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HOUSE BILL 390

Short Title: Change to New & Expanding Industry Prog.-AB. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Smith; Dockham, Esposito, Gillespie, Kiser,
McLawhorn, Morris, Preston, and Sherrill.

Referred to: Education.

March 1, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES'
2 NEW AND EXPANDING INDUSTRY PROGRAM.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-5 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (k1) Larger and more numerous training projects are being initiated with the
7 expansion of the New and Expanding Industry Training (NEIT) Program; therefore, the
8 Community Colleges System Office may use up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars
9 (\$250,000) of the funds appropriated to the NEIT Program each fiscal year for a field
10 representative for each of the seven economic development regions of the State to
11 accommodate this expansion in the program.

12 Some NEIT Program projects require specialized training equipment that local
13 community colleges are not generally required to purchase; therefore, the Community
14 Colleges System Office may use up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of
15 the funds appropriated to the NEIT Program each fiscal year to purchase training
16 equipment to support NEIT projects."

17 **SECTION 2.** The State Board of Community Colleges may authorize the
18 use of up to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) of New and Expanding Industry
19 Training (NEIT) Program funds for the 2001-2002 fiscal year to pay the registration
20 fees and material costs for occupational continuing education classes for individuals
21 when (i) the individuals are eligible for the NEIT Program and (ii) this use of the funds
22 has been approved through an NEIT Program project in accordance with Program
23 guidelines adopted by the State Board of Community Colleges.

24 Prior to implementation of the one-year pilot program set out in this section,
25 the Community Colleges System Office shall report to the Joint Legislative Education
26 Oversight Committee on its proposed guidelines to determine eligibility for the pilot
27 program. The System Office shall also report to the Joint Legislative Education

- 1 Oversight Committee regarding the changes made in the use of the NEIT funds pursuant
2 to this pilot program.
3 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.