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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO SPUR THE CREATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS; REORGANIZE AND
3 REFORM STATE GOVERNMENT; MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR
4 CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS; AND
5 TO ENACT BUDGET RELATED AMENDMENTS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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8 **PART I. INTRODUCTION AND TITLE OF ACT**

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10 **TITLE**

11 **SECTION 1.1.** This act shall be known as the "Current Operations and Capital
12 Improvements Appropriations Act of 2011."

13
14 **INTRODUCTION**

15 **SECTION 1.2.** The appropriations made in this act are for maximum amounts
16 necessary to provide the services and accomplish the purposes described in the budget.
17 Savings shall be effected where the total amounts appropriated are not required to perform
18 these services and accomplish these purposes and, except as allowed by the State Budget Act,
19 or this act, the savings shall revert to the appropriate fund at the end of each fiscal year.

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21 **PART II. CURRENT OPERATIONS AND EXPANSION GENERAL FUND**

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23 **CURRENT OPERATIONS AND EXPANSION/GENERAL FUND**

24 **SECTION 2.1.** Appropriations from the General Fund of the State for the
25 maintenance of the State departments, institutions, and agencies, and for other purposes as
26 enumerated, are made for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2013, according to the following
27 schedule:

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29 **Current Operations – General Fund** **2011-2012** **2012-2013**

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31 **EDUCATION**

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33 Community Colleges System Office \$ 982,305,416 \$ 982,305,416



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2	Department of Public Instruction	7,226,755,942	7,191,532,300
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4	University of North Carolina – Board of Governors		
5	Appalachian State University	145,615,228	145,732,585
6	East Carolina University		
7	Academic Affairs	247,883,972	247,883,972
8	Health Affairs	65,196,439	65,196,439
9	Elizabeth City State University	38,394,847	38,567,166
10	Fayetteville State University	56,968,000	56,968,000
11	NC A&T State University	105,413,397	105,852,346
12	NC Central University	94,413,933	94,413,933
13	NC State University		
14	Academic Affairs	434,600,291	434,714,473
15	Agricultural Research	59,239,461	59,239,461
16	Agricultural Extension	43,539,609	43,539,609
17	UNC-Asheville	41,984,728	41,984,728
18	UNC-Chapel Hill		
19	Academic Affairs	309,582,768	312,944,304
20	Health Affairs	219,507,009	222,570,732
21	AHEC	49,747,851	49,747,851
22	UNC-Charlotte	216,916,678	217,932,821
23	UNC-Greensboro	173,205,364	173,205,364
24	UNC-Pembroke	61,700,446	62,443,695
25	UNC-School of the Arts	27,849,173	27,849,173
26	UNC-Wilmington	105,967,837	107,163,413
27	Western Carolina University	90,758,068	91,236,972
28	Winston-Salem State University	76,496,951	76,496,950
29	General Administration	38,186,863	27,628,722
30	University Institution Programs	(395,719,732)	(398,078,528)
31	Related Educational Programs	85,679,060	115,272,420
32	UNC Financial Aid Private Colleges	91,426,688	62,286,250
33	NC School of Science & Math	18,937,535	18,937,535
34	UNC Hospitals	25,000,000	25,000,000
35	Total University of North Carolina –		
36	Board of Governors	\$ 2,528,492,464	\$ 2,526,730,386
37			
38	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
39			
40	Department of Health and Human Services		
41	Division of Central Management and Support	\$ 45,011,380	\$ 39,411,990
42	Division of Aging and Adult Services	35,359,667	35,359,667
43	Division of Services for Blind/Deaf/Hard of Hearing	7,198,149	7,181,925
44	Division of Child Development	266,102,933	266,102,933
45	Division of Health Service Regulation	16,133,031	16,133,031
46	Division of Medical Assistance	2,928,301,996	2,904,589,504
47	Division of Mental Health,		
48	Developmental Disabilities, and		
49	Substance Abuse Services	648,478,227	673,478,227
50	NC Health Choice	79,452,317	83,717,865
51	Division of Public Health	186,876,812	153,972,401
52	Division of Social Services	184,286,652	184,286,652
53	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	37,125,788	37,528,128
54	Total Health and Human Services	\$ 4,434,326,952	\$ 4,401,762,323
55			
56	NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES		
57			
58	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$ 71,484,049	\$ 68,177,845
59			

1	Department of Commerce		
2	Commerce	48,426,722	31,232,429
3	Commerce State-Aid	28,101,984	27,941,395
4	NC Biotechnology Center	16,576,615	16,576,615
5	Rural Economic Development Center	39,646,444	39,646,444
6			
7	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	166,461,608	161,449,204
8			
9	DENR Clean Water Management Trust Fund	12,500,000	12,500,000
10			
11	Department of Labor	15,836,887	15,836,887
12			
13	Wildlife Resources Commission	16,000,000	15,221,179
14			
15	JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
16			
17	Department of Correction	\$ 1,337,816,346	\$ 1,348,410,793
18			
19	Department of Crime Control and Public Safety	247,927,627	270,204,922
20			
21	Judicial Department	436,243,082	432,464,141
22	Judicial Department – Indigent Defense	111,732,877	111,160,465
23			
24	Department of Justice	52,330,297	24,537,108
25			
26	Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	135,593,692	131,140,565
27			
28	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
29			
30	Department of Administration	\$ 62,232,817	\$ 64,136,947
31			
32	Department of State Auditor	11,857,574	10,676,035
33			
34	Office of State Controller	28,368,957	28,368,957
35			
36	Department of Cultural Resources		
37	Cultural Resources	60,994,609	58,256,841
38	Roanoke Island Commission	1,203,491	0
39			
40	State Board of Elections	5,186,603	5,126,603
41			
42	General Assembly	53,259,495	50,104,208
43			
44	Office of the Governor		
45	Office of the Governor	4,887,061	4,887,061
46	Office of State Budget and Management	5,848,663	5,848,663
47	OSBM – Reserve for Special Appropriations	1,940,612	440,612
48	Housing Finance Agency	10,673,051	10,673,051
49			
50	Department of Insurance		
51	Insurance	36,393,921	36,393,921
52	Insurance – Volunteer Safety Workers' Compensation	2,294,000	2,623,654
53			
54	Office of Lieutenant Governor	775,245	775,245
55			
56	Office of Administrative Hearings	4,983,871	4,983,871
57			
58	Department of Revenue	78,199,538	78,199,538
59			

1	Department of Secretary of State	10,654,563	10,654,563
2			
3	Department of State Treasurer		
4	State Treasurer	6,657,031	6,621,750
5	State Treasurer –		
6	Retirement for Fire and Rescue Squad Workers	17,812,114	17,812,114
7			
8	RESERVES, ADJUSTMENTS, AND DEBT SERVICE		
9			
10	Contingency and Emergency Fund	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
11			
12	State Retirement System Contribution	297,400,000	404,200,000
13			
14	Judicial Retirement System Contribution	7,900,000	9,000,000
15			
16	Firemen's & Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund	5,800,000	6,900,000
17			
18	National Guard Pension Fund	263,000	523,000
19			
20	State Health Plan	7,119,541	102,151,104
21			
22	Information Technology Fund	4,458,142	6,158,142
23			
24	Reserve for Job Development Investment Grants (JDIG)	15,400,000	27,400,000
25			
26	Continuation Review Reserve	0	22,982,380
27			
28	Comprehensive Review of Compensation Plans	2,000,000	0
29			
30	Salary Adjustment and Performance Pay Reserve	0	328,000,000
31			
32	Severance Expenditure Reserve	75,000,000	0
33			
34	Automated Fraud Detection Development	1,000,000	7,000,000
35			
36	Controller – Fraud Detection Development	500,000	500,000
37			
38	Debt Service		
39	General Debt Service	688,957,188	759,984,974
40	Federal Reimbursement	1,616,380	1,616,380
41			
42	TOTAL CURRENT OPERATIONS –		
43	 GENERAL FUND	\$ 19,425,196,471	\$ 19,886,830,031
44			
45	GENERAL FUND AVAILABILITY STATEMENT		
46	SECTION 2.2.(a) The General Fund availability used in developing the 2011-2013		
47	biennial budget is shown below.		
48		FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
49	Unappropriated Balance Remaining	\$ 0	\$ 72,311,073
50	Ending Unreserved Fund Balance for FY 2009-2010	236,902,394	0
51	Anticipated Reversions for FY 2010-2011 –		
52	S.L. 2011-15 (S.B. 109)	537,740,799	0
53	Anticipated Overcollections from FY 2010-2011	180,800,000	0
54	Repayment of Medicaid Receipts in FY 2010-2011	(125,000,000)	0
55			
56	Statutory Earmarks:		
57	Savings Reserve Account	(202,994,340)	0
58	Repairs and Renovations Reserve Account	(202,994,339)	0
59			

1	Beginning Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 424,454,514	\$ 72,311,073
2			
3	Revenues Based on Existing Tax Structure	\$ 18,129,800,000	\$ 19,181,900,000
4			
5	Nontax Revenues		
6	Investment Income	\$ 59,400,000	\$ 76,700,000
7	Judicial Fees	217,800,000	217,800,000
8	Disproportionate Share	100,000,000	100,000,000
9	Insurance	71,400,000	73,500,000
10	Other Nontax Revenues	182,500,000	182,500,000
11	Highway Trust Fund/Use Tax Reimbursement Transfer	41,500,000	27,600,000
12	Highway Fund Transfer	20,230,000	24,080,000
13	Subtotal Nontax Revenues	\$ 692,830,000	\$ 702,180,000
14			
15	Total General Fund Availability	\$ 19,247,084,514	\$ 19,956,391,073
16			
17	Adjustments to Availability: 2011 Session		
18	Loss of Estate Tax Revenue	\$ (57,100,000)	\$ (72,200,000)
19	Private Sector Job Creation Package	(186,400,000)	(485,300,000)
20	Repeal Deduction for Sale of a Manufactured Home		
21	Community to Manufactured Homeowners	100,000	100,000
22	Repeal Deduction for Severance Wages	16,000,000	16,400,000
23	Repeal Credit for Recycling Oyster Shells	100,000	100,000
24	Repeal Energy Star Tax Holiday	1,900,000	2,000,000
25	Repeal Sales Tax Exemption for Nutritional		
26	Supplements Sold by Chiropractors	300,000	400,000
27	Repeal Wildlife Resources Commission Sales Tax		
28	Earmark	22,970,000	23,920,000
29	Suspend Corporate Income Tax Earmark (Public School		
30	Construction)	0	74,750,000
31	Increase in Judicial Fees	60,986,955	60,986,955
32	Increase Investment Company Notice Filing Fee	1,600,000	1,600,000
33	Increase Parking Fees for Visitors	550,000	550,000
34	Loss of Revenue from the Town of Butner	(1,213,235)	(1,213,235)
35	Transfer from E-Commerce Reserve Fund	4,483,526	0
36	Divert Funds from Parks & Recreation Trust Fund	4,217,500	0
37	Divert Funds from Recreational/Natural Heritage		
38	Trust Fund	4,500,000	0
39	Transfer from Highway Fund for State Highway		
40	Patrol	193,585,434	189,859,507
41	Transfer from Highway Trust Fund for School Bus		
42	Replacement	35,223,642	0
43	Transfer from Mercury Prevention Pollution Fund	125,000	0
44	Transfer from Commerce – Enterprise Fund	250,000	0
45	Divert Funds from Scrap Tire Disposal Account	1,134,495	0
46	Divert Funds from White Goods Management Account	1,131,342	0
47	Diversion of Golden LEAF Funds	67,563,760	67,563,760
48	Tobacco Trust Fund Master Settlement Agreement Funds	8,334,360	8,790,386
49	Health and Wellness Trust Fund Master Settlement		
50	Agreement Funds	16,334,360	16,790,386
51	Transfer Health and Wellness Trust Funds to Public Health	32,904,411	0
52	Department of Revenue – Accounts Receivable Program	15,000,000	15,000,000
53	Medicaid Disproportionate Share Receipts	15,000,000	15,000,000
54	Adjust Transfer from Insurance Regulatory Fund	(742,348)	(742,348)
55	Adjust Transfer from Treasurer's Office	(3,881,172)	(3,916,453)
56	Subtotal Adjustments to Availability:		
57	2011 Session	\$ 254,958,030	\$ (69,561,042)
58			
59	Revised General Fund Availability	\$ 19,502,042,544	\$ 19,886,830,031

