moves to amend the bill on page 239, lines 32-33, by inserting between the lines the following language to read:

"NC READY SITES PROGRAM

SECTION 15.7A.(a) Program. – There is created the NC Ready Sites Reserve (Reserve), a statewide special, nonreverting reserve to be administratively housed with the Office of State Budget and Management. Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Reserve, the Office shall use three million two hundred thousand dollars ($3,200,000) in the 2017-2018 fiscal year and ten million dollars ($10,000,000) in the 2018-2019 fiscal year for the assistance program described in this section, as governed by agreements entered into by the Department of Commerce.

SECTION 15.7A.(b) Purposes. – Moneys in the NC Ready Sites Program shall assist local government units to fund construction or improvement of public infrastructure that serves publicly-owned or publicly-controlled industrial sites that have the potential to attract employers that can create jobs and have a significant positive effect on the local, regional and state economy.

SECTION 15.7A.(c) Program Guidelines. - The Department shall develop guidelines related to the administration of this program. At least 20 days before the effective date of any guidelines or nontechnical amendments to the guidelines, the Department shall publish the proposed guidelines on the Department’s Web site and provide notice to persons who have requested notice of proposed guidelines. In addition, the Department must accept oral and written comments on the proposed guidelines during the 15 business days beginning on the first day that the Department has completed these notifications. Guidelines adopted under this section shall not be subject to the requirements of Article 2A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. The guidelines shall include, at a minimum, the following provisions:

(1) The applicant must be a local unit of government.

(2) The site to be served by the public infrastructure must be publicly-owned or publicly-controlled.

(3) The site must have a minimum size of 50 contiguous acres.

(4) There must be evidence of appropriate local financial support for site development, which include but is not limited to site acquisition, development costs, or infrastructure improvements.
The official copy of this document, with signatures and vote information, is available in the House Principal Clerk's Office.