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**S 1404. AMEND INVESTIGATIVE GRAND JURY CHARGE.** Filed 5/25/10. TO EXPAND THE LIST OF CRIMES FOR WHICH AN INVESTIGATIVE GRAND JURY CAN BE CONVENED AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED IN EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATIVE JURY.

Amends GS 15A-622 as the title indicates, to include: (1) violation of Article 29, 30, or 30A of GS Chapter 14 (relating to bribery, obstructing justice, and secret listening), GS 14-228 (buying and selling of offices), GS 14-230 (failing to discharge duties), GS 14-234 (public officers or employees benefiting from public contracts), or GS 14-234.1 (misuse of confidential information); (2) misdemeanor or felony offense of obstruction of justice; (3) violation of GS 14-90 (embezzlement of property received by virtue of office or employment), GS 14-100 (obtaining property by false pretenses), GS 14-118.4 (extortion), or GS 14-119 (forgery of notes, checks, and other securities; counterfeiting of instruments); (4) violation of Article 20, 22, or 22A of GS Chapter 163 (relating to absentee ballots, corrupt practices and other offenses against the elective franchise, and regulation of contributions and expenditures in political campaigns); (5) violation of GS 14-209 (perjury) or GS 14-210 (subornation of perjury); and (6) violation of GS 14-254 (malfeasance of corporation officers and agents). Makes a conforming change. Effective December 1, 2010.

Appropriates \$25,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts to assist with the administrative expenses of implementing the act. Effective July 1, 2010. **Intro. by Stein.**GS 15A, APPROP