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H 1264. MODIFY FINANCE LAWS. TO MODIFY THE FINANCE LAWS OF THE STATE. Blank bill.

Intro. by Miner.

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June 10, 2004

H 1264. REGULATORY FEES (NEW). Intro. 4/29/03. House committee substitute replaces 1st edition blank bill with new bill as follows: (1) provides that the percentage rate to be used in calculating the public utility regulatory fee under GS 62-302(b)(2) is 0.12% of each public utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2004, providing that the electric membership corporation regulatory fee under GS 62-302(b1) for 2004-2005 fiscal year is \$200,000, and making both of these changes effective July 1, 2004; (2) sets the percentage rate to be used in calculating the insurance regulatory charge under GS 58-6-25 at 5% for the 2004 calendar year; and (3) clarifies that the bill does not affect the legal rights of anyone under a statute amended by the bill before the effective date of the amendment or the right of anyone to receive any refund or tax credit that accrued under the amended state before the effective date of its amendment.

July 8, 2004

H 1264. FINANCE HEALTH AND RESEARCH BLDGS. (NEW). Intro. 4/29/03. Senate committee substitute adopted 7/7/04 makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Replaces existing bill with completely new bill. Sections 1 and 2 are substantially identical to the 4th edition of S 1098, introduced 5/17/04, except authorizes special indebtedness of \$10,000 for land acquisition and planning for a Bioinformatics Center at UNC-Charlotte (was, \$35 million for construction); \$3.3 million for renovations and an addition to an existing building and \$10 million for land acquisition and planning for a stand-alone facility and interim facilities to house the Pharmacy School program at ECSU (was, \$28 million); and \$10 million for land acquisition and planning for the NC Center for Health and Aging, to be operated as a consortium among UNC-Asheville, WCU, and the Mountain Area Health Education Consortium (was, \$35 million for construction of a Center for Health Promotion and Partnerships at UNC-Asheville). Requires that projects receive approval from the Board of Governors of UNC before indebtedness is issued. Sec. 3 is substantially identical to the 4th edition of S 464, introduced 3/20/03, except increases appointed membership of Debt Affordability Advisory Comm. to four (was, two).

Enacts new Sec. 4 requiring that the Board of Governors, in collaboration with the State Board of Community Colleges, contract with a private consulting firm to conduct a comprehensive study of the mission and educational program needs of the UNC and Community College Systems, final report and recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly by Dec. 31, 2005. Requires that study place special emphasis on the development of signature programs for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, acknowledge the importance of a strong liberal arts education foundation, and place emphasis on programs aimed at meeting the needs of the state's changing economy. Further requires that the Jt. Legis. Education Oversight Comm. create a higher education programming subcommittee to monitor the study.

July 16, 2004

H 1264. FINANCE VITAL PROJECTS/STUDIES (NEW). Intro. 4/29/03. Conference report recommends the following changes to 3rd edition to reconcile matters in controversy. Deletes Senate committee substitute adopted 7/7/04 and replaces it with the following bill. (1) Authorizes the state to use special indebtedness to finance construction of five new projects in UNC system--\$180,000,000 for cancer rehabilitation and treatment center at UNC Hospitals at Chapel Hill; \$35,000,000 for Bioinformatics Center at UNC-Charlotte; \$28,000,000 for Pharmacy School at Elizabeth City State University; \$35,000,000 for Center for Health Promotion and Partnerships at UNC-Asheville—and to finance land acquisition and site preparation for five projects--\$10,000,000 each for Center of Excellence of Teaching and Nursing at Fayetteville State University; joint Millennial Campus of N.C. A & T and UNC-Greensboro; Optometry School at UNC-Pembroke; to

Western Carolina University for NC Center for Health and Aging (to be operated as consortium among Western Carolina Univ., UNC-Asheville, and Mountain Area Health Education Consortium); and Winston-Salem State University for Center for Design Information to be operated jointly by Winston-Salem State and NC School of the Arts. (2) Authorizes state to use special indebtedness up to \$35,000,000 to finance construction of up to five youth development centers. (3) Requires Health and Wellness Trust Fund and Tobacco Trust Fund each to transfer to the General Fund annually one-half of the estimated debt service on the UNC and youth facility indebtedness. The amount transferred each fiscal year is capped at 30% of each trust fund's receipts through 2006-07 and 65% for later fiscal years. (4) Authorizes state to use special indebtedness for capital projects for the State Parks System, for parks, recreation, and preservation of natural heritage; and for clean water conservation. Provides that repayment of debt to be made from existing revenue streams dedicated to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, the Natural Heritage Trust Fund, and the Clean Water Management Trust Fund. Authorization is set at \$45 million of which \$20 million is to acquire land near military bases and \$25 million is for parks and game lands. Amends GS 113-44.15 to require NC Parks and Recreation Authority to allocate funds from the Trust Fund with a geographic distribution across the state to extent practicable rather than merely considering geographic distribution. Specifies that acquisition of land near military bases to prevent encroachment is a high priority. (5) Creates the Debt Affordability Advisory Committee to advise the Governor and General Assembly annually on the estimated debt capacity of the state for the upcoming 10 years. The committee is composed of the State Treasurer, Sec'y of Revenue, State Budget Officer, State Controller, two public members appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and two public members appointed by the Speaker of the House. (6) Directs the UNC Board of Governors in collaboration with the State Board of Community Colleges to contract with a consultant to study higher education program and facility needs. Requires special emphasis on the development of signature programs at Historically Black Colleges and UNC-Pembroke. (7) Enacts GS 142-95 to create a statutory framework for a new type of state special indebtedness called "RECOP indebtedness," which involves lower debt service payments during term of debt with larger payment due at maturity and which allows indebtedness to be secured by specific real property of the state. Prohibits use RECOP indebtedness without adoption of legislation authorizing financing for specific projects. Directs State Treasurer to study RECOP indebtedness and report to Joint Legislative Committee on Government Operations by Feb. 1, 2005. (8) Provisions regarding Health and Wellness Trust Fund and Tobacco Trust Fund effective July 1, 2004; remainder of bill effective when it becomes law.