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S 1095. 2005 STATE LOTTERY FOR EDUCATION/SENIORS. TO ESTABLISH A STATE LOTTERY TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO SUPPORT EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMS AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR SENIORS. Enacts new GS Chapter 143D to establish the North Carolina State Lottery. Requires that the lottery be established “at the earliest practical time” and that all revenue be “raised in a manner consistent with the dignity of the State and the general welfare of the people and in a manner consistent with effective business practices.” Creates the NC State Lottery Comm’n, to be directed by the NC State Lottery Director. The Comm’n will consist of seven members, three appointed by the Governor, two by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the President Pro Tem. of the Senate and two by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House. The Director is appointed by the Governor. Lottery revenues to be allocated as follows: at least 50% for prizes, at least 34% for public purposes, and 16% for expenses of the Comm’n. Public purposes include the construction and maintenance of school buildings and information technology investments, and a prescription drug benefit to seniors administered through the Dep’t of Health and Human Services. Creates the NC Lottery Fund within the State treasury. Of the net proceeds collected, 75% go to the school construction projects and 25% go to the drug benefit program. Rules relating to the types of games conducted by the lottery are developed by the Comm’n upon recommendation of the Director. Prohibits games using the theme of horse or dog racing, and prohibits games based upon the outcome of sporting events. Makes sale of a ticket or share in a lottery game to a person under 18 a Class 1 misdemeanor. Provides that local governments may not legislate or regulate operations of the Comm’n or lottery games allowed by this bill. Initial working capital for the lottery to come from loans to the Comm’n by the State Controller upon approval of the Treasurer.

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Ref. to Ways & Means

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