



NC TRAVEL NEWS

A weekly newsletter on North Carolina General Assembly news relevant to the North Carolina tourism industry

Hotel Front Desk Supervisors Training



The 2021 investment of \$200,000 by the General Assembly in the Tourism Education Foundation of NC continued to pay dividends to the hospitality industry this week when local hotel front desk supervisors took part in a training at the TEFNC training room.

The training is part of TEFNC and NCTIA's ongoing partnership to reach 12,000 graduating seniors from Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, and Union County and introduce them to upwardly mobile hospitality careers.

NCTIA has requested the General Assembly continue funding the program in this year's budget, and to consider expanding the program into the Outer Banks area and the counties surrounding New Hanover County.

For more information on the workforce development project, contact NCTIA Executive Director Vince Chelena or Molly Pusateri.

House Committee Approves NCTIA Bill

The House Committee on Local Government - Land Use, Planning and Development (graphic) unanimously approved House Bill 782 (Code Exemption

for Temp. Movie Sets) on Thursday morning.

The bill is sponsored by Rep. Tricia Cotham (R-Mecklenburg), Rep. Jason Saine (R-Lincoln), Rep. John Bradford (R-Mecklenburg), and Rep. Jeff Zenger (R-Forsyth).

HB782's next stop is in the House Rules Committee, likely on Tuesday, and with approval there it will advance to the House floor. If successful, the bill will go to the Senate and follow a similar path in that chamber.

However, the bill has to pass the House by May 4, the crossover deadline date set by the House and Senate leadership to weed out policy bills that have not passed one chamber by that date.

During the committee hearing, Chairman Mark Brody (R-Union/Anson) recognized NCTIA lobbyist Brian Lewis to talk about the many film/tv projects in and around the Charlotte area that face delays because of building code regulations.

House Bill 782 reads "buildings used for temporary motion picture, television, and theater stage sets and scenery are exempt from use and occupancy classification under the North Carolina State Building Code."

"We appreciate Chairman Brody for allowing NCTIA to speak about House Bill 782's importance," said NCTIA Executive Director Vince Chelena. "This bill is a jobs bill as the film industry supports thousands of employees and has a ripple effect throughout the Charlotte region's economy."

Chelena also expressed appreciation to Rep. Cotham and her trio of primary sponsors. "We know this is an incredibly busy time in the legislature – especially for these four legislators – and we appreciate their work on this important bill for our industry," he said.

