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SENATE BILL 1384

Short Title: Article 3J Tier Status.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jones.

Referred to: Finance.

March 26, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT TIER  
3 DESIGNATION FORMULA FOR CERTAIN SMALL COUNTIES WITH HIGH  
4 POVERTY RATES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-437.08(e) reads as rewritten:

7 "(e) Adjustment for Certain Small Counties. – Regardless of the actual  
8 development factor, ~~any the following~~ adjustment shall apply:

9 (1) Any county that has a population of less than 12,000 shall  
10 automatically be ranked one of the 40 highest ~~counties,~~ ~~any~~ counties.

11 (2) Any county that has a population of less than 50,000 shall  
12 automatically be ranked one of the 80 highest ~~counties,~~ ~~any~~ counties.

13 (3) Any county that has a population of less than 20,000 and more than  
14 seventeen percent (17%) of its population below the federal poverty  
15 level according to the most recent federal decennial census shall  
16 automatically be ranked one of the 40 highest counties.

17 (4) ~~and any~~ Any county that has a population of less than 50,000 and more  
18 than nineteen percent (19%) of its population below the federal  
19 poverty level according to the most recent federal decennial census  
20 shall automatically be ranked one of the 40 highest counties."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to  
22 designations made on or after that date.