	Less General Fund Appropriations	\$ (19,429,731,471)	\$ (19,886,830,031)
	Unappropriated Balance Remaining	\$ 72,311,073	\$ 0

SECTION 2.2.(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 105-187.9(b)(1) and G.S. 105-187.9(b)(2), the sum to be transferred from the Highway Trust Fund under those subdivisions for the 2011-2012 fiscal year is forty-one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$41,500,000) and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year is twenty-seven million six hundred thousand dollars (\$27,600,000).

SECTION 2.2.(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 115C-546.1, the Secretary of Revenue shall transfer the corporate income tax funds specified in G.S. 115C-546.1(b) to the State Controller for deposit in Nontax Budget Code 19978 (Intrastate Transfers) during the 2012-2013 fiscal year to offset continued operations of the State's public schools.

SECTION 2.2.(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, effective July 1, 2011, the following amounts shall be transferred to the State Controller to be deposited in Nontax Budget Code 19878 (Intrastate Transfers) or the appropriate budget code as determined by the State Controller. These funds shall be used to support the General Fund appropriations as specified in this act for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Budget Code	Fund Code	Description	Amount
24100	2514	E-Commerce Reserve	\$ 4,483,526
54600	5881	Commerce Enterprise Fund	250,000
24300	2119	Mercury Prevention Pollution Fund	125,000

SECTION 2.2.(e) Pursuant to Section 2(b) of S.L. 1999-2, the fifty percent (50%) of the 2011-2012 and the 2012-2013 annual installment payments to the North Carolina State Specific Account that would have been transferred to The Golden L.E.A.F. (Long-Term Economic Advancement Foundation), Inc., are transferred to the General Fund.

SECTION 2.2.(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 105-187.19(b), effective for taxes levied during the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Secretary of Revenue shall credit to the General Fund the sum of one million one hundred thirty-four thousand four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$1,134,495) from the net tax proceeds that G.S. 105-187.19(b) directs the Secretary to credit to the Scrap Tire Disposal Account.

SECTION 2.2.(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 105-187.24, effective for taxes levied during the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Secretary of Revenue shall credit to the General Fund the sum of one million one hundred thirty-one thousand three hundred forty-two dollars (\$1,131,342) from the net tax proceeds that G.S. 105-187.24 directs the Secretary to credit to the White Goods Management Account.

SECTION 2.2.(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 105-228.30(b) and G.S. 113-44.15, effective for taxes levied during the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Secretary of Revenue shall credit the sum of four million two hundred seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,217,500) to the General Fund of the net tax proceeds that G.S. 105-228.30(b) directs the Secretary to credit to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund.

SECTION 2.2.(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 105-228.30(b) and G.S. 113-77.9, effective for taxes levied during the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Secretary of Revenue shall credit the sum of four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) to the General Fund of the net tax proceeds that G.S. 105-228.30(b) directs the Secretary to credit to the Natural Heritage Trust Fund.

SECTION 2.2.(j) Of the funds available in the year-end 2010-2011 fiscal year fund balance, the Director of the Budget may use up to one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) to repay the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for excess Medicaid funds drawn down during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The Director of the Budget shall report the amount of funds used under this section no later than 30 days after payment to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Committees, and the Fiscal Research Division.

SECTION 2.2.(k) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143C-4-3, the State Controller shall transfer only two hundred two million nine hundred ninety-four thousand three hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$202,994,339) from the unreserved fund balance to the Repairs and Renovations Reserve Account on June 30, 2011. This subsection becomes effective June 30, 2011.

SECTION 2.2.(l) Funds transferred under this section to the Repairs and Renovations Reserve Account are appropriated for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to be used in accordance with G.S. 143C-4-3.

SECTION 2.2.(m) Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-4-2, the State Controller shall transfer only two hundred two million nine hundred ninety-four thousand three hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$202,994,339) from the unreserved fund balance to the Savings Reserve Account on June 30, 2011. This is not an "appropriation made by law," as that phrase is used in Section 7(1) of Article V of the North Carolina Constitution. This subsection becomes effective June 30, 2011.

PART III. CURRENT OPERATIONS/HIGHWAY FUND

CURRENT OPERATIONS AND EXPANSION/HIGHWAY FUND

SECTION 3.1. Appropriations from the State Highway Fund for the maintenance and operation of the Department of Transportation and for other purposes as enumerated are made for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2013, according to the following schedule:

Current Operations – Highway Fund	2011-2012	2012-2013
Department of Transportation		
Administration	\$ 85,412,594	\$ 85,412,594
Division of Highways		
Administration	34,836,793	34,836,793
Construction	87,232,806	86,339,067
Maintenance	1,202,416,068	1,253,761,275
Planning and Research	4,055,402	4,055,402
OSHA Program	372,792	372,792
Ferry Operations	33,689,589	41,038,132
State Aid		
Municipalities	89,373,921	90,187,224
Public Transportation	69,801,308	69,801,308
Airports	18,401,413	22,311,031
Railroads	21,701,153	21,701,153
Governor's Highway Safety	273,093	273,093
Division of Motor Vehicles	90,142,238	43,004,042
Other State Agencies, Reserves, Transfers	296,240,830	366,066,094
Capital Improvements	15,250,000	15,000,000
Total	\$ 2,049,200,000	\$ 2,134,160,000

HIGHWAY FUND AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

SECTION 3.2. The Highway Fund availability used in developing the 2011-2013 fiscal biennial budget is shown below:

Highway Fund Availability Statement	2011-2012	2012-2013
Unappropriated Balance from Previous Year	\$ 24,000,000	\$ 0
Beginning Credit Balance	0	0
Estimated Revenue	2,025,200,000	2,134,160,000

1	Total Highway Fund Availability	\$ 2,049,200,000	\$ 2,134,160,000
2			
3	Unappropriated Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0
4			

PART IV. HIGHWAY TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS**HIGHWAY TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

8 **SECTION 4.1.** Appropriations from the State Highway Trust Fund for the
 9 maintenance and operation of the Department of Transportation and for other purposes as
 10 enumerated are made for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2013, according to the following
 11 schedule:

13	Current Operations – Highway Trust Fund	2011-2012	2012-2013
15	Intrastate	\$ 460,823,529	\$ 487,503,034
16	Aid to Municipalities	51,216,036	54,043,432
17	Secondary Roads	36,155,667	41,820,944
18	Urban Loops	275,761,364	237,407,986
19	Program Administration	44,774,400	47,107,200
20	Turnpike Authority	49,000,000	49,000,000
21	Transfer to General Fund	76,720,918	27,595,861
22	Transfer to Highway Fund	400,000	0
23	Debt Service	79,231,728	81,481,543
24	Mobility Fund	41,326,358	60,950,000
26	GRAND TOTAL CURRENT OPERATIONS	\$ 1,115,410,000	\$ 1,086,910,000

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

29 **SECTION 4.2.** The Highway Trust Fund availability used in developing the
 30 2011-2013 fiscal biennial budget is shown below:

32	Highway Trust Fund Availability	2011-2012	2012-2013
34	Unappropriated Balance	\$ 75,000,000	\$ 0
35	Estimated Revenue	1,040,410,000	1,086,910,000
37	Total Highway Trust Fund Availability	\$ 1,115,410,000	\$ 1,086,910,000

PART V. OTHER APPROPRIATIONS**APPROPRIATION OF OTHER FUNDS**

42 **SECTION 5.1.(a)** State funds, as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1(d)(25), are
 43 appropriated as provided in G.S. 143C-1-2 for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, with the
 44 adjustments made to the continuation budget as reflected in the Governor's Recommended
 45 Budget and Budget Support Document, as follows:

- 46 (1) For all budget codes listed in "The State of North Carolina Governor's
 47 Recommended Budget, 2011-2013" and in the Budget Support Document,
 48 cash balances and receipts are appropriated up to the amounts specified, as
 49 adjusted by the General Assembly, for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the
 50 2012-2013 fiscal year. Funds may be expended only for the programs,
 51 purposes, objects, and line items or as otherwise authorized by the General
 52 Assembly. Expansion budget funds listed in those documents are
 53 appropriated only as otherwise provided in this act.
- 54 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection:
 55 a. Any receipts that are required to be used to pay debt service
 56 requirements for various outstanding bond issues and certificates of
 57 participation are appropriated up to the actual amounts received for
 58 the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the 2012-2013 fiscal year and shall be
 59 used only to pay debt service requirements.

b. Other funds, cash balances, and receipts of funds that meet the definition issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board of a trust or agency fund are appropriated for and in the amounts required to meet the legal requirements of the trust agreement for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

SECTION 5.1.(b) Receipts collected in a fiscal year in excess of the amounts authorized by this section shall remain unexpended and unencumbered until appropriated by the General Assembly in a subsequent fiscal year, unless the expenditure of overrealized receipts in the fiscal year in which the receipts were collected is authorized by the State Budget Act. Overrealized receipts are appropriated up to the amounts necessary to implement this subsection.

