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HOUSE BILL 1755

Short Title: Regional Partnership Econ. Dev. Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Tolson, Owens (Primary Sponsors); M. Alexander, Crawford,
Dockham, Faison, Heagarty, Hughes, Parfitt, Pierce, Spear, E. Warren,
R. Warren, and Wray.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 18, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATE'S SEVEN REGIONAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS TO FACILITATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Whereas, North Carolina's seven regional economic development partnerships are
successfully pursuing their mandated goals of attracting new industries, encouraging existing
industries, encouraging agricultural development, effecting regional workforce solutions, and
encouraging new business and industrial ventures by local as well as foreign capital; and

Whereas, the seven regional economic development partnerships work successfully
with local and State economic development professionals, county and municipal government
leaders, universities and community colleges, and businesses by providing research assistance,
technical support, strategic planning, marketing and promotional support, and product
development guidance that facilitate the arrival and creation of businesses and industrial
investment; and

Whereas, the regional economic development partnerships foster regionalism in
economic development that assures that every North Carolina community, regardless of its
location or financial resources, has access to high-quality strategic planning, marketing, project
management, and technical assistance; and

Whereas, through its regional economic development partnerships, the State gives
all 100 of its counties, including its poorest and most remote counties, an opportunity to
succeed in the global economy; and

Whereas, the seven regional economic development partnerships serve as catalysts
to economic development in some of North Carolina's most distressed regions by helping to
grow existing small businesses, bringing new kinds of businesses into rural communities and
regions, stimulating and supporting entrepreneurship, and creating new jobs; and

Whereas, each of the seven regional economic development partnerships has
invested significant time and energy to develop cluster-based vision plans and to establish
strategies for implementing these plans; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
Commerce the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year to be
allocated to the seven Regional Economic Development Commissions for their regional
economic development partnerships.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2010.

