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HOUSE BILL DRH40639-RBza-31A

Short Title: UI Program Integrity/Temp. ABAWD Time Waivers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Howard.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY  
3 TO STRENGTHEN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM INTEGRITY  
4 DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT  
5 OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SEEK A TEMPORARY WAIVER FROM  
6 THE TIME LIMITS FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS  
7 PARTICIPATING IN THE FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES PROGRAM IN  
8 RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR  
9 THAT PURPOSE.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.(a)** The State Controller shall transfer the sum of two million dollars  
12 (\$2,000,000) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year from the Coronavirus Relief Reserve created in  
13 Section 2.1 of S.L. 2020-4 to the General Fund, Coronavirus Relief Fund, established in Section  
14 2.2 of that act.

15 **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the  
16 Department of Commerce, Division of Employment Security (DES), the sum of two million  
17 dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to be used to contract with the Government  
18 Data Analytics Center (GDAC), as follows:

- 19 (1) To enhance existing unemployment insurance (UI) fraud and compliance  
20 alerting capability to prevent and detect cybersecurity attacks on DES  
21 information technology assets and resources during the pandemic.  
22 (2) To provide DES with COVID-19 related program fraud detection analytics  
23 and information reporting.  
24 (3) To provide pandemic UI assistance documentation analysis.  
25 (4) To develop modeling for economic impact and recovery analysis.

26 **SECTION 1.(c)** These funds shall be expended only as allowed under the federal  
27 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, P.L. 116-136.

28 **SECTION 2.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 108A-51.1, the Department of Health and  
29 Human Services may seek a temporary waiver from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)  
30 for time limits established by federal law for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD)  
31 participating in the Food and Nutrition Services Program in this State.

32 **SECTION 2.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
33 Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars  
34 (\$25,000) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to cover increased administrative costs for the Food and  
35 Nutrition Services Program in accordance with this section.



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1                   **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2020, and expires one  
2 year from the effective date. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.