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HOUSE BILL 1344

Short Title: Lead Regional Org. Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hardaway; Clary, Fox, Gillespie, Hunter, Hurley, Melton, Morris, and Sherrill.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 27, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAD
REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce the sum of one million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of one million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year for the Lead Regional Organizations.

Section 2. Each Lead Regional Organization is allocated up to the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for each fiscal year with the actual amount calculated as provided herein. These funds shall be allocated as follows: A share of the maximum one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each fiscal year shall be allocated to each county and smaller city based on the most recent annual estimate of the Office of State Planning of the population of that county (less the population of any larger city within that county) or smaller city, divided by the sum of the total population of the region (less the population of larger cities within that region) and the total population of the region living in smaller cities. Those funds shall be paid to the Lead Regional Organization for the region in which that city or county is located upon receipt by the Department of Commerce of a resolution of the governing board of the county or city

1 requesting release of the funds. If any city or county does not so request payments of
2 funds by June 30 of a State fiscal year, that share of the allocation for that fiscal year
3 shall revert to the General Fund.

4 Section 3. A Lead Regional Organization may use funds appropriated by this
5 act only to assist local governments in grant applications, economic development,
6 community development, support of local industrial development activities, and other
7 activities as deemed appropriate by the member governments.

8 Section 4. Funds appropriated by this act shall not be used for payment of dues
9 or assessments by the member governments and shall not supplant funds appropriated by
10 member governments.

11 Section 5. As used in this act, "Larger City" means an incorporated city with a
12 population of 50,000 or over. "Smaller City" means any other incorporated city.

13 Section 6. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.