



HOUSE BILL 316: Catawba Valley CC/Manufacturing Center.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 316 would codify the establishment of the Manufacturing Solutions Center at Catawba Valley Community College.

CURRENT LAW: The Manufacturing Solutions Center ("the Center") is a division of Catawba Valley Community College that provides various industrial services. The Center is not currently codified in statute, but various authorizations and provisions have been included in appropriations bills since 1993.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 316 would codify the establishment of the Manufacturing Solutions Center at Catawba Valley Community College, defining its purpose as to create and maintain jobs in North Carolina through support of traditional and emerging industries. G.S. 115D-67.11 would require the president of the Catawba Valley Community College to appoint the executive director of the Center, who would in turn select remaining personnel, subject to the approval of the president of Catawba Valley Community College.

115D-67.12 would do the following:

- Authorize the Center to retain fees charged for services provided.
- Exempt purchases made by the Center using receipt funds from the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.
- Require the Center to:
 - Notify the Secretary of the Department of Administration or the Secretary's designee of the intent to enter into a contract for supplies, materials, printing, equipment, and contractual services that exceeds one million dollars (\$1,000,000) as provided in G.S. 114-8.3; and
 - Include in all agreements or contracts to be awarded by the Center a standard clause which provides that the State Auditor and internal auditors of the Center may audit the records of the contractor during and after the term of the contract to verify accounts and data affecting fees and performance.
- Prohibit the Center from awarding a cost plus percentage of cost agreement or contract for any purpose.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: The Center began in 1990 as the Hosiery Technology Center as a place to train hosiery workers. The Center gradually expanded its service offerings and changed its name to the Manufacturing Solutions Center in 2009. According to a 2015 report, the Center has a total budget of approximately \$2 million with about \$1.27 million derived from fee revenues.

Sources:

Manufacturing Solutions Center, <http://www.manufacturingsolutionscenter.org/>.
Manufacturing Solutions Center & Textile Technology Center: Report on Revenues & Expenditures (2015)

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