

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2015**

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**SENATE BILL 616**

Short Title: Commerce NCWorks/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Smith-Ingram and D. Davis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 30, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO  
3 PROVIDE MOBILE NCWORKS CAREER CENTERS TO AREAS OF THE STATE  
4 THAT ARE NOT SERVED BY FIXED CENTER SITES AND TO HELP DISPLACED  
5 WORKERS IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
8 Commerce, Division of Workforce Solutions, the sum of nine million five hundred thousand  
9 dollars (\$9,500,000) for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for the following purposes:

- 10 (1) To create mobile NCWorks Career Centers to serve (i) counties that do not  
11 have a fixed certified Center, (ii) areas of the State that are more than 30  
12 miles from a fixed certified Center, and (iii) areas of the State that have a  
13 fixed certified Center, but the Center is staffed with employees of the  
14 Division of Workforce Solutions only three days each week.  
15 (2) To help displaced workers in the NCWorks Apprenticeship Program to  
16 develop skills that match current market needs and to develop skills to meet  
17 the future needs of businesses that may relocate to the area in which the  
18 workers live and work.  
19 (3) To maximize the application and certification of Work Ready Communities.  
20 (4) To align economic development and local career centers in conformance  
21 with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.

