

February 10, 2009

S 98. NO ADULT LEFT BEHIND. Filed 2/10/09. *ESTABLISHING THE "NO ADULT LEFT BEHIND" INITIATIVE TO EXPAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKING ADULTS AND ACHIEVE STATEWIDE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.*

Directs the Commission on Workforce Development (Commission), acting as the lead agency, to work with the cooperation of other participating agencies, including the Department of Labor, the Employment Security Commission, the North Carolina Community College System, and the University of North Carolina to initiate the *No Adult Left Behind* initiative (Initiative). States that the first goal of the Initiative is to increase the percentage of North Carolinians who earn associate, other two-year, and baccalaureate degrees to 40%. Provides additional goals to be accomplished by the Commission working with its collaborative partners. Directs the Commission to submit details of its plans to implement this act to the Governor and the General Assembly by March 1, 2010, and annually thereafter. Specifies details that must be included. Appropriates \$5 million for 2009-10 and \$5 million for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the Commission to implement the Initiative. Provides findings from the General Assembly to support the need for this Initiative. Effective July 1, 2009.

Intro. by Hartsell.

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