GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 566

Short Title: Apprenticeship Expansion Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.	
Referred to: Appropriations.	

April 1, 1997

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR EXPANSION OF THE APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION.

Whereas, the 21st century will require fully qualified, skilled, and knowledgeable workers; and

Whereas, the Department of Labor has 58 years of experience in establishing and administering federally recognized and approved on-the-job and in-class training programs for workers in a wide variety of technical skill areas; and

Whereas, this training must be sanctioned according to the standards set for individual skill areas and approved by the federal government; and

Whereas, it is increasingly important that the providers of skills training recognize the necessity of preparing workers to have transferable talents and accreditations which will be available to them in their job-seeking throughout the United States of America; and

Whereas, training programs must begin with the employers' needs and must be directed toward standards set for individual skill areas and recognized across employer and State lines; and

Whereas, the public must know exactly what they are getting for funds appropriated; and Whereas, the Apprenticeship Division of the Department of Labor should be expanded to prepare for the very necessary skilled training of North Carolina workers for the 21st century; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Labor the sum of six hundred fifty-nine thousand eight hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$659,839) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred eighty-six thousand five hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$586,559) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to expand the Apprenticeship Division.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.