

March 20, 2007

S 1132. PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION ESTABLISHED. Filed 3/20/07. *TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS IN STATE GOVERNMENT BY ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

Amends GS Chapter 120 to add new Article 7C, establishing a Program Evaluation Division of the Legislative Services Commission. Enacts GS 120-36.11 to provide that the Program Evaluation Division has the power to: (1) examine a program or activity of a state agency and evaluate its merits and effectiveness; (2) develop qualitative indicators for measuring the number of activities performed and services provided by a state agency and the extent that it is achieving results; (3) develop unit cost measures to determine the cost of activities performed and services provided; (4) make unannounced visits to a state agency to evaluate a program or activity; (5) make recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of a state agency; (6) determine the extent to which a state agency has implemented any of the Division's recommendations concerning the agency; (7) require a state agency to submit a written response to a proposed or final recommendation and written explanation of the extent that that agency has implemented the Division's recommendations; (8) conduct studies directed by the Legislative Services Commission or General Assembly; and (9) make periodic reports. Makes conforming changes to GS 120-32(a) and GS 120-32.01.

Intro. by Clodfelter.

GS 120

May 7, 2007

S 1132. PROGRAM EVALUATION BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY (NEW). Filed 3/20/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. New GS 120-36.11(a) defines the purpose of the Program Evaluation Division of the General Assembly as assisting the General Assembly in overseeing government functions by providing independent, objective information to be used in evaluating whether public services are delivered in an effective and efficient manner and in accordance with the law. New GS 120-36.11(b) provides for appointment of a Director of the Program Evaluation Division by the Legislative Services Commission and charges the Director with hiring and dismissing Division employees, but requires approval of the Legislative Services Officer for any hiring or dismissal. Recodifies the Division powers and duties from GS 120-36.11 in 1st edition to GS 120-36.12 and adds as a duty determining if a state agency program or activity complies with the agency's mission as established by law.

Enacts new GS 120-36.15 establishing the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee consisting of eight members of the Senate and eight members of the House with two-year terms. Provides that members may complete a term even if not reelected, although resignation or removal from the General Assembly constitutes resignation or removal from the Committee. Sets terms of initial members as beginning on appointment and ending on January 15, 2009. Outlines procedures governing committee action.

Enacts new GS 120-36.13 requiring the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee in consultation with the Director of the Program Evaluation Division to establish an annual work plan for the Division. Requires that requests for evaluations by the Division be submitted by a member of the General Assembly. Requires that the Director of the Division review each request in accordance with statutory criteria and recommend to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee whether to amend the work plan to included the evaluation. Enacts new GS 120-36.14 requiring that a report of an evaluation of a program or an activity of a state agency by the Program Evaluation Division include (1) findings and recommendations for making the program or activity more efficient or effective, (2) necessary legislation to carry out the findings, and (3) an estimate of the costs or savings from implementing the findings and recommendations.

New GS 120-36.15 sets forth powers and duties of the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee as receiving and reviewing requests for evaluations, establishing an annual work plan for the Division, receiving reports prepared by the Division, consulting with an oversight committee or another committee about a report concerning a program or activity, and recommending to the General Assembly changes needed to implement a recommendation included in a Division report and endorsed by the Committee.

Amends GS 120-32.01 to provide for Division access to the State Personnel Management Information System through the Fiscal Research Division. Makes other technical changes.

May 30, 2007

S 1132. PROGRAM EVALUATION BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Filed 3/20/07. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Increases the number of members on the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee from 16 to 18. Also makes a corresponding increase in the number of members appointed by the President Pro Tem. of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, including increases in the number of members that must be members of the minority party from two to three.

June 18, 2007

SL 2007-78 (S 1132). PROGRAM EVALUATION BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AN ACT TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS IN STATE GOVERNMENT BY ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/20/07, 5/7/07, and 5/30/07. Enacted June 14, 2007. Effective June 14, 2007.

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