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HOUSE BILL 1212

Short Title: Technology & Training Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Reynolds.

Referred to: Technology, if favorable, Appropriations.

May 5, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR
CERTIFIED NETWORK ADMINISTRATION (CNA) TRAINING IN NORTH
CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND DEVELOP A PROPOSAL FOR THE
INTERACTIVE VISUAL TECHNOLOGIES CENTER.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of Education the sum of two million ninety thousand dollars (\$2,090,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of eight hundred forty thousand dollars (\$840,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to establish pilot programs for Certified Network Administration (CNA) training in the North Carolina public schools business programs as part of Tech Prep and School-to-Work.

(b) The State Board of Education shall select 12 local school administrative units to participate in the pilot program. In selecting the pilot units, the State Board shall consider (i) indicators of the readiness of a unit to participate in the program, (ii) the degree of community support for such a program, and (iii) indicators of the need for the program in the community, such as lack of comparable training or resources in the community.

1 The program shall be implemented in one to three high schools in each
2 participating unit. Two teachers shall participate at each high school in which the
3 program is implemented. Classes shall be limited to 15 students each.

4 (c) Each pilot program shall meet the following criteria:

5 (1) The program shall be available to high school juniors and seniors and
6 shall be four semesters in length, including a work-based learning
7 component;

8 (2) The program shall be taught by a certified North Carolina business
9 education teacher who has a CNA credential or by an industry-certified
10 instructor;

11 (3) Courses shall be taught in a CNA-certified classroom/laboratory
12 environment;

13 (4) The program shall be designed to extend into the community college
14 system to provide engineer and instructor certification;

15 (5) Students successfully completing the program shall be provided an
16 opportunity to take the CNA certification examination; and

17 (6) The program shall be monitored and managed by the State Board of
18 Education, in consultation with private industry business partners.

19 (d) The State Board of Education may contract with outside consultants or
20 with private nonprofit corporations to assist it in implementing and evaluating the pilot
21 programs.

22 (e) The State Board of Education shall evaluate the educational components
23 of the programs.

24 The State Board of Education shall report the results of these evaluations to the
25 Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by September 15, 1999.

26 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
27 Administration the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 1997-98
28 fiscal year for the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology to update and revise
29 the study conducted by the Board in 1994 on the Interactive Visual Technologies Center
30 and to develop a proposal for establishing the Center. The Department shall report its
31 findings and recommendations by April 1, 1998, to the Legislative Study Commission on
32 Information Technology if House Bill 1047 of the 1997 General Assembly becomes law.
33 If House Bill 1047 of the 1997 General Assembly does not become law, the Department
34 shall report to the Senate and House Appropriations Committees by April 1, 1998.

35 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.