

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**SENATE BILL 1380**

Short Title: Create Jobs/Business & Tech. Telecenters. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Dalton.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE E-NC AUTHORITY TO CREATE  
2 JOBS THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO FOUR BUSINESS AND  
3 TECHNOLOGY TELECENTERS TO BE LOCATED IN THE RURAL AREAS  
4 OF THE STATE AND REQUIRING THE E-NC AUTHORITY TO REPORT TO  
5 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AND  
6 PUBLIC ACCESS NEEDS OF CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES IN DISTRESSED  
7 URBAN AREAS OF THE STATE.  
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9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the E-NC  
11 Authority the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year to  
12 establish up to four Business and Technology Telecenters.

13 **SECTION 1.(b)** The E-NC Authority may contract with other State  
14 agencies, The University of North Carolina, the North Carolina Community College  
15 System, and nonprofit organizations to assist with program development and the  
16 evaluation of program activities.

17 **SECTION 1.(c)** The E-NC Authority may use up to five percent (5%) of the  
18 funds appropriated by this act to cover its expenses in program development and  
19 implementation of activity areas.

20 **SECTION 2.(a)** The E-NC Authority shall report to the 2005 General  
21 Assembly on the following:

- 22 (1) The activities necessary to be undertaken in distressed urban areas of  
23 the State to enhance the capability of citizens and businesses residing  
24 in these areas to access the high-speed Internet.
- 25 (2) An implementation plan for the training of citizens and businesses in  
26 distressed urban areas.
- 27 (3) The technology and digital literacy training necessary to assist citizens  
28 and existing businesses to create new technology-based enterprises in

1                           these communities and to use the Internet to enhance the productivity  
2                           of their businesses.

3                           **SECTION 2.(b)** By January 31, 2005, and quarterly thereafter, the E-NC  
4 Authority shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations  
5 on program development and the evaluation of program activities.

6                           **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.