



HOUSE BILL 1043: 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, Sec. 3.3(94): Funds for PPE-NC Initiative

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OVERVIEW: Section 3.3 of S.L. 2020-4, as may have been amended by Section 3 of S.L. 2020-32, Section 4 of S.L. 2020-49, Section 1.1(d) of S.L. 2020-80, Section 3B(b) of S.L. 2020-88, and Section 4.9(a) of S.L. 2020-91, is amended by Section 1.2 of S.L. 2020-97 to add a new subdivision (94) that provides \$14.3 million to the Office of State Budget and Management for the PPE-NC Initiative. The PPE-NC Initiative is a partnership between the Manufacturing Solutions Center at Catawba Valley Community College, Gaston College's Textile Technology Center, the City of Conover, Gaston County, and the private sector to create a launch pad for prototyping and testing reusable personal protective equipment products for entrepreneurs and existing manufacturers. The funds are allocated as follows: \$9 million as a grant to the City of Conover for a facility to house testing labs, rapid prototyping, and textile sourcing; cleanroom upfit; and a rapid prototyping pilot line to create product and train a workforce; and \$5.3 million as a grant to Gaston County to construct an Incubator and Extrusion Center for Advanced Fibers for Gaston College's Textile Technology Center.

This subdivision became effective September 4, 2020.

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