

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE DRH70377-LYz-149A\* (4/2)

Short Title: Extend and Expand JDIG. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Daughtridge, Wainwright (Primary Sponsors); G. Allen, Dickson, Harrell, L. Johnson, LaRoque, McComas, Owens, Tolson, and Walker.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE SUNSET ON THE JOB DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ALLOW THE ECONOMIC INVESTMENT COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO MORE AGREEMENTS UNDER THE PROGRAM AND TO COMMIT MORE FUNDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S 143B-437.62 reads as rewritten:

"§ ~~143B-437.62.~~ **Authority.Sunset.**

The authority of the Committee to enter into new agreements ~~begins January 1, 2003, and expires January 1, 2005-2009.~~"

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 143B-437.52 reads as rewritten:

"§ ~~143B-437.52.~~ **Job Development Investment Grant Program.**

(a) Program. – There is established the Job Development Investment Grant Program to be administered by the Economic Investment Committee. In order to foster job creation and investment in the economy of this State, the Committee may enter into negotiated agreements with businesses to provide grants in accordance with the provisions of this Part. The Committee, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall develop criteria to be used in determining whether the conditions of this section are satisfied and whether the project described in the application is otherwise consistent with the purposes of this Part. Before entering into an agreement, the Committee must find that all the following conditions are met:

- (1) The project proposed by the business will create, during the term of the agreement, a net increase in employment in this State by the business.
- (2) The project will benefit the people of this State by increasing opportunities for employment and by strengthening this State's

1 economy by, for example, providing worker training opportunities,  
2 constructing and enhancing critical infrastructure, increasing  
3 development in strategically important industries, or increasing the  
4 State and local tax base.

5 (3) The project is consistent with economic development goals for the  
6 State and for the area where it will be located.

7 (4) A grant under this Part is necessary for the completion of the project in  
8 this State.

9 (5) The total benefits of the project to the State outweigh its costs and  
10 render the grant appropriate for the project.

11 (b) Cap. – The maximum number of agreements the Committee may enter into  
12 each calendar year is ~~15~~25.

13 (c) Ceiling. – The maximum amount of total annual liability for grants for  
14 agreements entered into in any single calendar year may not exceed ~~ten~~eighteen million  
15 dollars (~~\$10,000,000~~)(\$18,000,000). No agreement may be entered into that, when  
16 considered together with other existing agreements entered into during that calendar  
17 year, could cause the State's potential total annual liability for grants entered into in that  
18 calendar year to exceed this amount.

19 (d) Measuring Employment. – For the purposes of subdivision (a)(1) of this  
20 section and G.S. 143B-437.57(a)(11), the Committee may designate that the increase or  
21 maintenance of employment is measured at the level of a division or another operating  
22 unit of a business, rather than at the business level, if both of the following conditions  
23 are met:

24 (1) The Committee makes an explicit finding that the designation is  
25 necessary to secure the project in this State.

26 (2) The designation contains terms to ensure that the business does not  
27 create eligible positions by transferring or shifting to the project  
28 existing positions from another project of the business or a related  
29 entity of the business."

30 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2004, and applies to  
31 agreements entered into after that date.