GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 545

Short Title: Tourism Job Training/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hoyle.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 29, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING AND PROMOTING HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce the sum of two hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year to be allocated to the Division of Tourism, Film, and Sports Development, to coordinate, promote, and maintain hospitality and tourism job training programs as follows:

- (1) \$100,000 to fund one tourism job training coordinator position and one clerical assistant position.
- \$100,000 for grant monies to be distributed to those constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina that offer hospitality and tourism training, to those constituent institutions of the North Carolina Community College System that offer hospitality training programs and to secondary schools offering hospitality and tourism vocational training, to promote and support hospitality and tourism job training programs and related activities.

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(3) \$50,000 to fund promotion and coordination of job training programs and to conduct regional conferences to improve articulation between participating institutions and on-line services utilizing the Internet.

(4) \$10,000 to establish and maintain an Internet web site to inform the hospitality and tourism industry of available training programs to promote said training programs.

Section 2. The coordination and promotion of hospitality and tourism job training shall require the support and cooperation of The University of North Carolina, the North Carolina Community College System, and the Department of Public Instruction. The program shall be considered a joint venture of these educational institutions that are participating members of the Culinary, Hospitality, Tourism Education Alliance (CHTEA), and of the Department of Commerce and components of the travel and tourism industry.

Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.