

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2019**

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**SENATE BILL 741**

Short Title: Tier 1 Economic Stimulus Grant Program. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators deViere, Fitch, and Lowe (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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May 18, 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS GRANT PROGRAM FOR TIER 1  
2 COUNTIES.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
6 Commerce the sum of one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) in nonrecurring funds  
7 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The Department shall establish an economic stimulus grant  
8 program for counties designated as a development tier one area pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.08  
9 for the 2020 calendar year. The program shall be used to provide funds to assist local government  
10 units in (i) conducting laborshed studies for areas or regions from which employment centers  
11 draw commuting workers in order to assist community leaders, economic developers, site  
12 selectors, and existing or prospective employers in understanding the workforce characteristics  
13 of local labor markets, (ii) identifying, planning assistance for, and developing regional  
14 low-wealth corridors, (iii) studying and addressing disparities, including implementing gap  
15 programs, experienced by women- and minority-owned businesses, and (iv) other programs and  
16 activities designed to increase prosperity and ameliorate economic distress in development tier  
17 one areas.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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