

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 188**

Short Title: Financial Support to NC4ME. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Lazzara (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 27, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO NORTH  
CAROLINA FOR MILITARY EMPLOYMENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
AND VETERAN EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES AND TO REQUIRE ANNUAL  
REPORTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce the sum of four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium to provide financial support to North Carolina for Military Employment (NC4ME) for workforce development and veteran employment initiatives. NC4ME shall use these funds to support its programs, including:

- (1) Employer engagement and training to hire military talent.
- (2) Job fairs and hiring events tailored to transitioning service members and veterans.
- (3) Outreach and support services for military spouses seeking employment.

**SECTION 2.** By October 1 of each year, North Carolina for Military Employment shall report to the Department of Commerce and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government on the following:

- (1) A detailed account of how funds were utilized.
- (2) Metrics on the number of veterans, transitioning service members, and spouses served.
- (3) Outcomes related to employment placements and employer partnerships.

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.

