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HOUSE BILL 1229

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

Sponsors: Representatives Howard, Wray, and Saine (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 27, 2020

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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.