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Amends Title [NO]
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Representative C. Graham

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

3 **"NC READY SITES PROGRAM**

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

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

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

- 25 (1) The applicant must be a local unit of government.
- 26 (2) The site to be served by the public infrastructure must be publicly-owned or
27 publicly-controlled.
- 28 (3) The site must have a minimum size of 50 contiguous acres.
- 29 (4) There must be evidence of appropriate local financial support for site
30 development, which include but is not limited to site acquisition,
31 development costs, or infrastructure improvements.



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- 1 (5) There must be evidence of recent private sector interest in developing an
- 2 industrial project on the site.
- 3 (6) There must be evidence of a well thought-out strategy to identify and market
- 4 the site to appropriate private sector businesses.
- 5 (7) Improvements that would be funded must result in a site that is ready for
- 6 development; funds are to be used to eliminate or reduce the infrastructure
- 7 gap and time needed to make the site development ready.
- 8 (8) Funds will only be utilized to construct public infrastructure including new
- 9 or existing water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, high-speed broadband,
- 10 electrical utility distribution lines or equipment, or transportation
- 11 infrastructure.

12 **SECTION 15.7A.(d)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the
13 contrary, no funds shall be appropriated or allocated for the creation of an Enterprise Resource
14 Planning (ERP) system for any year of the fiscal biennium.

15 **SECTION 15.7A.(e)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, grants made
16 through the Reserve shall be budgeted and funded on a cash flow basis. The Office of State
17 Budget and Management shall periodically transfer funds from the Reserve to the Department
18 of Commerce in an amount sufficient to satisfy grant obligations and amounts to be transferred
19 pursuant to this section to be paid during the fiscal year.";

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21 and on page 4, line 36, by increasing the amount by deleting "Enterprise Resource Planning"
22 and substituting "NC Ready Sites Reserve";

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24 and on page 349, lines 1-11, by deleting the lines;

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26 and by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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