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S 1840. E-NC INTERNET CONNECTIVITY/JOB FUNDING (=H 1980). Filed 5/23/06.

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. Identical to H 1980, filed 5/15/06.

Intro. by Dalton.

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S 1840. E-NC INTERNET CONNECTIVITY/PEG CHANNELS (NEW). Filed 5/23/06. Senate

committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO EARMARK A PORTION OF THE STATE'S SHARE OF THE SALES TAX ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO PROGRAMMING SERVICES FOR GRANTS FOR BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY, PEG CHANNELS, AND COMMUNITY MEDIA CENTERS.* The original bill appropriated funds to the e-NC Authority for grants for Internet connectivity incentives and for expanded funding for the e-NC Business and Technology Telecenter Program. The committee substitute provides earmarked funding to the e-NC Authority for grants for (1) Internet connectivity incentives and (2) PEG channels and community media center grants, effective January 1, 2007. The earmarked funding for these grants comes from two sources: (1) any telecommunications sales tax moneys and video programming sales tax moneys earmarked under H 2047 (Video Services Competition Act) for PEG channels and not distributed for that purpose; and (2) a share of the State's share of those two sales taxes, with a maximum of the latter of \$2.5 million per quarter. The earmarked share of source (2) is the amount by which the State's share of the two taxes for each quarter exceeds the amount received by the State for the same quarter in calendar 2007; and this source for the grant program becomes effective January 1, 2008.

The committee substitute continues the sunset date for the e-NC Authority of December 31, 2011, enacted in the current appropriations act, S 1741. It also terminates the grant program created under the substitute at the same time.