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Sponsors: Senators Newton and Craven (Primary Sponsors).

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO MODIFY MULTILLOCATION PROJECT ENHANCEMENT FOR THE JOB
DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143B-437.56A reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-437.56A. Multilocation projects.

(a) General Rule. – Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, if a project will be located in more than one development tier area, the location with the highest area designation determines the standards applicable under this Part to the project.

(b) Incipient Enhancement. – For purposes of G.S. 143B-437.56(d), if a project will be located in more than one development tier area, the location with the lowest area designation determines the percentage of the annual grant approved for disbursement payable to the Utility Account pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.61 if (i) the project will have at least one location in a development tier three area, (ii) the project will have at least one location in a development tier one or two area, and (iii) at least sixty-six percent (66%) of the number of eligible positions created or the total benefits of the project to the State, as calculated pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.52, or both are located in the lowest area designation.

(c) Coincident Bonus. – The annual grant approved for disbursement payable to a business meeting all of the requirements of this subsection shall be increased by twenty percent (20%). The amount of increase allowed pursuant to this subsection shall not be included for purposes of calculating the award limitations provided in G.S. 143B-437.52 and G.S. 143B-437.56(e). The requirements for the increase allowed in this section are the following:

- (1) The business was awarded the grant for locating a company headquarters, as defined in G.S. 143B-437.01.
- (2) The business announces during the base period the relocation from another state to a development tier one or two area a manufacturing operation of (i) the business or (ii) a business that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the business.
- (3) The relocation will result in the business creating a number of positions to be filled by new full-time employees in this State (i) equal to or greater than the applicable minimum number of jobs set forth for the location in G.S. 143B-437.53(a) and (ii) with withholdings equal to or greater than the amount of the bonus allowed under this subsection. The positions required by this subdivision must qualify as eligible positions under the agreement but for the requirement of being filled during the base period.



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(4) The number of positions required in subdivision (3) of this subsection are filled for the year in which the annual grant is increased."

SECTION 2. G.S. 143B-437.56 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-437.56. Calculation of ~~minimum and maximum~~ grants; factors considered.

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsections (a1) and (d) of this section, the amount of the grant awarded in each case shall be a percentage of the withholdings of eligible positions for a period of years. The percentage shall be no more than eighty percent (80%) for a development tier one area and no more than seventy-five percent (75%) for any other area. ~~If the project will be located in more than one area designation, the location with the highest area designation determines the maximum percentage to be used.~~ The percentage used to determine the amount of the grant shall be based on criteria developed by the Committee, in consultation with the Attorney General, after considering at least the following:

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SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to grants awarded on or after that date.