



SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 7.44: Year13 Support for Career Development Plans

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Section 7.44 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), in consultation with the Department of Commerce (DOC), to use \$1,370,000 in nonrecurring funds to contract with Year13, Inc. to license, host, and maintain the career development planning component accessed via the NC Careers website and operated by the DOC. The DOC must collaborate with Year13 to integrate the Year13 system into the NC Careers website. As part of the contract, Year13 must do all of the following:

- Partner with the DOC to operationalize its platform to serve as the career development planning component of NC Careers, prioritizing functionality that supports all of the following:
 - Individualized career planning.
 - Integration with programs of study and industry-related credentials.
 - Information on licensure requirements as applicable.
 - Use by career counselors, advisors, and coaches embedded throughout a learner's experience across education and workforce systems.
- Collaborate with DPI to provide data, access, and integration as necessary for the career development planning requirements in State law.

This section became effective July 1, 2026.

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