A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT A DEDICATED
NORTH CAROLINA DEFENSE CYBER OFFICE IN THE NC MILITARY BUSINESS
CENTER.

Whereas, North Carolina has a capable and diverse, but unsecure and in some cases
noncompliant, commercial and defense industrial base (CIB, DIB), vulnerable to malicious
cybersecurity threats; and
Whereas, North Carolina has significant, but uncoordinated and in some cases
under-resourced technical, compliance, training, workforce, and research and development cyber
assets; and
Whereas, current cybersecurity requirements for defense contractors threaten
sustainment and growth of the DIB, the second largest sector of North Carolina's economy; and
Whereas, North Carolina is providing unique and nationally recognized services to
secure the DIB through the North Carolina Military Business Center (NCMBC) and Interagency
Cybersecurity Coordinating Committee (I3C), but resources are ad hoc, underfunded, and
understaffed; and
Whereas, North Carolina could build on DIB-related activities and leverage its
extensive technical, workforce, and other cyber assets to establish itself as the state with the best
cyber ecosystem and most secure industrial base in the country and as a magnet for economic
growth; and
Whereas, State funding for NCMBC to support a dedicated North Carolina Defense
Cyber Office (DCO) in the NCMBC to coordinate I3C and secure the DIB would help North
Carolina businesses become certified and compliant with new cybersecurity requirements for
defense contractors; Now, therefore,
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Community
Colleges System Office the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) in recurring
funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year in additional State funds to support a dedicated North

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.