

May 15, 2006

H 1980. E-NC INTERNET CONNECTIVITY/JOBS FUNDING. Filed 5/15/06. *REPEALING THE E-NC AUTHORITY SUNSET PROVISION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE E-NC AUTHORITY FOR HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CONNECTIVITY INCENTIVE GRANTS AND FOR JOB CREATION THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF E-NC BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY TELECENTERS.* SL 2003-425 created the e-NC Authority for the purpose of increasing access to high-speed Internet access in rural areas and distressed urban areas of the state and to support technology-based economic development in those areas. Section 4 of SL 2003-425 dissolved the Authority and repealed SL 2003-425 effective December 31, 2006. Act deletes that provision. Appropriates \$7.5 million from the General Fund to the e-NC Authority for 2006-07 for Internet connectivity incentive grants, to be committed to service providers by July 1, 2008. Act directs that incentive grants require at least a 50% cash match from participating service providers. Appropriates \$1.6 million from the General Fund to the e-NC Authority for 2006-07 for continued and expanded funding of the e-NC Business and Technology Telecenter program. Appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the e-NC Authority for 2006-07 for grants for the development of programs and products that enhance regional economies. Requires that the e-NC Authority work cooperatively with various listed governmental entities and the private and nonprofit sectors. Appropriations effective July 1, 2006.

Intro. by Tolson.

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June 12, 2006

H 1980. E-NC INTERNET CONNECTIVITY/JOBS FUNDING. Filed 5/15/06. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Requires that the e-NC Authority make annual reports to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the information technology committees of the House and Senate