

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

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**SENATE BILL 1304\***

Short Title: Transylvania Learning & Technology Ctr Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Carpenter.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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June 11, 2002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TO  
3 CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP A LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER.

4       Whereas, the closing of the AGFA plant and downsizing at Ecusta has  
5 resulted in the loss of 1,942 high-paying manufacturing jobs in Transylvania County;  
6 and

7       Whereas, with this downsizing and closing, Transylvania County is  
8 experiencing severe economic conditions; and

9       Whereas, there is no distance learning training facility in Transylvania  
10 County to accommodate these displaced workers, and the nearest center is  
11 approximately one hour away; and

12       Whereas, the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners and the  
13 Transylvania Board of Education are proposing to construct and equip a distance  
14 learning and technology center; and

15       Whereas, the center will be used by displaced workers, area citizens, and the  
16 Transylvania County public school system to learn job skills and additional education  
17 opportunities that are needed for suitable employment; and

18       Whereas, the cost of the project is five million two hundred thousand dollars  
19 (\$5,200,000) with the county and other funding sources contributing two million seven  
20 hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000); Now, therefore,

21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

22       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Transylvania  
23 County the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the  
24 2002-2003 fiscal year to assist the County in constructing and equipping a learning and  
25 technology center.

26       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2002.