

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 507*

Short Title: Increase Mecklenburg Force Account Limit. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Samuelson; M. Alexander, Carney, Cotham, Earle, Gulley, Killian, and Tillis.

Referred to: Local Government II, if favorable, Judiciary II.

March 9, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FORCE ACCOUNT LIMIT FOR MECKLENBURG
3 COUNTY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-135 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 143-135. Limitation of application of Article.**

7 Except for the provisions of G.S. 143-129 requiring bids for the purchase of apparatus,
8 supplies, materials or equipment, this Article shall not apply to construction or repair work
9 undertaken by the State or by subdivisions of the State of North Carolina (i) when the work is
10 performed by duly elected officers or agents using force account qualified labor on the
11 permanent payroll of the agency concerned and (ii) when either the total cost of the project,
12 including without limitation all direct and indirect costs of labor, services, materials, supplies
13 and equipment, does not exceed ~~one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) or the~~
14 ~~total cost of labor on the project does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000);~~ three
15 hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000); provided that, for The University of North Carolina and
16 its constituent institutions, force account qualified labor may be used (i) when the work is
17 performed by duly elected officers or agents using force account qualified labor on the
18 permanent payroll of the university and (ii) when either the total cost of the project, including,
19 without limitation, all direct and indirect costs of labor, services, materials, supplies, and
20 equipment, does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) or the total cost of labor
21 on the project does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). This force account
22 work shall be subject to the approval of the Director of the Budget in the case of State agencies,
23 of the responsible commission, council, or board in the case of subdivisions of the State.
24 Complete and accurate records of the entire cost of such work, including without limitation, all
25 direct and indirect costs of labor, services, materials, supplies and equipment performed and
26 furnished in the prosecution and completion thereof, shall be maintained by such agency,
27 commission, council or board for the inspection by the general public. Construction or repair
28 work undertaken pursuant to this section shall not be divided for the purposes of evading the
29 provisions of this Article."

30 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Mecklenburg County.

31 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

