

March 23, 2005

**S 806. MEDIATION AMENDMENTS.** *TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING MEDIATED SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES IN SUPERIOR COURT, MEDIATION IN DISTRICT COURT DOMESTIC CASES, AND THE REGULATION OF MEDIATORS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION.* Amends GS 7A-38.1 and GS 7A-38.4A(j) to make clarifying changes regarding the inadmissibility in most civil proceedings of statements made during settlement conferences and other mediation proceedings. Amends GS 7A-38.2 to make clarifying changes relating to the role of the Dispute Resolution Commission in the certification and training of mediators. Increases membership on the Commission from 14 to 15 members, adding one member who is a clerk of superior court appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Authorizes the chair of the Commission to employ an executive secretary and other staff as necessary to assist the Commission in carrying out its duties. Also allows the Commission to employ special counsel or call upon the Attorney General to furnish counsel to assist the Commission in conducting hearings pursuant to its certification or qualification and regulatory responsibilities. Grants the Chair authority to issue oaths and subpoenas in connection with investigations or hearings. Gives Superior Court the jurisdiction to enforce subpoenas and other orders of the Commission. Requires that all information obtained and kept by the Commission regarding certification and qualifications of mediators be kept confidential, subject to provisions in bill. Specifies that all final determinations by the Commission regarding the certification or discipline of a mediator or other neutral be filed with the clerk of court in Wake County.

**Intro. by Hartsell.**

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**S 806. MEDIATION AMENDMENTS.** Intro. 3/23/05. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes the effective date for amendments to GS 7A-38.1(1) and 7A-38.4A(j) from when act becomes law to mediations occurring on or after October 1, 2005.

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**SL 2005-167 (S 806). MEDIATION AMENDMENTS.** *AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING MEDIATED SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES IN SUPERIOR COURT, MEDIATION IN DISTRICT COURT DOMESTIC CASES, AND THE REGULATION OF MEDIATORS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/23/05 and 5/12/05. Enacted July 7, 2005. Sections 1 and 3 are effective October 1, 2005. The remainder is effective July 7, 2005.