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H 1278. HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT TRIGGERS STATE RESPONSE. Filed 04/8/08. *AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A STATE GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT IN A COUNTY WHENEVER THE COUNTY'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE EXCEEDS FIFTEEN AND FIVE-TENTHS PERCENT FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE MONTHS.* As title indicates. Provides that response team be comprised of representatives from the Departments of Administration; Commerce; Crime Control and Public Safety; Health and Human Services; Insurance; Labor; Public Instruction; and Transportation as well as The University of North Carolina and the North Carolina Community College System. Authorizes the response team to take coordinated action with respect to affected counties by, among other things, intensifying economic development efforts for the affected county; expediting applications for unemployment, public assistance, and other services; obtaining the assistance of federal agencies for the benefit of the county; and providing assistance to local governments as appropriate. Requires suspension of the team response when the unemployment statistic drops to below 15.5% for at least three consecutive months. Allows a continued post-emergency response, if warranted and approved by the Governor, for up to six months. Requires the Executive Committee of the team to report beginning on January 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, to the Governor and to the General Assembly on team actions during the previous year and authorizes the committee to recommend legislative proposals related to state and local government responses to high unemployment emergencies..

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May 7, 2009

H 1278. HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT TRIGGERS STATE RESPONSE. Filed 4/8/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition.

Alters membership of the Executive Committee leading the Interagency Emergency Response Team for High Unemployment Areas (Response Team). Provides that the Executive Committee of the Response Team is to consist of the Secretary of Commerce and the Deputy Chairman and Chief Operations Officer of the Employment Security Commission (was, the Commissioner of Labor and the Chief Deputy Commissioner of the Employment Security Commission) acting cooperatively with the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Makes conforming changes.