

February 25, 1999

H 163. SECURITIES TRANSFER ON DEATH-2. TO ENACT THE UNIFORM TRANSFER ON DEATH (TOD) SECURITY REGISTRATION ACT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION. This bill is substantively identical to H 112, introduced 2/22/99, except it is effective when it becomes law (H 112 is effective 10/1/99).

Intro. by Culpepper.

Ref. to Rules

GS 41, 28A

July 19, 1999

H 163. 1999 STUDIES. Intro. 2/22/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes original bill and substitutes AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE STUDIES BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMM'N, TO CREATE VARIOUS STUDY COMM'NS, AND TO DIRECT STATE AGENCIES AND LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMM. AND COMM'NS TO STUDY SPECIFIED ISSUES, as follows:

Legislative Research Comm'n. Authorizes numerous individual studies grouped into categories of governmental agency and personnel issues; insurance and managed care issues; education issues; human resources and health issues; taxation and economic development issues; environmental/agricultural issues; labor/employment issues; government regulatory issues; and transportation issues. Authorizes reports to the 1999 General Assembly, the 2000 Regular Session, or the 2001 General Assembly.

N.C. Tax Policy Comm'n. Establishes a North Carolina Tax Policy Comm'n, consisting of 13 members representative of the interests and geographic regions of the State, with expertise in tax policies, tax administration and professional tax practice. Appointments split among the Speaker of the House (5), President Pro Tem of the Senate (5), and Governor (3), to be made by August 31, 1999. Mission of the comm'n is to study, examine, and if necessary, design a realignment of the State and local tax structure. Report to be made by March 1, 2001, with an interim report permitted. Provides for a paid executive director and employment of additional staff, with comm'n approval. Funded from the General Assembly reserves up to \$500,000.

State Tort Liability and Immunity. Establishes the Study Comm'n on State Tort Liability and Immunity, with 15 members appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate (4), Speaker of the House (4) and Governor (3), along with the Attorney General or designee and Comm'r of Insurance or designee. Mission is to study issues concerning the tort liability and immunity of the State, but not to include tort reform as it relates to contributory negligence or professional liability. Report to be made to the 2001 General Assembly, with an interim report permitted. Funding and staff may be provided by the Legislative Services Comm'n.

Election Laws Study Comm'n. Establishes the Election Laws Revision Comm'n, with 17 members appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate (4), Speaker of the House (4), and Governor (4), along with the Chair and Executive Secretary-director of the State Board of Elections and the State chairs of the three political parties whose nominees for Governor received the largest number of votes in the most recent general election, ex officio. Mission is to study the election laws, policies and procedures of the State, including public financing for campaigns, and to prepare and recommend a comprehensive revision of the election laws. Report to be made to the 2001 General Assembly, with an interim report permitted. Funding and staff may be provided by the Legislative Services Comm'n.

Children With Special Needs. Establishes the Study Comm'n on Children with Special Needs, with 18 members appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate (7), Speaker of the House (7), and Governor (4). Mission is to study issues related to meeting the educational needs of children with special needs, and in particular to study the alternative funding methods and the effects of the current 12.5% cap on funding for the education of children with special needs. Report to be made to the 2001 General Assembly upon its convening with an interim report permitted. Funding may be provided by the Legislative Services Comm'n.

Transportation Studies. Directs the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Comm. to study nonbetterment utility relocation costs and report to the 2000 Regular Session or the 2001 General Assembly.

Legislative Study Comm'n on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services. Authorizes the continued work of the Implementation Advisory Comm. of said Comm'n, directing a final report by July 1, 2000. Directs Comm'n to study whether and under what circumstances certain persons committed involuntarily to State psychiatric hospitals should be released. Directs report on these issues to the 2000 Regular Session not later than one week prior to convening.

Future of Electric Service Funding Continuation. Extends funding reimbursement from the Utilities Comm'n and Public Staff Fund through the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

DENR Study Burning Permits. Directs Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources to review permit procedures for open burning permits in or near woodlands to determine whether more controls are needed. Report to be made by May 15, 2000.

Study Comm'n on Aging/Immunization of Nursing and Adult Care Home Employees and Residents. Directs the N.C. Study Comm'n on Aging to study the issue of annual flu vaccines, and every five years pneumococcal disease vaccination, for residents and employees of nursing homes. Report to be made not later than May 1, 2000.

Education Oversight Studies. Directs Joint Legislative Oversight Comm. to study public schools' purchase of natural gas supplies and high school graduation standards, and to report to the 2000 Regular Session or the 2001 General Assembly.

General Statutes Comm'n. Directs the General Statutes Comm'n to study Uniform Commercial Code Art. 9 (secured transactions) and to report to the 2000 Regular Session.

Joint Legislative Comm'n on Seafood and Aquaculture/Seafood Labeled as to Origin. Directs said comm'n to study the desirability and feasibility of requiring seafood entering the State to be labelled as to its state or country of origin, and to report to the 2000 Regular Session.

Environmental Review Comm'n. Directs comm'n to study motor vehicle emissions testing and maintenance requirements under Part III of S. 953 (Clean Air Act enhanced emissions testing) and report to 2000 Regular Session.