GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2011

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Short Title:	Commerce Tracks Job Creation/Public Database.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Rucho.	
Referred to:		

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO MAINTAIN AN ONLINE PUBLIC DATABASE AND TO POST INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET MEASURING JOB CREATION, RETENTION, AND WAGE ATTAINMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA RESULTING FROM STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Part to read:

"Part 2L. Monitor and Assess Job Creation.

"§ 143B-433.1. Department of Commerce – Public database of job creation, retention, and wage information.

- (a) <u>Database.</u> The Department of Commerce shall create and maintain an electronic database available to the general public on the Internet that contains data on each business or joint private venture that the State, in whole or in part, has granted any discretionary economic development incentive after January 1, 2005, but not to include any project while under development or during competition with another state or nation.
- (b) For the purposes of this Part, "economic incentives" includes, but is not limited to, any incentive provided through any of the following sources, or any successor to any of these sources:
 - (1) The Job Development Investment Grant.
 - (2) The One North Carolina Fund.
- (c) The Department of Commerce shall update the database quarterly. The public Internet interface to the database must allow the user to search and prepare custom reports through an interactive menu and through a full text search engine. At a minimum, the data must contain all of the following:
 - (1) A unique project identification number and a unique descriptor or title.
 - (2) The date of the award agreement.
 - (3) The name, mailing address, telephone number, and Web site of the business recipient, or recipients if a joint venture, and the physical location (or the county if undecided) of the site receiving the incentive.
 - (4) The name and title of at least two State officials or employees who may provide further information.
- (5) The Department of Commerce tier designation of the county of physical location on the date awarded.



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- jobs created or jobs retained goals and by year for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 and annually thereafter.
- Total number of projects completed or terminated since January 1, 2005, not **(2)** meeting, within five percent (5%), and number above five percent (5%) of average wage goals and by year for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 and annually thereafter.
- Total State funds and total local funds invested in completed or terminated <u>(3)</u> projects since January 1, 2005, and by year for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 and annually thereafter;
- Total jobs retained and jobs created from completed or terminated projects <u>(4)</u> since January 1, 2005, and by year for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 and annually thereafter.

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"§ 143B-433.3. Reports.

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- (a) By July 1, 2011, then quarterly thereafter, the Department of Commerce shall report in writing to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Program Evaluation Division, and the Fiscal Research Division on the information required by G.S. 143B-433.1(c).
- (b) By October 1, 2011, and then quarterly thereafter, the Department of Commerce shall report to the General Assembly on any favorable or unfavorable trends in the achievement of job creation, retention, and wage goals and on any action taken on grantees where clawbacks are in force and actions planned.
- (c) Reference by the Department of Commerce to any existing report where any required information is available but prepared for a different purpose or reference to information on file or available upon request will not satisfy requirements of this Part."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

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