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SENATE RESOLUTION 369

Sponsors: Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Barringer and Horner.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 27, 2017

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY
2 REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

3 Whereas, North Carolina citizens with disabilities are deserving of having the same
4 choice of where, how, and with whom they work and spend their time as other North Carolina
5 citizens; and

6 Whereas, North Carolina Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRP) in partnership
7 with business and industry are an integral part of their local communities and their economies;
8 and

9 Whereas, programs and employment offered by North Carolina CRPs through
10 competitive integrated employment, CRP-based manufacturing, or independent work to North
11 Carolina citizens with disabilities provide the opportunity to meet new people, gain new skills,
12 and earn the respect, dignity, and ancillary human benefits that come with earning a paycheck
13 and making a significant economic impact on our State's economy; and

14 Whereas, approximately 8,500 citizens with disabilities avail themselves of the
15 opportunity to participate in these CRP programs each year and approximately 1,000 receive
16 competitive integrated employment service each year; and

17 Whereas, the parents, guardians, and caregivers of many of these participants
18 support and attest to the benefits of these programs and the employment provided under them;
19 and

20 Whereas, just like other North Carolina citizens, individuals with disabilities should
21 be free to choose the settings in which they receive services or employment, including
22 programs offered by North Carolina CRPs in competitive integrated employment, CRP-based
23 manufacturing, or independent work assignment; Now, therefore,
24 Be it resolved by the Senate:

25 **SECTION 1.** The Senate reaffirms its support of the services provided by the
26 Community Rehabilitation Programs in our State and reaffirms the rights of North Carolinians
27 to choose services, supports, and employment options provided through this network.

28 **SECTION 2.** The Senate also urges North Carolina congressional delegation to
29 review the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act rules and definitions, promulgated by
30 the Department of Education, to assess for any negative impact to the citizens of North
31 Carolina.

32 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

