

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1236
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/4/91

Short Title: Redefine Distressed County.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 10, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CONFORM THE CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION AS A DISTRESSED COUNTY FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES TO THE CRITERIA USED BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 105-130.40(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) County Designation. – A severely distressed county is a county designated as ~~such~~ severely distressed by the Secretary of Economic and Community Development. Each year, on or before December 31, the Secretary of Economic and Community Development shall designate which counties are considered severely distressed, and shall provide that information to the Secretary of Revenue. A county is considered severely distressed if its distress factor is one of the twenty-five highest in the State. The Secretary shall assign to each county in the State a distress factor ~~which~~ that is the sum of the following:

- (1) The county's rank in a ranking of counties by rate of unemployment from lowest to ~~highest and~~ highest.
- (2) ~~the~~ The county's rank in a ranking of counties by per capita income from highest to lowest.
- (3) The county's rank in a ranking of counties by percentage growth in population from lowest to highest.

In measuring rates of unemployment and per capita income, the Secretary shall use the latest available data from the North Carolina Employment Security Commission and

1 ~~the United States Department of Commerce for the most recent thirty six month period~~
2 ~~for which data is available, published by a State or federal agency generally recognized~~
3 ~~as having expertise concerning the data. In measuring population growth, the Secretary~~
4 ~~shall use the most recent estimates of population certified by the State Budget Officer.~~
5 A designation as a severely distressed county is effective only for the calendar year
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7 Sec. 2. G.S. 105-151.17(c) reads as rewritten:

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30 Sec. 3. This act is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1,
31 1991.