

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 947

Short Title: Funds for Futures for Kids Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Lewis (Primary Sponsor).

For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 17, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CAREER
3 DEVELOPMENT AND NORTH CAROLINA EMPLOYER WORKFORCE
4 DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE ACT.

5 Whereas, North Carolina must continue to decrease its dropout rate by motivating
6 students to stay in school; and

7 Whereas, modern technology linking students to career paths is an effective means
8 of encouraging students to stay in school; and

9 Whereas, all students, especially disadvantaged students, gain encouragement to
10 stay in school when they make the connection between their life prospects and their education;
11 and

12 Whereas, workforce development is a critical objective for North Carolina whereby
13 employers benefit from students learning in school to acquire the knowledge and skills they
14 will need; and

15 Whereas, all citizens benefit when students find fulfilling careers where they can
16 contribute to society; and

17 Whereas, the focus and strength of Futures for Kids is career exploration for sixth
18 through twelfth graders utilizing modern technology by providing an unassisted self-guided
19 career assessment tool, helping career counselors leverage their time and resources so they can
20 reach all of our students, and creating an interactive system utilized by students, teachers,
21 businesses, and parents; and

22 Whereas, Futures for Kids is currently implemented in over 900 middle and high
23 schools across North Carolina involving over 500,000 students, 7,500 educators in 74 local
24 school administrative units, and more than 1,000 employers and career coach mentors
25 statewide, and is proving to be successful; and

26 Whereas, many schools should have an opportunity to participate in Futures for
27 Kids program and their students would benefit from such additional career exploration; and

28 Whereas, North Carolina's business community has been highly supportive of
29 Futures for Kids; Now, therefore,

30 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

31 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
32 Public Instruction the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2013-2014 fiscal
33 year for the Futures for Kids program. These funds shall be used for equipment, staff
34 development, and other costs of the implementation and maintenance of the program by
35 Futures for Kids, Inc.



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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.