May 30, 2000

H 1816. GENDER EQUITY REPORTING. *TO AMEND THE STATE GENDER EQUITY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR AN INTERNET ACCESSIBLE REPORTING DATABASE.* Amends GS 143-157.1 to provide that in appointing members to any statutorily created county board of health, district board of health, area mental health authority, board of social services, alcoholic beverage control board, or any other decisionmaking or regulatory public office as that term is defined by GS 143-47.6(2), the appointing authority should select, from among the most qualified persons, those persons whose appointment would promote membership that accurately reflects the proportion that each gender represents in the State, unless the law requires otherwise. Requires annual report, by December 1, to Sec'y of State by each comm'n, council, committee, board, or other entity, on forms to be provided by Sec'y. Single report to be compiled by Sec'y and made to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Appropriates \$25,000 for 2000-2001 from General Fund to Dep't of the Secretary of State. Effective July 1, 2000.

Intro. by Adams.

Ref. to Rules	GS 143, APPROP
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