Filed 3/20/07. *TO CREATE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR HIRING CERTAIN DISADVANTAGED WORKERS*.

Adds new GS 105-130.49 (to corporation income tax provisions) and new GS 105-151.31 (to individual income tax provisions) to allow a tax credit for taxpayers who hire a disadvantaged worker to fill a full-time position in the state and who keep that person as an employee for at least nine months. Defines the credit to equal the wages paid during the taxable year up to a maximum of $2,000 per disadvantaged worker per year and provides that the taxpayer is to claim the credit in the year in which the nine-month period ends and in the following year. Establishes a cap on the tax credit. Defines *disadvantaged worker* to include a person (1) who is a member of a family that received payments under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program for at least nine of the last 18 months at the time of hire; (2) who is a veteran and a member of a family that has received benefits under the Food Stamp Program for at least three of the last 15 months at the time of hire; (3) who is between 18 and 24 years old when hired and a member of a family that has received benefits under the Food Stamp Program for the last six months at the time of hire; (4) who received benefits from the Supplemental Security Income program for any month within the last 60 days at the time of hire; or (5) who was convicted of a felony or was released from incarceration for a felony within the past five years preceding the time of hire. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1,2007.

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