SECTION 5.1.(c) In addition to the consultation and reporting requirements set out in G.S. 143C-6-4, the Office of State Budget and Management shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and to the Fiscal Research Division within 30 days after the end of each quarter on any overrealized receipts approved for expenditure under this subsection by the Director of the Budget. The report shall include the source of the receipt, the amount overrealized, the amount authorized for expenditure, and the rationale for expenditure.

SECTION 5.1.(d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this section, there is appropriated from the Reserve for Reimbursements to Local Governments and Shared Tax Revenues for each fiscal year an amount equal to the amount of the distributions required by law to be made from that reserve for that fiscal year.

OTHER RECEIPTS FROM PENDING GRANT AWARDS

SECTION 5.2.(a) Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-4, State agencies may, with approval of the Director of the Budget and after consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, spend funds received from grants awarded subsequent to the enactment of this act.

SECTION 5.2.(b) The Office of State Budget and Management shall work with the recipient State agencies to budget grant awards according to the annual program needs and within the parameters of the respective granting entities. Depending on the nature of the award, additional State personnel may be employed on a time-limited basis. The Office of State Budget and Management shall consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to expending any funds received from grant awards. Funds received from such grants are hereby appropriated and shall be incorporated into the authorized budget of the recipient State agency.

SECTION 5.2.(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no State agency may accept a grant not anticipated in this act if acceptance of the grant would obligate the State to make future expenditures relating to the program receiving the grant or would otherwise result in a financial obligation as a consequence of accepting the grant funds.

SECTION 5.2.(d) Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-4, the Department of Public Instruction may spend funds received from the following grants for the 2011-2012 fiscal year awarded subsequent to the enactment of this act for up to the specified amounts:

- (1) Child Nutrition Equipment Assistance \$815,762
- (2) Verizon Thinkfinity State Education Partnership \$ 40,000
- (3) State Abstinence Education Program \$1,585,347.

Neither the approval of the Director of the Budget nor consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations is required prior to the expenditure of these funds. The provisions of subsection (b) of this section do not apply to these funds.

CIVIL FORFEITURE FUNDS

SECTION 5.3. Appropriations. – Appropriations are made from the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2013, as follows:

	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
School Technology Fund	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 18,000,000
State Public School Fund	120,362,790	120,362,790
Total Appropriation	\$ 138,362,790	\$ 138,362,790

EDUCATION LOTTERY

1 **SECTION 5.4.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 18C-164, the revenue used to support
2 appropriations made in this act is transferred from the State Lottery Fund in the amount of four
3 hundred twenty-four million nine hundred seventy-three thousand six hundred thirty dollars
4 (\$424,973,630) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

5 **SECTION 5.4.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 18C-164, the appropriations made from
6 the Education Lottery Fund for the 2011-2012 fiscal year are as follows:

7	Teachers in Early Grades	\$220,643,188
8	Prekindergarten Program	\$ 63,135,709
9	Public School Building Capital Fund	\$100,000,000
10	Scholarships for Needy Students	\$ 30,450,000
11	UNC Need-Based Financial Aid	\$ 10,744,733
12	Total Appropriation	\$424,973,630

13 **SECTION 5.4.(c)** Notwithstanding G.S. 18C-164, the North Carolina State Lottery
14 Commission shall not transfer funds to the Education Lottery Reserve Fund for the 2011-2012
15 fiscal year or the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

16 **SECTION 5.4.(d)** Notwithstanding G.S. 18C-164(c), G.S. 115C-546.2(d), or any
17 other provision of law, funds appropriated in this section to the Public School Building Capital
18 Fund for the 2011-2012 fiscal year shall be allocated to counties on the basis of average daily
19 membership (ADM).

20 **SECTION 5.4.(e)** Notwithstanding G.S. 18C-164(c), Article 35A of Chapter 115C
21 of the General Statutes, or any other provision of law, the funds appropriated in this section for
22 UNC Need-Based Financial Aid shall be administered in accordance with the policy adopted
23 by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina.

24 **SECTION 5.4.(f)** Notwithstanding G.S. 18C-164(f), if the actual net lottery
25 revenues for the 2011-2012 fiscal year exceed the amounts appropriated in subsection (b) of
26 this section, the excess net lottery revenues shall be allocated for school capital on the basis of
27 average daily membership.

28 **SECTION 5.4.(g)** Funds appropriated in this section for scholarships for needy
29 students shall be used only for students at the constituent institutions of The University of
30 North Carolina and the constituent institutions of the Community College System.

31 **PART VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

32 **CLARIFY CERTIFIED BUDGET**

33
34 **SECTION 6.1.(a)** The purpose of this section is to clarify the distinction between
35 changes to the budget enacted by the General Assembly in this act and changes made by the
36 Director of the Budget pursuant to other authority.

37 **SECTION 6.1.(b)** For the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, and notwithstanding the
38 provisions of Chapter 143C of the General Statutes or any other provision of law, the certified
39 budget for each State agency shall reflect only the total of all appropriations enacted for each
40 State agency by the General Assembly in this act as modified by this act; therefore, the Director
41 of the Budget shall modify the certified budget only to reflect the following actions and only to
42 the extent that they are authorized by this act:

- 43 (1) The allocation of funds set out in reserves.
- 44 (2) Government reorganizations.

45
46 The Director of the Budget shall set out all other budget modifications in the authorized budget.

47 **CONTINGENCY AND EMERGENCY FUND LIMITATION**

48 **SECTION 6.2.** For the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, and notwithstanding the
49 provisions of G.S. 143C-4-4(b), funds appropriated to the Contingency and Emergency Fund
50 may be used only for expenditures required (i) by a court or Industrial Commission order or (ii)
51 to respond to events as authorized under G.S. 166A-5(1)a.9. of the North Carolina Emergency
52 Management Act of 1977. These funds shall not be used for other statutorily authorized
53 purposes or for any other contingencies and emergencies.

54 **ESTABLISHING OR INCREASING FEES UNDER THIS ACT**

55
56 **SECTION 6.3.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 12-3.1, an agency is not required to
57 consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to
58 establishing or increasing a fee to the level authorized or anticipated in this act.
59

1 **SECTION 6.3.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 150B-21.1A(a), an agency may adopt an
2 emergency rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.1A to establish or increase a fee as authorized
3 by this act if the adoption of a rule would otherwise be required under Article 2A of Chapter
4 150B of the General Statutes.

6 **CONSULTATION REQUIRED BEFORE CREATION OF NEW FUNDS**

7 **SECTION 6.4.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-1-3 or any other provision of law to
8 the contrary, the Office of State Budget and Management and the Office of the State Controller
9 shall consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to the
10 establishment of a new fund as defined in G.S. 143C-1-3.

11 **JUSTIFICATION/OPERATIONAL REVIEWS**

12 **SECTION 6.6.(a)** It is the intent of the General Assembly to subject the operations
13 of State government and the operations of nongovernmental entities receiving State funds to
14 periodic Justification Reviews. The Reviews shall be conducted by the Fiscal Research
15 Division and shall specifically address the following questions:

- 16 (1) Is the program or service fulfilling the letter and/or intent of its legislative
17 mandate?
- 18 (2) Is that mandate still justified, either in its original form or some modified
19 form?
- 20 (3) Does the program follow identified best practices to address its mandate?
- 21 (4) Is the program duplicative of other services provided by the public or private
22 sectors?
- 23 (5) Is the program effective?
- 24 (6) Is the program efficient?
- 25 (7) Are there any other obstacles that might limit the program's ability to
26 accomplish its mission?

27 **SECTION 6.6.(b)** For the fiscal year 2011-2012, the following programs or
28 services shall be the subject of review:

- 29 (1) Lumberton Farmer's Market – Department of Agriculture and Consumer
30 Services.
- 31 (2) DHHS postsecondary education programs.
- 32 (3) Environmental Rating Scales Contract.

33 **SECTION 6.6.(c)** By May 1, 2012, the Fiscal Research Division shall report its
34 findings and recommendations to the Appropriations Committee of the House of
35 Representatives and the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee of the Senate. The report
36 shall:

- 37 (1) Provide a description of each program.
- 38 (2) Identify major policy issues that the General Assembly should address.
- 39 (3) Explore means to achieve program objectives more efficiently.
- 40 (4) Characterize the likely results of alternative funding levels and/or
41 opportunities to save taxpayer dollars.
- 42 (5) Identify performance measures that have been established by the agency and
43 the usefulness of those performance measures, as well as the agency's
44 progress toward meeting their established measures.

45 **CONTINUATION REVIEW OF CERTAIN FUNDS/PROGRAMS/DIVISIONS**

46 **SECTION 6.7.(a)** It is the intent of the General Assembly to periodically and
47 systematically review the funds, agencies, divisions, and programs financed by State
48 government. This process is known as the Continuation Review Program. The Continuation
49 Review Program is intended to assist the General Assembly in determining whether to
50 continue, reduce, or eliminate funding for the State's funds, agencies, divisions, and programs
51 subject to continuation review.

52 **SECTION 6.7.(b)** The Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives
53 and the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee of the Senate may review the funds, programs,
54 and divisions listed in this section and shall determine whether to continue, reduce, or eliminate
55 funding for the funds, programs, and divisions, subject to the Continuation Review Program.
56 The Fiscal Research Division may issue instructions to the State departments and agencies
57 subject to continuation review regarding the expected content and format of the reports
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59

1 required by this section. No later than December 1, 2011, the following agencies shall report to
2 the Fiscal Research Division:

- 3 (1) Justice and Public Safety. – Family Court.
- 4 (2) Education. – Center for Public Television as provided by Section 9.1 of this
5 act.
- 6 (3) Natural and Economic Resources. –
 - 7 a. Commerce/Office of Science and Technology.
 - 8 b. Wildlife Resources Commission/Conservation Education.
- 9 (4) Health and Human Services. – Division of Information Resource
10 Management.
- 11 (5) General Government. – General Assembly Facility Services.
- 12 (6) Transportation. –
 - 13 a. Division of Motor Vehicles Drivers License Program.
 - 14 b. Visitor Centers Funding.

15 **SECTION 6.7.(c)** The continuation review reports required in this section shall
16 include the following information:

- 17 (1) A description of the fund, agency, division, or program mission, goals, and
18 objectives.
- 19 (2) The statutory objectives for the fund, agency, division, or program and the
20 problem or need addressed.
- 21 (3) The extent to which the fund, agency, division, or program objectives have
22 been achieved.
- 23 (4) The fund's, agency's, division's, or program's functions or programs
24 performed without specific statutory authority.
- 25 (5) The performance measures for each fund, agency, division, or program and
26 the process by which the performance measures determine efficiency and
27 effectiveness.
- 28 (6) Recommendations for statutory, budgetary, or administrative changes
29 needed to improve efficiency and effectiveness of services delivered to the
30 public.
- 31 (7) The consequences of discontinuing funding.
- 32 (8) Recommendations for improving services or reducing costs or duplication.
- 33 (9) The identification of policy issues that should be brought to the attention of
34 the General Assembly.
- 35 (10) Other information necessary to fully support the General Assembly's
36 Continuation Review Program along with any information included in
37 instructions from the Fiscal Research Division.

