

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 916

Short Title: Inmate Hiring Incentive.

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Sponsors: Senators Odom; and Blackmon.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

April 19, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE POLICY OF ENCOURAGING BUSINESSES
IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT TO FORMER PRISON
INMATES AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO
GIVE PREFERENCE WHENEVER PRACTICABLE TO BUSINESSES
PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT TO FORMER PRISON INMATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 143-59.1. State policy; preference given to businesses providing employment to rehabilitated prison inmates.

(a) It is the policy of this State to encourage businesses in the State to provide employment to former prison inmates whenever possible, in order to give those persons an opportunity to become productive members of society.

(b) The Secretary of Administration and any State agency authorized to purchase foodstuff or other products, shall, in the purchase of or in the contracting for foods, supplies, materials, equipment, printing or services give preference as far as may be practicable to such products or services manufactured or produced by former prison inmates or by businesses that make a practice of providing employment to former prison inmates. However, in giving such preference no sacrifice or loss in price or quality shall be permitted, and preference in all cases shall be given to surplus products or articles produced and manufactured by other State departments, institutions, or agencies which are available for distribution."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.