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Short Title: Incentives-Based Recipient Education Reqs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hardister.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH EFFORTS FROM
3 RECIPIENTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Part 2 of Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is
6 amended by adding a new section to read:

7 "§ 143B-435.2. Educational outreach.

8 (a) The Department of Commerce shall require a recipient business of economic
9 development incentives established pursuant to this Article to engage in and annually report no
10 later than March 1 of each year on educational outreach efforts. The report must include any
11 information and documentation required by the Secretary of Commerce. For the purpose of this
12 Article, educational outreach efforts include, at a minimum, any one or more of the following:

13 (1) Sponsoring career days in the State at middle and high schools and
14 institutions of higher education.

15 (2) Hosting visits and trips from in-State students for purposes of exposing the
16 students to workplace environments, job opportunities, job responsibilities,
17 and recruiters.

18 (3) Financially supporting local educational employment opportunity offices.

19 (4) Notifying local educational and professional employment opportunity
20 offices of existing and anticipated areas of need.

21 (5) Collaborating with middle and high schools to identify early skills and
22 qualifications that indicate a student's increased aptitude with respect to
23 employment opportunities and needs of the business.

24 (6) Collaborating with institutions of higher education to adapt educational
25 curricula so as to make students who complete the curricula immediately
26 capable of filling employment opportunities and needs of the business.

27 (7) Funding scholarships to institutions of higher education in degree programs
28 applicable to employment opportunities and needs of the business.

29 (b) By April 1 of each year, the Department of Commerce shall report to the Revenue
30 Laws Study Committee, the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the
31 Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources, the House of
32 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, and the
33 Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative Services Commission on all educational outreach
34 efforts of recipient businesses. The report must include the name of each business, the type or
35 types of educational outreach offered, and the number of students participating in and hired as a
36 result of educational outreach efforts."



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1 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to economic
2 development incentives awarded on or after that date.