38 **SECTION 6.7.(d)** State departments and agencies identified in subsection (b) of
39 this section shall submit a final report to the General Assembly by March 1, 2012.
40

41 **UTILIZATION REVIEW/PUBLIC SCHOOL AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES**

42 **SECTION 6.9.(a)** Beginning July 1, 2011, the Fiscal Research Division, in
43 consultation with the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Health and
44 Human Services, shall review all publicly (federal and State) funded public school nurse
45 positions assigned within or connected to those respective organizations in order to determine
46 the most effective and cost-efficient ways to provide needed nursing service to public school
47 students. The review shall identify specific areas where overlaps of service provision may exist.
48 The review shall focus on ways to maximize existing nursing resources and to change
49 prospectively the manner in which local school nurses are allocated to better address the needs
50 of students in the public schools at reasonable cost. Specifically, the review shall examine at
51 least all of the following:

- 52 (1) Feasibility of having the money all flow to local public health departments
53 for management and administration purposes to align health-related
54 activities with the local entity best equipped to manage.
- 55 (2) Feasibility of using a mix of licensed nurses, both registered nurses (RN)
56 and licensed practical nurses (LPN), to provide health care services in the
57 public schools.
- 58 (3) Feasibility of allowing a school nurse to be licensed as an LPN as long as the
59 nurse works under the direct supervision of an RN.

- 1 (4) Development of a new allocation formula that considers:
2 a. Average daily membership.
3 b. Local match requirement.
4 c. A base amount for each local school administrative unit.

5 **SECTION 6.9.(b)** By May 1, 2012, the Fiscal Research Division shall report to the
6 House and Senate Appropriations Committees.
7

8 **GLOBAL TRANSPARK DEBT, REPORT, AND STUDY**

9 **SECTION 6.10.(a)** G.S. 147-69.2(b)(11), as amended by Section 7 of S.L.
10 2005-144, Section 2 of S.L. 2005-201, Section 28.17 of S.L. 2005-276, Section 27.7 of S.L.
11 2007-323, and Section 25.2 of S.L. 2009-451, reads as rewritten:

12 "(b) It shall be the duty of the State Treasurer to invest the cash of the funds enumerated
13 in subsection (a) of this section in excess of the amount required to meet the current needs and
14 demands on such funds, selecting from among the following:
15

- 16 ...
17 (11) With respect to assets of the Escheat Fund, obligations of the North Carolina
18 Global TransPark Authority authorized by G.S. 63A-4(a)(22), not to exceed
19 twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000), that have a final maturity not later
20 than October 1, ~~2011~~, 2012. The obligations shall bear interest at the rate set
21 by the State Treasurer. No commitment to purchase obligations may be
22 made pursuant to this subdivision after September 1, 1993, and no
23 obligations may be purchased after September 1, 1994. In the event of a loss
24 to the Escheat Fund by reason of an investment made pursuant to this
25 subdivision, it is the intention of the General Assembly to hold the Escheat
26 Fund harmless from the loss by appropriating to the Escheat Fund funds
27 equivalent to the loss.

28 If any part of the property owned by the North Carolina Global
29 TransPark Authority now or in the future is divested, proceeds of the
30 divestment shall be used to fulfill any unmet obligations on an investment
31 made pursuant to this subdivision."

32 **SECTION 6.10.(b)** The Global TransPark Authority shall report to the Program
33 Evaluation Division on its strategic, business, and financial plans. The report shall be made by
34 no later than January 1, 2012, and shall include the Authority's proposed schedule to achieve
35 financial self-sufficiency and proposed schedule to repay to the Escheat Fund the investment
36 authorized under G.S. 147-69.2(b)(11) plus any accumulated interest, both of which totaled
37 forty million sixty-seven thousand nine hundred eighteen dollars and twenty cents
38 (\$40,067,918.20) as of March 31, 2011.

39 **SECTION 6.10.(c)** The Program Evaluation Division of the General Assembly
40 shall study the feasibility and implications of (i) transferring the entire Global TransPark
41 Authority to another State agency and (ii) transferring functions of the Global TransPark
42 Authority to other State agencies as part of a consolidation. The term "functions of the Global
43 TransPark Authority" includes, but is not limited to, administration, planning, economic
44 development and marketing, property management, and training center functions. The Program
45 Evaluation Division shall report its findings and make a recommendation from this study to the
46 Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee no later than May 1, 2012.

47 **HEALTH AND WELLNESS TRUST FUND AND TOBACCO TRUST FUND/FUTURE** 48 **MSA PAYMENTS**

49 **SECTION 6.11.(a)** The Health and Wellness Trust Fund (HWTF) and Health and
50 Wellness Trust Fund Commission are abolished, and Article 6C of Chapter 147 of the General
51 Statutes is repealed.

52 **SECTION 6.11.(b)** Funds remaining in the Health and Wellness Trust Fund on
53 June 30, 2011, shall be transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services and shall
54 be carried forward to fiscal year 2011-2012 to be used by the Department for the following
55 purposes:

- 56 (1) Up to the sum of twenty-two million dollars (\$22,000,000) shall be used to
57 administer grants associated with the following programs and initiatives:
58 a. Teen Tobacco Prevention.
59 b. ChecKmeds.

1 c. Medication Assistance Programs.

2 d. Obesity Prevention.

3 (2) The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be used to reduce the
4 total savings required to be achieved for the Medicaid program by
5 Community Care of North Carolina.

6 (3) The remainder shall be used to reduce the Medicaid Provider Rate cut.

7 **SECTION 6.11.(c)** G.S. 116-29.1(b)(1) reads as rewritten:

8 "(b) The General Assembly finds that it is imperative that the State provide a minimum
9 of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) each calendar year to the University Cancer Research
10 Fund; therefore, effective July 1 of each calendar year:

11 (1) ~~Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-9-3, of~~ Of the funds credited to the ~~Tobacco~~
12 ~~Trust Account, Budget Code 69430 in the Department of State Treasurer, the~~
13 ~~sum of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) is transferred from the Tobacco~~
14 ~~Trust Account Budget Code 69430 to the University Cancer Research Fund~~
15 ~~and appropriated for this purpose.~~

16 "...."

17 **SECTION 6.11.(d)** Section 6 of S.L. 1999-2 reads as rewritten:

18 "Section 6. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, it is the intent of the
19 General Assembly that the funds under the Master Settlement Agreement, which is
20 incorporated into the Consent Decree, be allocated as follows:

21 (1) Fifty percent (50%) to the nonprofit corporation as provided by the Consent
22 Decree.

23 (2) ~~Twenty five percent (25%) to a trust fund to be established by the General~~
24 ~~Assembly~~ Fifty percent (50%) shall be allocated as follows:

25 a. Debt service as authorized by the State Capital Facilities Act of 2004,
26 Part 1 of S.L. 2004-179 and S.L. 2004-124. As soon as practicable
27 after the beginning of each fiscal year, the State Treasurer shall
28 estimate and transfer to Budget Code 69430 the amount of debt
29 service anticipated to be paid during the fiscal year for special
30 indebtedness authorized by the State Capital Facilities Act of 2004.

31 b. The sum of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) is credited to Budget
32 Code 69430 and shall be transferred to the University Cancer
33 Research Fund in accordance with G.S. 116-29.1.

34 c. The balance remaining to be credited to the State General Fund to be
35 used for the following purposes:

36 1. ~~for the~~ The benefit of tobacco producers, tobacco allotment
37 holders, and persons engaged in tobacco-related businesses,
38 with this trust fund to be governed by a board of trustees
39 representing these interests. ~~businesses.~~ To carry out this
40 purpose, this trust fund funds may provide direct and indirect
41 financial assistance, in accordance with criteria established by
42 the trustees of the trust fund and assistance, to the extent
43 allowed by law, to (i) indemnify tobacco producers, allotment
44 holders, and persons engaged in tobacco-related businesses
45 from the adverse economic effects of the Master Settlement
46 Agreement, (ii) compensate tobacco producers and allotment
47 holders for the economic loss resulting from lost quota, and
48 (iii) revitalize tobacco dependent communities.

49 2. The benefit of health to fund programs and initiatives that
50 include research, education, prevention, and treatment of
51 health problems in North Carolina and to increase the
52 capacity of communities to respond to the public's health
53 needs through programs such as Health Choice and the State's
54 Medicaid program.

55 (3) ~~Twenty five percent (25%) to a trust fund to be established by the General~~
56 ~~Assembly for the benefit of health, with this trust fund to be governed by a~~
57 ~~board of trustees comprised of a broad representation of health interests.~~

58 (b) Any monies paid into the North Carolina State Specific Account from the Disputed
59 Payments Account on account of the Non-Participating Manufacturers that would have been

1 transferred to The Golden L.E.A.F. (Long-Term Economic Advancement Foundation), Inc., or
2 to the trust funds established in accordance with subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall be
3 deposited in the General Fund Account of the Settlement Reserve Fund."

4 **SECTION 6.11.(e)** The funds allocated in subdivision (2)a. of Section 6 of S.L.
5 1999-2, as rewritten by subsection (d) of this section, are appropriated from the General Fund
6 for fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 and shall be expended in accordance with the
7 provisions of subdivision (2)a. of Section 6 of S.L. 1999-2, as amended by subsection (d) of
8 this section.

9 **SECTION 6.11.(f)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143-717(i), the
10 administrative costs of the Tobacco Trust Fund shall not exceed six hundred twenty-five
11 thousand dollars (\$625,000) for fiscal year 2011-2012 and fiscal year 2012-2013.

12 **SECTION 6.11.(g)** The fifty percent (50%) of any monies paid into the North
13 Carolina State Specific Account from the Disputed Payments Account on account of the Non-
14 Participating Manufacturers that would have been transferred to The Golden L.E.A.F.
15 (Long-Term Economic Advancement Foundation), Inc., pursuant to Section 2(b) of S.L. 1999-
16 2, is transferred to the General Fund Account within the Settlement Reserve Fund.

17 **SECTION 6.11.(h)** The Attorney General shall take all necessary actions to notify
18 the court in the action entitled State of North Carolina v. Philip Morris Incorporated, et al., 98
19 CVS 14377, in the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, Wake County, North
20 Carolina, and the administrators of the State Specific Account established under the Master
21 Settlement Agreement of this action by the General Assembly redirecting the payments set
22 forth in subsection (g) of this section.

