A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADD THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE JOINING OUR BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS (JOBS) STUDY COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143B-434(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Membership. – The Economic Development Board shall consist of 39 members. The Secretary of Commerce shall serve ex officio as a member and as the secretary of the Economic Development Board. The Secretary of Revenue shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member. The Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, four members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee, the President of The University of North Carolina, or designee, the President of the North Carolina Community College System, or designee, the Secretary of State, and the President of the Senate (or the designee of the President of the Senate), shall serve as members of the Board. The Governor shall appoint the remaining 23 members of the Board. Effective with the terms beginning July 1, 1997, one of the Governor’s appointees shall be a representative of a nonprofit organization involved in economic development and two of the Governor’s appointees shall be county economic development representatives. The Governor shall designate a chair and a vice chair from among the members of the Board. Appointments to the Board made by the Governor for terms beginning July 1, 1997, and appointments to the Board made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for terms beginning July 9, 1993, should reflect the ethnic and gender diversity of the State as nearly as practical.

The initial appointments to the Board shall be for terms beginning on July 9, 1993. Of the initial appointments made by the Governor, the terms shall expire July 1, 1997. Of the initial appointments made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate two appointments of each shall be designated to expire on July 1, 1995; the remaining terms shall expire July 1, 1997. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of four years.

The appointing officer shall make a replacement appointment to serve for the unexpired term in the case of a vacancy.
The members of the Economic Development Board shall receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence expenses payable to members of State Boards and agencies generally pursuant to G.S. 138-5 and G.S. 138-6, as the case may be. The members of the Economic Development Board who are members of the General Assembly shall not receive per diem but shall receive necessary travel and subsistence expenses at rates prescribed by G.S. 120-3.1."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.