

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1105

Short Title: Hosiery Technology Center Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives R. Warren, Church, Brubaker (Primary Sponsors);
Dockham, Gillespie, and Hilton.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 28, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A SEAMLESS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER
2 AT THE HOSIERY TECHNOLOGY CENTER.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
6 Community Colleges System Office the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars
7 (\$250,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to establish a research and development center
8 for the seamless manufacturing industry. The center shall operate under the Hosiery
9 Technology Center at Catawba Valley Community College and Randolph Community
10 College. These funds shall be used to enhance diversification in hosiery manufacturing
11 operations where seamless production is compatible with hosiery manufacturing.

12 Grant funds appropriated in this act shall be used for:

- 13 (1) The purchase of three knitting machines in 13-inch, 15-inch, and
14 17-inch cylinders;
- 15 (2) Employment of technical trainers who shall be available to teach
16 various levels of seamless design and production to manufacturing
17 personnel attending workshops and classes organized by the Hosiery
18 Technology Center;
- 19 (3) Research and development, involving technical support to work on
20 programs sponsored by manufacturers and suppliers to the seamless
21 industry; and
- 22 (4) Field support, involving on-site training in mills manufacturing
23 seamless products.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.