



2023-2024 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 382: Disaster Relief-3/Budget/Various Law Changes, Sec. 3J.14: Expand Availability and Eligible Credits of SparkNC Pilot

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| Committee: | | Date: | December 13, 2024 |
| Introduced by: | | Prepared by: | Samantha Yarborough Staff Attorney |
| Analysis of: | Sec. 3J.14 of S.L. 2024-57 | | |

OVERVIEW: Section 3J.14 of S.L. 2024-57 expands the credits a student can earn in the SparkNC Pilot Program (Program) to now include both, High-Tech credits and Health Science credits. Additionally, a student can earn up to four credits, but cannot complete the same learning experience more than once for credit. A High-Tech credit will be deemed to satisfy the computer science requirement for high school graduation. This section also expands eligibility for the Program to include all public school units. The Department of Public Instruction will provide a directed grant to SparkNC to be used to partner with and provide services to the maximum number of public school units possible. This section also changes the final report date for the Program from March 1, 2026, to February 15, 2027.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on November 26, 2024, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on December 11, 2024. This section of the act became effective December 11, 2024.

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