23 **SECTION 6.11.(i)** G.S. 143C-9-3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24 "(c1) A General Fund Account is established in the Settlement Reserve Fund. The
25 monies paid into the North Carolina State Specific Account from the Disputed Payments
26 Account on account of the Non-Participating Manufacturers shall be credited to the General
27 Fund Account. The State Controller shall transfer all funds in the General Fund Account to the
28 General Fund."

29 **SECTION 6.11.(j)** Subsection (a) of this section shall be effective 60 days after
30 this act becomes law or on October 1, 2011, whichever occurs first. Subsection (b) of this
31 section becomes effective on June 30, 2011.

32 33 **CONSOLIDATION OF AIR SERVICES AND CENTRALIZATION OF AIR** 34 **MANAGEMENT/STATE-OWNED PASSENGER AND NON-PASSENGER** 35 **VEHICLES**

36 **SECTION 6.13.(a)** The State Motor Fleet project in the Work Plan of the Program
37 Evaluation Division approved April 5, 2011, by the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation
38 Oversight Committee is amended as described in this section.

39 **SECTION 6.13.(b)** The Program Evaluation Division shall evaluate the
40 consolidation of air services provided by the Department of Transportation, the State Bureau of
41 Investigation, and the University of North Carolina Passenger Mission and shall recommend
42 the most appropriate agency to house the consolidated services. Other air services may be
43 examined for consolidation by the Program Evaluation Division. The study shall evaluate
44 savings through consolidation, including potential savings from the following:

- 45 (1) Reduction in aircraft.
- 46 (2) Reduction in personnel.
- 47 (3) Reduction in State facilities.
- 48 (4) An improved level of service.
- 49 (5) The potential sale of the DOT Beechcraft B200 aircraft tail number N3NC
50 and if so when the sale should take place.

51 **SECTION 6.13.(c)** The Program Evaluation Division shall study the formation of
52 an Aviation Management Authority, as recommended by the Program Evaluation Division's
53 April 2010 Report "Selling 25 Underutilized Aircraft May Yield Up to \$8.1 Million and Save
54 \$1.5 Million Annually."

55 **SECTION 6.13.(d)** The Program Evaluation Division shall study all passenger and
56 non-passenger vehicles owned and operated by all State government departments, institutions,
57 and entities. The study shall include motor fleet fees and associated cash balances, mechanic
58 operations, the use and purpose of assigned vehicles, and State fueling stations and associated
59 fees.

SECTION 6.13.(e) The Program Evaluation Division shall report its findings and recommendations from the State Motor Fleet project described under this section to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee no later than May 1, 2012.

TORNADO ASSISTANCE

SECTION 6.14. The General Assembly finds that on April 16, 2011, heavy thunderstorms and powerful tornadoes swept through this State, with 18 counties sustaining the most extensive damage. Those counties are Bertie, Bladen, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Johnston, Lee, Onslow, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, Wake, and Wilson Counties. It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide State matching funds to help mitigate losses, rebuild infrastructure, and aid affected citizens and businesses.

PART VI-A. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND/AVAILABILITY

SECTION 6A.1.(a) The availability used to support appropriations made in this act from the Information Technology Fund established in G.S. 147-33.72H is as follows:

	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
Appropriation from General Fund	\$4,458,142	\$6,158,142
Interest	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
IT Fund Balance June 30	\$ 792,000	\$ 0
Total Funds Available	\$5,275,142	\$6,183,142

Appropriations are made from the Information Technology Fund for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium as follows:

	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
Information Technology Operations		
Center for Geographic Information and Analysis	\$ 599,347	\$ 599,347
Enterprise Security Risk Management	\$ 864,148	\$ 864,148
Enterprise Project Management Office	\$1,473,285	\$1,473,285
Architecture and Engineering	\$ 581,986	\$ 581,986
Criminal Justice Information Network	\$ 166,422	\$ 166,422
Statewide IT Procurement	\$ 0	\$ 0
State Web site	\$ 100,000	\$ 0
ITS Overhead Reduction	(\$91,486)	(\$91,486)
Subtotal Information Technology Operations	\$3,693,702	\$3,593,702
Information Technology Projects		
State Portal	\$ 0	\$ 0
IT Consolidation	\$ 776,440	\$ 784,440
Transfer to OSC for E-Forms	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Subtotal Information Technology Projects	\$1,276,440	\$1,284,440
Data Integration License Funding Transfer to State Agencies	\$ 200,000	\$1,200,000
Position Transfer to Office of State Budget and Management	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000
Total	\$5,275,142	\$6,183,142

SECTION 6A.1.(b) By September 1 of each year, data integration funding in the Information Technology Fund for that State fiscal year shall be transferred to State agencies in proportion to their use of data integration licenses at that point in time. The State Chief Information Officer shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division by September 2 of each year on the status of the transfer.

Any licensing requirements after the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium shall be the responsibility of the participating agency. For the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the State Chief Information Officer shall provide funding in the amount of one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) to offset data integration licensing costs and shall charge agencies based on license usage for license costs in excess of one million two hundred thousand dollars

1 (\$1,200,000). The State Chief Information Officer shall notify affected agencies of this
2 requirement by September 1, 2011. The State Chief Information Officer shall ensure that
3 agencies choosing to participate after that date are notified prior to agreeing to participate in the
4 data integration license agreement. The State Chief Information Officer shall report to the Joint
5 Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division
6 by September 2, 2011, on agency notification of their responsibility to fund any data integration
7 license requirements after the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.

8 **SECTION 6A.1.(c)** Unless a change is approved by the State Chief Information
9 Officer after consultation with the Office of State Budget and Management, funds appropriated
10 to the Information Technology Fund shall be spent only as specified in this section. Changes
11 shall not result in any degradation to the operation or project for which the funds were
12 originally appropriated.

13 Any changes to the specified uses shall be approved in writing by the State Chief
14 Information Officer and shall immediately be reported to the Chairs of the House of
15 Representatives Committee on Appropriations and the House of Representatives Subcommittee
16 on General Government, the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Senate
17 Appropriations Committee on General Government and Information Technology, the Joint
18 Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Fiscal Research Division,
19 and the Office of State Budget and Management. This report shall include detailed reasons for
20 the changes in use and shall explain why each change does not have any potential impact on the
21 operation or project for which the funding was originally appropriated.

22 **SECTION 6A.1.(d)** The Office of the State Controller shall coordinate with the
23 Office of the State Chief Information Officer to identify four positions in the Office of the State
24 Chief Information Officer that shall be used, effective August 1, 2011, to support planning and
25 implementation of an automated fraud detection capability and an e-forms/digital signature
26 project.

27 **SECTION 6A.1.(e)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

28 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OPERATIONS**

29 **SECTION 6A.2.(a)** Information Technology Internal Service Fund Budget. –
30 Notwithstanding G.S. 147-33.88, the Office of Information Technology Services shall develop
31 an annual budget for review and approval by the Office of State Budget and Management in
32 accordance with a schedule prescribed by the Director of the Office of State Budget and
33 Management. The approved Information Technology Internal Service Fund budget shall be
34 included in the Governor's budget recommendations to the General Assembly.

35 The Office of State Budget and Management shall ensure that State agencies have
36 an opportunity to adjust their budgets based on any rate changes proposed by the Office of
37 Information Technology Services and approved by the Office of State Budget and
38 Management.

39 Any uses of the Internal Service Fund not specifically related to the operation of the
40 Office of Information Technology Services shall immediately be reported to the Office of State
41 Budget and Management and the Fiscal Research Division with an explanation as to why it was
42 necessary to use the Fund.

43 **SECTION 6A.2.(b)** Enterprise Projects. – The State Chief Information Officer
44 shall consult the respective State agency chief information officer and obtain approval from the
45 Office of State Budget and Management prior to the initiation of any enterprise project or
46 contract. State agency requirements shall be incorporated into any enterprise agreement signed
47 by the State Chief Information Officer or his or her representative. Enterprise projects shall not
48 exceed the participating State agencies' ability to financially support the contracts.

49 **SECTION 6A.2.(c)** The State Chief Information Officer shall not enter into any
50 information technology contracts without obtaining written agreements from participating State
51 agencies regarding the apportionment of the contract cost. State agencies agreeing to
52 participate in a contract shall:

- 53 (1) Ensure that sufficient funds are budgeted to support their agreed shares of
54 enterprise agreements throughout the life of the contract or project.
- 55 (2) Transfer the agreed-upon funds to the Information Technology Internal
56 Service Fund in sufficient time for the Office of Information Technology
57 Services to meet vendor contract requirements.
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1 The State Chief Information Officer shall ensure that enterprise project and contract
2 costs are allocated to participating agencies in an equitable manner.

3 **SECTION 6A.2.(d)** Agency Projects. – Prior to initiation, any information
4 technology project, or any segment of a multipart project, costing more than two hundred fifty
5 thousand dollars (\$250,000) shall be included in the agency's most recent information
6 technology plan and shall be approved by the General Assembly.

7 **SECTION 6A.2.(e)** Three-Year Contracts. – Notwithstanding the cash
8 management provisions of G.S. 147-86.11, the Office of Information Technology Services may
9 procure information technology goods and services for periods of up to a total of three years
10 where the terms of the procurement contract require payment of all, or a portion, of the contract
11 price at the beginning of the contract agreement. All of the following conditions shall be met
12 before payment for these agreements may be disbursed:

- 13 (1) Any advance payment can be accomplished within the Information
14 Technology Internal Service Fund budget.
- 15 (2) The State Controller receives conclusive evidence that the proposed
16 agreement would be more cost-effective than a multiyear agreement that
17 complies with G.S. 147-86.11.
- 18 (3) The procurement complies in all other aspects with applicable statutes and
19 rules.
- 20 (4) The proposed agreement contains contract terms that protect the financial
21 interest of the State against contractor nonperformance or insolvency
22 through the creation of escrow accounts for funds, source codes, or both, or
23 by any other reasonable means that have legally binding effect.

24 The Office of State Budget and Management shall ensure the savings from any
25 authorized agreement shall be included in the Information Technology Internal Service Fund
26 rate calculations before the Office of State Budget and Management annually approves
27 proposed rates. Any savings resulting from the agreements shall be returned to agencies
28 included in the contract in the form of reduced rates. The Office of Information Technology
29 Services shall submit a quarterly written report to the Office of State Budget and Management
30 on any State agency budget impacts resulting from multiyear contracts. Under no
31 circumstances shall multiyear contracts result in rate increases for participating agencies. The
32 Office of Information Technology Services shall submit a quarterly written report of any
33 authorizations granted under this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
34 Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division of the North Carolina General
35 Assembly.

36 **SECTION 6A.2.(f)** Information Technology Hosting. – State agencies developing
37 and implementing information technology projects/applications shall use the State
38 infrastructure to host their projects. An exception to this requirement may be granted only if
39 approved by both the State Chief Information Officer on the basis of technology requirements
40 and by the Office of State Budget and Management based on cost savings, subject to
41 consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and a report
42 to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology.

