GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 286

Short Title: New & Expanding Industry Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Perdue, Plyler, and Odom.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 3, 1997

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AN ACT TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION, ON THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, TO THE NEW AND EXPANDING INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM.

Whereas, the New and Expanding Industry Training Program in the Department of Community Colleges assists companies creating new jobs in North Carolina by providing training for new employees; and

Whereas, the Program provides customized training to new or prospective employees in specific job skills needed by new or expanding industries; and

Whereas, the Program supports local, regional, and State economic development goals by offering entry-level training at no cost to companies that are creating new jobs in the State; and

Whereas, the General Assembly provided \$10,800,000 to the Program for the 1996-97 fiscal year from a combination of appropriations, carryforward funds, and transfers; and Whereas, funds available in the Department of Community Colleges budget for transfer to the Program will not meet current demand for Program services; and

Whereas, due to the extraordinary growth of new and expanding industry in the State, the Program will need an additional \$4,700,000 for the 1996-97 fiscal year to meet current demand for Program services; and

Whereas, the Executive Budget Act authorizes the General Assembly to make an emergency appropriation to the Program for the 1996-97 fiscal year upon the request of the Governor; and

Whereas, the Governor has made such a request in a letter to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1. There is appropriated from the 1996-97 unreserved credit balance in the General Fund to the Department of Community Colleges the sum of four million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$4,700,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year to cover the shortfall in the New and Expanding Industry Training Program.

Section 2. The provisions of G.S. 143-16.3 shall not apply to the New and Expanding Industry Training Program for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

Section 3. The State Board of Community Colleges shall, after consultation with the Department of Commerce, develop a comprehensive plan for allocating New and Expanding Industry Training Program funds. The plan shall include program criteria and accountability measures.

Effective July 1, 1997, the plan shall apply to all funds allocated for the New and Expanding Industry Training Program.

Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.