

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1351**

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

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Sponsors:    Senators McKissick, Queen; Berger of Franklin, Bingham, Dickson, Hartsell,  
                  Jones, Snow, Vaughan, and Walters.

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Referred to:   Appropriations/Base Budget.

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May 24, 2010

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATE'S SEVEN REGIONAL ECONOMIC  
3 DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS TO FACILITATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

