

March 1, 1999

S 192. FILING OF FOREIGN AGREEMENTS. TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF ALL MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENTS OF A NONCOMMERCIAL NATURE BETWEEN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. Adds new GS 66-275 providing that a copy of all executed memoranda of understanding and agreements of a noncommercial nature between State of North Carolina and a foreign government shall be filed with the Secretary of State and shall be indexed and available for public inspection. Authorizes Sec'y of State to offer assistance in matters relating to international relations and protocol to other State agencies. Authorizes Sec'y of State to accept voluntary contributions and to apply for grants for purpose of promoting international relations and housing foreign dignitaries, with such funds subject to audit by State Auditor and expenditure in accordance with Executive Budget Act. Effective as to memoranda and agreements executed on or after July 1, 1999.

Intro. by Reeves.

Ref. to Commerce

GS 66

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S 192. FILING OF FOREIGN AGREEMENTS. Intro. 3/1/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Limits filing requirement to documents otherwise subject to disclosure under the state public records law. Moves provisions authorizing Sec'y of State to provide international relations assistance from new GS 66-275 to new GS 147-54.5. Defines "agency of the State" to exclude from act's coverage educational, research, or extension activities of public educational institutions. Amends GS 147-54.1 to authorize Sec'y of State to publish publications electronically. Amends GS 147-12 to give the Governor the power and duty to oversee and approve agreements involving the state and foreign governments, after review by the Attorney General.

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S 192. FILING OF FOREIGN AGREEMENTS. Intro. 3/1/99. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes technical changes only.