43 Projects/applications currently hosted outside the State infrastructure shall be
44 returned to State infrastructure not later than the end of any current contract.

45 By October 1, 2011, the State Chief Information Officer shall report to the Joint
46 Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology regarding projects currently
47 hosted outside State infrastructure and a schedule to return those projects to State infrastructure.

48 **SECTION 6A.2.(g)** Service Level Agreements. – Service level agreements
49 developed with supported State agencies shall include metrics for the Office of Information
50 Technology Services as well as the supported agencies. When the Office of Information
51 Technology Services or an agency fails to meet metrics established by the service level
52 agreement, a report shall be provided to the Office of State Budget and Management and the
53 Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly within 10 days, detailing the shortfall and
54 providing a corrective action plan with a time line.

55 **SECTION 6A.2.(h)** The Office of Information Technology Services shall assist
56 State agencies in identifying the least expensive source and best value for the purchase of IT
57 goods and services and shall ensure that agencies receive every available discount when
58 purchasing IT goods and services. When the best value and the least expensive sources are
59 different, the Office of Information Technology Services shall report to the Office of State

1 Budget and Management and the Fiscal Research Division on why the least expensive vendor
2 was not the best value.

3 **SECTION 6A.2.(i)** Agency Billing and Payments. – The State CIO shall ensure
4 that bills from the Office of Information Technology Services are easily understood and fully
5 transparent. If a State agency fails to pay its IT Internal Service Fund bills within 30 days of
6 receipt, the Office of State Budget and Management may transfer funds from the agency to
7 cover the cost of the bill from that agency to the IT Internal Service Fund.
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9 **COORDINATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND**
10 **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

11 **SECTION 6A.3.** The State Chief Information Officer, through the Enterprise
12 Project Management Office, shall develop a plan and adopt measures to avoid the duplication
13 of information technology capabilities and resources across State agencies. When multiple
14 agencies require the same or substantially similar information technology capability, the State
15 Chief Information Officer shall designate one State agency as the lead to coordinate support
16 and to manage that capability for all State agencies requiring the capability, with the State
17 Chief Information Officer maintaining oversight of the effort. Further, the Enterprise Project
18 Management Office shall:

- 19 (1) Review all ongoing and future technology projects to determine whether the
20 capabilities required for each project, or the specific requirements
21 comprising a component within a project, already exist in a planned,
22 ongoing, or completed information technology project developed by another
23 State agency. Information Technology Procurement shall work to develop
24 contracts for information technology projects to allow the addition of other
25 agencies' requirements within the terms of the existing contract.
- 26 (2) Identify existing projects that can best support a particular requirement for
27 multiple agencies and work to transition agencies to those projects.
- 28 (3) When State agencies request approval for new projects, determine if the
29 information technology project has transferable applicability to current or
30 future capabilities required by another State agency.
- 31 (4) Upon identifying an existing information technology capability needed by a
32 State agency, assist that agency in determining how best to access existing
33 projects.
- 34 (5) Implement the State Chief Information Officer's plan to reduce duplication.
- 35 (6) Deny approval for new projects that duplicate existing capabilities within
36 State agencies.
- 37 (7) Provide quarterly reports to the Fiscal Research Division of the General
38 Assembly on progress toward eliminating duplication. The report shall
39 include a list of duplicate projects across State agencies, both ongoing and
40 legacy, and shall document explicit efforts to reduce the duplication. It shall
41 specifically address progress during the quarter for which the report is being
42 submitted. It shall also include a list of projects denied approval because of
43 duplication, with a description of the measures taken to access an existing
44 project with the same capabilities.

45 All State agencies shall coordinate any Geographic Information System (GIS)
46 initiatives through the Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (CGIA) to ensure that
47 they are not duplicating an existing function. The CGIA shall monitor and approve all new
48 GIS-related information technology projects and expansion budget requests. By January 1 of
49 each year, the CGIA shall make a written report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
50 on Information Technology and to the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly on
51 the results of these efforts.
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53 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTOMATED DATA SERVICES**
54 **(CJLEADS)**

55 **SECTION 6A.4.(a)** The Office of the State Controller, in cooperation with the
56 State Chief Information Officer, shall:

- 57 (1) Continue the implementation of the Criminal Justice Data Integration Pilot
58 Program, which is now known as the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement

1 Automated Data Services (CJLEADS), expanding it throughout the State of
2 North Carolina;

3 (2) Review plans to transition CJLEADS to the Department of Justice,
4 determining if that is still the best course of action, and identifying an
5 alternative, if required;

6 (3) By October 1, 2011, provide a recommendation to the Joint Legislative
7 Oversight Committee on Information Technology on the best alternative for
8 managing and hosting CJLEADS, along with a time line for the transition;
9 and

10 (4) Provide quarterly reports on the status of the Program to the Joint Legislative
11 Oversight Committee on Information Technology beginning October 1,
12 2011.

13 **SECTION 6A.4.(b)** The Office of the State Controller shall administer CJLEADS
14 with the assistance of a Leadership Council consisting of:

15 (1) The Attorney General;

16 (2) The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts;

17 (3) The Secretary of the Department of Correction;

18 (4) The Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety;

19 (5) The Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
20 Prevention;

21 (6) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation;

22 (7) The President of the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police;

23 (8) The President of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, Inc.;

24 (9) A representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who shall be a
25 nonvoting member;

26 (10) The State Controller; and

27 (11) The State Chief Information Officer.

28 **SECTION 6A.4.(c)** Data that is not classified as a public record under G.S. 132-1
29 shall not be considered a public record when incorporated into the CJLEADS database.

30 **SECTION 6A.4.(d)** To maintain the confidentiality requirements attached to the
31 information provided to CJLEADS by the various State and local agencies, each source agency
32 providing data for CJLEADS shall be the sole custodian of the data for the purpose of any
33 request for inspection or copies thereof under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. CJLEADS
34 shall only allow access to data from the source agencies in accordance with rules adopted by
35 the respective source agencies.

36 **SECTION 6A.4.(e)** Agencies shall use existing resources to provide required
37 support for CJLEADS.

38 **SECTION 6A.4.(f)** Section 6.10 of S.L. 2010-31 is repealed.

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40 **CONTINUING PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**
41 **TO MEET DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TECHNOLOGY NEEDS**

42 **SECTION 6A.5.(a)** To speed the implementation of the Tax Information
43 Management System (TIMS) and the additional components of the Planning and Design
44 Project (PDP) through June 30, 2015, the Secretary of the Department of Revenue may enter
45 into public-private arrangements where (i) the funding of the project under the arrangement
46 comes from revenue generated by the project and (ii) the project is related to the
47 implementation of TIMS and additional components of the PDP. As used in this section, the
48 "additional components of the PDP" are Enterprise Data Warehouse, Management Reporting
49 and Decision Analytics, Customer Relationship Management, Enterprise Case Management,
50 and E-Services. All such arrangements shall terminate June 30, 2015.

51 Work under a public-private arrangement may be contracted by requests for
52 proposals, modifications to existing contracts, and purchases using existing contract vehicles.

53 The Secretary of Revenue shall establish a measurement process to determine the
54 increased revenue attributable to the public-private arrangements. To accomplish this, the
55 Secretary shall consult subject matter experts outside the Department of Revenue, both within
56 State government and from private industry. The measurement process shall include:

57 (1) Calculation of a revenue baseline against which the increased revenue
58 attributable to the project is measured;

- 1 (2) Periodic evaluation to determine if the baseline needs to be modified based
- 2 on significant measurable changes in the economic environment; and
- 3 (3) Monthly calculation of increased revenue attributable to contracts executed
- 4 under this program.

5 Of funds generated from collections above the baseline established by subdivision
6 (1) of this subsection, in both the General Fund, Highway Funds, and the State portion of the
7 Unauthorized Substance Tax collections of the Special Revenue Fund, up to forty-five million
8 five hundred thousand dollars (\$45,500,000) may be authorized by the Office of State Budget
9 and Management for the purchases related to the implementation of TIMS and the additional
10 components of the PDP, including payment for services from non-State entities. The
11 Department of Revenue may retain an additional six million six hundred forty-six thousand five
12 hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$6,646,557) from benefits generated for the General Fund since the
13 beginning of the public-private partnership. These funds shall be used as payment of internal
14 costs for the fiscal biennium, and such funds are hereby appropriated for this purpose.

15 If the Department of Revenue finds that it cannot generate additional benefits
16 totaling forty-five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$45,500,000) through June 30, 2015,
17 or that total costs exceed the total available appropriations and earned benefits, then the
18 Department shall do all of the following: (i) immediately notify the Chairs of the House of
19 Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Fiscal Research Division, (ii)
20 identify any obligations to vendors, (iii) identify options for meeting obligations to vendors,
21 and (iv) provide costs associated with each option. The Department shall ensure that this
22 notification is made in sufficient time to allow the General Assembly to properly evaluate the
23 options presented.

24 **SECTION 6A.5.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 114-2.3, the Department of Revenue
25 shall engage the services of private counsel with the pertinent information technology and
26 computer law expertise to review requests for proposals, and to negotiate and review contracts
27 associated with TIMS and the additional components of the Planning and Design Project (PDP)
28 (Enterprise Data Warehouse, Management Reporting and Decision Analytics, Customer
29 Relationship Management, Enterprise Case Management, and E-Services).

30 **SECTION 6A.5.(c)** There is established within the Department of Revenue the
31 Oversight Committee for reviewing and approving the benefits measurement methodology and
32 calculation process. The Oversight Committee shall review and approve in writing all contracts,
33 including change orders, amendments to contracts, and addendums to contracts, before they are
34 executed under this section. This shall include (i) details of each public-private contract, (ii) the
35 benefits from each contract, and (iii) a comprehensive forecast of the benefits of using
36 public-private agreements to implement TIMS and the additional PDP components, including
37 the measurement process established for the Secretary of Revenue. The Oversight Committee
38 shall approve all of the fund transfers for this project. Within five days of entering into a
39 contract, the Department shall provide copies of each contract and all associated information to
40 the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Chairs of the House
41 of Representatives and Senate Committees on Appropriations, and the Fiscal Research
42 Division.

43 The members of the Committee shall include the following:

- 44 (1) The State Budget Director;
- 45 (2) The Secretary of the Department of Revenue;
- 46 (3) The State Chief Information Officer;
- 47 (4) Two persons appointed by the Governor;
- 48 (5) One member of the general public having expertise in information
49 technology appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of
50 the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- 51 (6) One member of the general public having expertise in economic and revenue
52 forecasting appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the
53 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

54 The State Budget Director shall serve as chair of the Committee. The Committee
55 shall set its meeting schedule and adopt its rules of operation by majority vote. A majority of
56 the members constitutes a quorum. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority.
57 Administrative support staff shall be provided by the Department of Revenue. Members of the
58 Committee shall receive reimbursements for subsistence and travel expenses as provided by
59 Chapter 138 of the General Statutes. The Committee shall terminate on June 30, 2015.

