

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE DRH70607-LG-501 (05/03)

Short Title: Roxboro Retail Recruitment Program Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wilkins.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE ROXBORO CHAMBER OF
3 COMMERCE TO PURCHASE AND UPGRADE EQUIPMENT FOR THE
4 RETAIL RECRUITMENT PROGRAM.

5 Whereas, the impending closure of Person County's Collins & Aikman
6 Corporation, an automobile interiors business, will result in the loss of more than 550
7 jobs; and

8 Whereas, this loss of jobs is likely to raise Person County's unemployment
9 rate to over 9%, which would be one of the highest unemployment rates in the State;
10 and

11 Whereas, the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce has established a Retail
12 Recruitment Program, which is designed to attract retail merchants to the area that will
13 help provide employment opportunities for area citizens including those laid off by
14 Collins & Aikman; and

15 Whereas, in order for the Retail Recruitment Program to be successful, funds
16 are needed for supplies and equipment upgrades; Now, therefore,
17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

18 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Roxboro
19 Chamber of Commerce the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the 2006-2007
20 fiscal year to purchase supplies and upgrade equipment needed to support the Retail
21 Recruitment Program.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.