**An Act To Create a Regional Grant Program To Help Rural Businesses Find Qualified Staff**

L.D. 492

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SENATE AMENDMENT “      ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 200, L.D. 492, “An Act To Create a Regional Grant Program To Help Rural Businesses Find Qualified Staff”

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.**  The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Rural Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grant Fund N363**

Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize the expenditure of any funds received from outside sources to provide grants for local economic development initiatives in rural regions of the State.

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| **OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| All Other | $500 | $500 |
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| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL | $500 | $500 |

**Rural Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grant Fund N363**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds of $200,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and fiscal year 2022-23 only for eligible local economic development initiatives to advertise and promote jobs in rural regions of the State and to locate and retain qualified staff. Funding appropriated to this program does not lapse but must be carried forward into the next fiscal year to be used only for the purpose for which it was provided.

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| **GENERAL FUND** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| All Other | $200,000 | $200,000 |
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| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | $200,000 | $200,000 |

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| **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY** **DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF** |   |   |
| **DEPARTMENT TOTALS** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
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| **GENERAL FUND** | **$200,000** | **$200,000** |
| **OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS** | **$500** | **$500** |
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| **DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS** | **$200,500** | **$200,500** |

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Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment reduces the fiscal year 2022-23 appropriation for eligible local economic development initiatives to $200,000.

**SPONSORED BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**(Senator BREEN, C.)**

**COUNTY: Cumberland**