1 The Department shall provide copies of the minutes of each meeting and all
2 associated information to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information
3 Technology, the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Committees on
4 Appropriations, and the Fiscal Research Division.

5 **SECTION 6A.5.(d)** Beginning August 1, 2011, and quarterly thereafter, the
6 Department of Revenue shall submit detailed written reports to the Chairs of the House of
7 Representatives and Senate Committees on Appropriations, to the Joint Legislative Oversight
8 Committee on Information Technology, and to the Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative
9 Services Office. The report shall include (i) details of each public-private contract, (ii) the
10 benefits from each contract, (iii) a comprehensive forecast of the benefits of using
11 public-private agreements to implement TIMS and the additional PDP components, including
12 cost savings and the acceleration of the project time line, (iv) and any issues associated with the
13 operation of the public-private partnership.

14 **SECTION 6A.5.(e)** In addition to the oversight provided by the Oversight
15 Committee established in subsection (c) of this section, the TIMS project shall be subject to
16 existing Information Technology project oversight legislation and the TIMS project
17 management shall comply with all statutory requirements and other requirements established
18 by the State Chief Information Officer and the Office of State Budget and Management for
19 information technology projects. The State Chief Information Officer and the Office of State
20 Budget and Management shall immediately report any failure to do so to the Joint Legislative
21 Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Chairs of the House of Representatives
22 and Senate Committees on Appropriations, and the Fiscal Research Division.

23 **SECTION 6A.5.(f)** Section 6.20 of S.L. 2009-451, as rewritten by Section 2.3 of
24 S.L. 2010-123, is repealed.

25 26 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT** 27 **REQUIREMENTS**

28 **SECTION 6A.6.(a)** Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, and
29 notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary:

- 30 (1) No contract for information technology personal services, or providing
31 personnel to perform information technology functions, may be established
32 or renewed without the express written approval of the Statewide
33 Information Technology Procurement Office.
- 34 (2) Before any State agency, department, or institution may renew a contract
35 position for information technology personnel, the State agency must report
36 to the Statewide Information Technology Procurement Office, the Office of
37 State Budget and Management, the Office of State Personnel, the Office of
38 Information Technology Services, and to the Fiscal Research Division. The
39 report shall explain:
 - 40 a. The proposed duration of the contract position. If the contract is for
41 more than 12 months, why recruitment of a State employee is not
42 feasible.
 - 43 b. Whether the contract position requires unique skills for which the
44 State has a short-term need.
 - 45 c. Whether the position is required for a specific information
46 technology project and if the position will be terminated upon
47 completion of the project.
 - 48 d. The specific work products and completion time lines for the contract
49 position.
- 50 (3) All contract positions requiring information technology skills are subject to
51 the provisions of this section. The Office of State Budget and Management
52 may immediately terminate the funding for any information technology
53 contractor position that is filled without following defined procedures.
- 54 (4) All information technology personnel contracts shall be competitive and
55 shall be subject to competition each time they expire. Exceptions must be
56 approved by the Office of Information Technology Services, the Office of
57 State Personnel, and the Office of State Budget and Management. Approved
58 exceptions must immediately be reported to the Fiscal Research.

- 1 (5) Agencies shall make every effort to convert SAP and Curam contractors
2 supporting permanent requirements to State employees. Beginning October
3 1, 2011, agencies shall submit written quarterly reports to the Joint
4 Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal
5 Research Division documenting their progress in converting these
6 contractors to State employment.

7 Contract positions subject to this section shall be reviewed and approved by the
8 Statewide Information Technology Procurement Office and shall be entered into the project
9 portfolio management tool.

10 The Statewide Information Technology Procurement Office shall determine the
11 market rate for the type of contract required, as well as to determine the comparable cost for a
12 State employee. Agencies may not exceed the market rate determined by the Statewide
13 Information Technology Procurement Office. After the Statewide Information Technology
14 Procurement Office provides cost data, the Office of State Budget and Management must
15 approve funding for the position.

16 **SECTION 6A.6.(b)** Whenever a State agency, department, or institution
17 determines that only a contractor can fill a position and the position is required to perform an
18 ongoing function within the agency, the head of the State agency must develop and implement
19 a plan to hire or train a qualified State employee to fill the position within 12 months. Within
20 60 days of hiring the contractor, this plan shall be forwarded to the Office of State Budget and
21 Management, the Office of State Personnel, the Office of Information Technology Services,
22 and the Fiscal Research Division.

23 **SECTION 6A.6.(c)** Beginning August 1, 2011, and monthly thereafter, each State
24 agency, department, and institution employing information technology personal services
25 contractors, or contract personnel performing information technology functions, shall provide a
26 detailed report on those contracts to the Office of State Budget and Management, the Office of
27 State Personnel, the Office of Information Technology Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight
28 Committee on Information Technology, and the Fiscal Research Division of the General
29 Assembly. Each State agency's report shall include at least the following:

- 30 (1) For each contracted information technology position:
31 a. The title of the position, a brief synopsis of the essential functions of
32 the position, and how long the position has existed.
33 b. The name of the individual filling the position and the vendor
34 company, if any, that regularly employs that individual.
35 c. The type of contract, start date, and termination date.
36 d. The length of time that the individual filling the contracted position
37 has been employed by the State as a contractor in any position.
38 e. The contracted position salary or hourly rate, the number of hours per
39 year, and the total annualized cost of the contracted position.
40 f. The salary and benefits cost for a State employee performing the
41 same function.
42 g. The purchase order number for the position.
43 h. Whether the position can be converted to a State employee position.
44 This determination will be certified by the State Information
45 Technology Purchasing Office.
46 i. When the agency anticipates converting the position to a State
47 employee.
48 (2) The total annual cost for information technology contractors and the total
49 annual salary and benefits cost for filling the contract positions with State
50 employees.
51 (3) A determination of whether the information technology functions performed
52 by the contractor can be performed by State employees.
53 (4) All information required by this subsection related to information
54 technology contractors regardless of the contracting source.

55 **SECTION 6A.6.(d)** Each State agency shall provide a detailed explanation of any
56 differences between the agency report required by subsection (b) of this section and the
57 Information Technology Expenditures Report published annually by the Office of the State
58 Controller. This report of differences shall be due 30 days after the publication of the Office of
59 the State Controller's report and shall be submitted to the Office of State Budget and

1 Management, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
2 Information Technology.

3 **SECTION 6A.6.(e)** This section does not apply to The University of North
4 Carolina and its constituent institutions.

6 STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONSOLIDATION

7 **SECTION 6A.7.(a)** By November 1, 2011, the State Chief Information Officer
8 (State CIO), in conjunction with the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM), shall
9 develop a detailed plan for consolidating the information technology infrastructure and
10 applications of all State agencies, departments, and institutions in the executive branch.
11 Information technology infrastructure includes personal computers, hosting and network
12 environments, the help desk, call centers, and information technology security. Applications
13 include enterprise software, on-demand software, and customized software. At a minimum, the
14 consolidation plan shall include the following:

- 15 (1) Defined targets and priorities with a detailed time line for the
16 implementation of consolidation.
- 17 (2) The costs of consolidation by fiscal year and by agency.
- 18 (3) The anticipated savings to result from consolidation and a time line for
19 actual achievement of those savings.
- 20 (4) Technical, policy, or other issues associated with achieving a timely and
21 effective consolidation.
- 22 (5) A process to transfer all information technology hardware and software
23 funding to the Office of the State CIO.
- 24 (6) Creation of a project management organization to manage all information
25 technology projects.
- 26 (7) Review of agency, Office of Information Technology Services, and Office of
27 the State CIO to identify redundant personnel positions.

28 When setting consolidation targets, the State CIO shall give high priority to
29 infrastructure issues that pose significant risk to agency operations or data, that provide
30 opportunities for immediate cost savings, and where a statewide approach would minimize
31 disruption of services. In carrying out the consolidation, the Office of Information Technology
32 Services shall utilize the authority set out in G.S. 147-33.83.

33 **SECTION 6A.7.(b)** Beginning July 1, 2011, the State CIO shall plan and
34 implement an enterprise level grants management system. Similar systems currently under
35 development may be suspended by the State CIO with funding reprogrammed to support
36 development of the enterprise level grants management system.

37 In coordination with the State CIO, the Department of Health and Human Services
38 shall develop a plan to implement a single case management system throughout that
39 Department, beginning in the 2012-2013 fiscal year, and shall report to the Joint Legislative
40 Oversight Committee on Information Technology by February 1, 2012, on its initiatives to
41 implement the system. The report shall include a detailed time line for completion and an
42 explanation of the costs associated with case management consolidation.

43 **SECTION 6A.7.(c)** Beginning September 1, 2011, and quarterly thereafter, the
44 Office of State Budget and Management, in conjunction with the State CIO, shall provide
45 written reports to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Joint
46 Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, and the Fiscal Research Division
47 relating to State information technology consolidation.

49 ITS/INTERNAL SERVICE FUND RATE ESTABLISHMENT/CASH MANAGEMENT

50 **SECTION 6A.8.(a)** For each year of the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, receipts for
51 the Information Technology Internal Service Fund shall not exceed one hundred ninety million
52 dollars (\$190,000,000), excluding a 60-day balance for contingencies. Rates established by the
53 Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) to support the IT Internal Service Fund shall
54 be based on this required fund limit. Established rates shall be adjusted within 30 days in the
55 event the fund exceeds the prescribed limit. In the event that an increase in receipts for the IT
56 Internal Service Fund is required, the Office of Information Technology Services may
57 implement the increase after consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on
58 Governmental Operations.

1 **SECTION 6A.8.(b)** Rates shall be set to support a specific service for which an
2 agency is being charged. Overhead charges to agencies must be consistently applied and must
3 not exceed industry standards. Rate increases shall require approval of the OSBM. Rate
4 reductions shall be immediately implemented following notification of the OSBM.

5 **SECTION 6A.8.(c)** Beginning October 1, 2011, the State Chief Information
6 Officer shall submit a quarterly report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
7 Operations and the Fiscal Research Division on collections for, expenditures from, and the
8 balance of the IT Internal Service Fund. The report shall include all expenditures made from
9 the fund to support the Office of Information Technology Services and the activities of the
10 State Chief Information Officer.

11 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRIVATIZATION**

12 **SECTION 6A.9.(a)** Any privatization of any grouping of information technology
13 services, or "towers," identified in the Infrastructure Study and Assessment (INSA) shall
14 require prior approval from the General Assembly. Funding to support any outsourcing of any
15 of these towers shall be specifically appropriated by the General Assembly for that purpose, to
16 include any use of Information Technology Internal Service Fund receipts.

