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HOUSE BILL 1229  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H1229-PCS40645-LR-13

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

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 27, 2020

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.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

14 **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the  
15 Department of Commerce, Division of Employment Security (DES), the sum of two million  
16 dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to be used to contract and utilize the subject  
17 matter expertise and technical infrastructure available through existing Government Data  
18 Analytics Center (GDAC) public-private partnerships, 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 enhance economic modeling for underground economy analysis with  
26 COVID-19 claims.

27 **SECTION 1.(c)** All contractual and interagency agreements necessary to implement  
28 this section shall be executed within 30 days of this act becoming law. These funds shall be  
29 expended only as allowed under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security  
30 (CARES) Act, P.L. 116-136.

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



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1           **SECTION 3.** The provisions of the State Budget Act, Chapter 143C of the General  
2 Statutes, are reenacted and shall remain in full force and effect and are incorporated in this act  
3 by reference.

4           **SECTION 4.** Except where expressly repealed or amended by this act, the provisions  
5 of any other legislation enacted during the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly  
6 expressly appropriating funds to an agency, a department, or an institution covered under this act  
7 shall remain in effect.

8           **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law, with Section 2 expiring one  
9 year after that date.