Short Title:	Article 3J Tier Status.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Jones.	
Referred to:		

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT TIER
3   DESIGNATION FORMULA FOR CERTAIN SMALL COUNTIES WITH HIGH
4   POVERTY RATES.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6   **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-437.08(e) reads as rewritten:
7 "(e)   Adjustment for Certain Small Counties. – Regardless of the actual
8 development factor, ~~any~~ the following adjustment shall apply:
9   (1)   Any county that has a population of less than 12,000 shall
10   automatically be ranked one of the 40 highest ~~counties, any~~counties.
11   (2)   Any county that has a population of less than 50,000 shall
12   automatically be ranked one of the 80 highest ~~counties,~~counties.
13   (3)   Any county that has a population of less than 20,000 and more than
14   seventeen percent (17%) of its population below the federal poverty
15   level according to the most recent federal decennial census shall
16   automatically be ranked one of the 40 highest counties.
17   (4)   ~~and any~~Any county that has a population of less than 50,000 and more
18   than nineteen percent (19%) of its population below the federal
19   poverty level according to the most recent federal decennial census
20   shall automatically be ranked one of the 40 highest counties."
21   **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to
22 designations made on or after that date.