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H 330. N.C. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; TO CONFORM THE GENERAL STATUTES TO THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT; AND TO MAKE OTHER STATUTORY CHANGES TO ENHANCE WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT.

Deletes Part 3A ("Employment and Training Act of 1985") of Art. 10 of GS Ch. 143B and adds new Part 3B ("Workforce Development"). Creates new Comm'n on Workforce Development, consisting of following members: 32 appointed by the Governor (six representing public, postsecondary, and vocational education; two representing community-based organizations; six representing labor; and 18 representing business and industry); one Senator appointed by the President Pro Tempore; one member of the House appointed by the Speaker; Sec'y of Health and Human Services (or designee); chair of Employment Security Comm'n (or designee); Sup't of Public Instruction (or designee); President of the Community College System (or designee); Comm'r of Labor (or designee); and Sec'y of Commerce (or designee). Comm'n must develop an overall plan for workforce training and development, report every two years to the General Assembly, and serve as the state's Workforce Investment Board under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Establishes local workforce development boards (appointed by local elected officials in compliance with the federal act) to develop policy, act as the governing body for local workforce development, and serve as the Workforce Investment Board for the designated substate area under the federal act. Establishes in the Div'n of Employment and Training of the Dep't of Commerce an Employment and Training Grant Program, through which funds will be made available to the local workforce development boards for use by local agencies to provide training, education, placement, and supportive services. Prescribes standards for disposition of those funds. Continues the Comm'n on Workforce Preparedness as the state's Comm'n on Workforce Development until Jan. 1, 2001 or until appointments are made to the new Comm'n on Workforce Development, whichever is first. Effective July 1, 1999.

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