

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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HOUSE BILL 1304

Short Title: Hosiery Technology Center.

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Sponsors: Representatives Bowman; Stamey and Cole.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 7, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO DISSEMINATE HOSIERY TECHNOLOGY  
2 THROUGH A HOSIERY TECHNOLOGY CENTER UNDER THE  
3 SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES.  
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5 Whereas, 43,900 North Carolinians with a combined payroll of more than  
6 \$600,000,000 working in 352 plants produce \$2 billion worth of hosiery, which is more  
7 than half the hosiery produced in the United States; and

8 Whereas, suppliers to this industry employ an additional large number of  
9 North Carolinians; and

10 Whereas, the international market offers opportunities to export hosiery but  
11 increasingly threatens domestic manufacturers with low-wage competition; and

12 Whereas, the training of employees in the North Carolina hosiery industry is  
13 critical to the health of this industry and to the economy of North Carolina; and

14 Whereas, modern hosiery technology, if fully utilized, would improve the  
15 productivity and increase the competitiveness of the North Carolina hosiery industry;  
16 and

17 Whereas, a cost-efficient and effective way to make use of modern hosiery  
18 technology is to provide training and technical materials to designated employees who  
19 will train other employees in their companies; Now, therefore,

20 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

21 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
22 Community Colleges the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the  
23 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for

- 1 the 1994-95 fiscal year to fund a Hosiery Technology Center. This act will provide  
2 technological services to hosiery manufacturers operating in North Carolina.  
3           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.