17 **SECTION 6A.9.(b)** Before privatizing any major information technology function
18 during the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the State Chief Information Officer shall do all of the
19 following:
20

- 21 (1) Develop a detailed plan for implementing any privatization initiative to
22 include the following:
 - 23 a. A governance and accountability structure for the privatization effort.
 - 24 b. Detailed time line with milestones.
 - 25 c. Any costs necessary to accomplish outsourcing with funding sources
26 identified.
 - 27 d. Estimated monthly cost for each participating agency for the first five
28 years of privatization.
 - 29 e. Risks associated with privatization, measures being taken to mitigate
30 those risks, and any costs associated with the mitigation measures.
 - 31 f. Any security issues associated with outsourcing each application
32 impacted by the outsourcing, with a detailed plan to mitigate those
33 issues.
 - 34 g. A list of State employees to be terminated with information on their
35 job description and how long they have been employed by the State,
36 a schedule of when the terminations are to occur, the cost of
37 terminating each employee, and plans to assist each terminated
38 employee.

39 The State Chief Information Officer shall consult the Joint Legislative
40 Commission on Governmental Operations and report to the Joint Legislative
41 Oversight Committee on Information Technology on the completed plan
42 prior to any implementation of privatization.

- 43 (2) Have a detailed plan in place, to include associated costs and sources of
44 funding, to return the function to State control in the event privatization fails
45 to provide anticipated cost-savings or required service levels.
- 46 (3) Privatize only those individual functions where verifiable market data shows
47 that privatization will result in cost-savings to the State and there is no data
48 identifying alternatives that generate greater savings, ensuring that agencies
49 receive at a minimum the same level of service and functionality as the level
50 prior to privatization.
- 51 (4) Document and certify any anticipated savings resulting from privatization by
52 individual function.
- 53 (5) Ensure full disclosure of any privatization decisions that combine multiple
54 services or towers into a single contract, including the costs associated with
55 each specific service or tower included in the contract.
- 56 (6) Ensure that any changes are made across the entire executive branch.
- 57 (7) Consult the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and
58 report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information

1 Technology regarding the plan for funding any requirements formerly
2 covered by the receipts from the privatized function.

3 **SECTION 6A.9.(c)** After privatizing any major information technology function,
4 the State Chief Information Officer shall do all of the following:

- 5 (1) Report quarterly on the results of the privatization, including a detailed
6 comparison of projected savings to actual cost, data on whether or not the
7 vendor is meeting service level agreements, and an explanation of the
8 reasons for any deficiency or difference.
- 9 (2) Immediately notify the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
10 Operations of any outsourcing effort that does not meet projected savings or
11 required service levels for two quarters in a row or during any two quarters
12 of a fiscal year, and develop a corrective action plan.
- 13 (3) Terminate any contract where privatization fails to achieve projected savings
14 or meet service levels over a period of 12 months.

15 **STATE PORTAL IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION**

16 **SECTION 6A.10.(a)** The Department of Administration may implement and
17 operate a statewide electronic enterprise portal to increase the convenience of members of the
18 public in conducting online transactions with, and obtaining information from, State
19 government and to facilitate their interactions and communications with government agencies.
20 The portal shall be hosted on State information technology infrastructure.

21 **SECTION 6A.10.(b)** Prior to any development or implementation of a State portal,
22 the Department of Administration shall provide all of the following to the General Assembly:

- 23 (1) A detailed plan for development and implementation of the portal, to include
24 a list of applications being considered for implementation during the
25 2011-2013 and 2013-2015 biennia, including:
 - 26 a. A description of how the portal is to be implemented, to include the
27 use of outside vendors, with detailed information on their
28 participation and the potential cost to the State, businesses, and
29 anyone doing business with the State.
 - 30 b. A list of potential services and a time line for implementing each
31 service.
 - 32 c. Detailed information on the anticipated cost of ownership of the
33 portal and any services proposed for implementation during the
34 period, to include the amount of any payments received by vendors
35 supporting the project.
- 36 (2) A funding model for the implementation that does not increase the cost of
37 services for anyone doing business with the State or reduce the receipts or
38 other funding currently available to State agencies or included in
39 appropriations for the 2011-2013 biennium.
- 40 (3) If the portal is outsourced, a detailed, fully executable plan to return portal
41 operations to the State, with associated costs.
- 42 (4) Identification of internal resources that could potentially be used to develop
43 and implement a State portal.

44 **SECTION 6A.10.(c)** All portal services requiring fees shall be approved by the
45 General Assembly, and all funding for the portal, to include fees, shall be appropriated by the
46 General Assembly. Any fees or other charges collected under this section for the State portal
47 or any supporting functions shall be:

- 48 (1) Subject to approval by the General Assembly.
- 49 (2) Deposited in the General Fund, or in the Highway Fund for fees collected
50 from the Department of Transportation.

51 The portal shall not increase fees or impose a new fee for services already provided online
52 or through any automated means.

53 **SECTION 6A.10.(d)** Participation by State agencies in the portal shall be
54 voluntary.

55 **SECTION 6A.10.(e)** There shall be a convenient, free alternative for any online
56 service provided.

57 **SECTION 6A.10.(f)** The State portal project shall meet all requirements for project
58 management established by the State Chief Information Officer. Nothing in this section shall
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1 exempt the State portal project from the laws governing State information technology and
2 purchasing.

3 **SECTION 6A.10.(g)** Notwithstanding G.S. 114-2.3, the Department of
4 Administration shall engage the services of private counsel with the pertinent information
5 technology and computer law expertise to negotiate and review contracts associated with the
6 State portal.

7 **SECTION 6A.10.(h)** Each quarter, beginning October 1, 2011, the Department of
8 Administration shall provide detailed information to the Chairs of the House of Representatives
9 Committee on Appropriations and the House of Representatives Subcommittee on General
10 Government, the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Senate
11 Appropriations Committee on General Government and Information Technology, the Joint
12 Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Fiscal Research Division,
13 and the Office of State Budget and Management on the total amount of each fee and any other
14 charge collected by the vendor for each service provided, the amount of funding collected by
15 the State for each service and for each participating agency, and any other costs associated with
16 operating the portal.

17 **SECTION 6A.10.(i)** Committee Established. – There is established in the
18 Department of Administration the Portal Project Review Committee, which shall review
19 services and applications proposed for inclusion in the State portal.

20 **SECTION 6A.10.(j)** Membership. – The Committee shall be composed of seven
21 members as follows:

- 22 (1) Two members appointed by the Governor.
- 23 (2) Two members appointed by General Assembly, as recommended by the
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 25 (3) Two members appointed by the General Assembly, as recommended by the
26 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- 27 (4) The State Controller shall be designated as the Chair.

28 **SECTION 6A.10.(k)** Vacancies. – Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled
29 by the appointing authority.

30 **SECTION 6A.10.(l)** Expenses of Members. – Members of the Committee shall
31 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or
32 138-6, as appropriate.

33 **SECTION 6A.10.(m)** Staff. – Adequate staff shall be provided to the Committee
34 by the Department of Administration.

35 **SECTION 6A.10.(n)** Cooperation. – The Committee may call upon any
36 department, agency, institution, or officer of the State or any political subdivision thereof for
37 facilities, data, or other assistance.

38 **SECTION 6A.10.(o)** Meeting Location. – The Committee shall hold public
39 meetings at various locations around the State for each proposed service or application to allow
40 interested parties and participating agencies to comment on proposed services in order to
41 promote greater public participation in its deliberations. The Department of Administration
42 shall grant adequate meeting space to the Committee in the State Administration Building or
43 other State office facility as needed.

44 **SECTION 6A.10.(p)** Approval Authority. – The Committee shall have approval
45 authority for services and applications not requiring a fee or imposing any cost on any State or
46 local agency or anyone doing business with the State. For services or applications supported by
47 fees, the Committee shall make recommendations to the next regular session of the General
48 Assembly on the feasibility of developing and implementing these services or applications.

50 **TRANSFER CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION NETWORK TO THE OFFICE OF** 51 **THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**

52 **SECTION 6A.11.(a)** The Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN), as
53 provided in Article 69 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, is hereby transferred to the
54 Office of the State Chief Information Officer. The transfer shall have all the elements of a
55 Type II transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6.

56 **SECTION 6A.11.(b)** G.S. 143-661(a) reads as rewritten:

57 "(a) The Criminal Justice Information Network Governing Board is established within
58 the ~~Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Office of the State Chief Information~~
59 Officer to operate the State's Criminal Justice Information Network, the purpose of which shall

1 be to provide the governmental and technical information systems infrastructure necessary for
2 accomplishing State and local governmental public safety and justice functions in the most
3 effective manner by appropriately and efficiently sharing criminal justice and juvenile justice
4 information among law enforcement, judicial, and corrections agencies. The Board is
5 established within the ~~Department of Crime Control and Public Safety~~ Office of the State Chief
6 Information Officer, for organizational and budgetary purposes only and the Board shall
7 exercise all of its statutory powers in this Article independent of control by the ~~Department of~~
8 ~~Crime Control and Public Safety~~ Office of the State Chief Information Officer."

9 **SECTION 6A.11.(c)** G.S. 143-664(b) reads as rewritten:

10 "(b) ~~Pending permanent staffing, the Department~~ The staff of the Criminal Justice
11 Information Network shall provide the Board with professional and clerical ~~staff support~~ and
12 any additional support the Board needs to fulfill its mandate. The ~~Board may meet in an area~~
13 ~~provided by the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety~~ and the Board's staff shall use
14 space provided by the ~~Department~~ Office of the State Chief Information Officer."

15 INTEGRATED BUDGET INFORMATION SYSTEM

16 **SECTION 6A.12.(a)** The Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) shall
17 create a detailed, comprehensive plan for the development and implementation of the
18 Integrated Budget Information System (IBIS). By August 1, 2011, the IBIS plan shall be
19 submitted to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the
20 Fiscal Research Division. The plan must include at least the following:

- 21 (1) A detailed description of the system with a list of the functions.
- 22 (2) A projected time line for completion with detailed milestones.
- 23 (3) Total cost of the project, including five years of operations and maintenance
24 costs.
- 25 (4) Projected costs for the project each month, including how the funding is to
26 be spent.
- 27 (5) Funds identified to support the project from its inception, with the amounts
28 and sources of funding.
- 29 (6) Personnel involved in the project, their position and responsibilities, their
30 qualifications, the amount of time each devotes to the project, and their cost,
31 including both State employees and contract personnel.
- 32 (7) Number and cost of personnel required to operate the system after its
33 completion.
- 34 (8) Total number of hours required to complete the project.
- 35 (9) Outside vendors supporting the project, their functions, and their total cost.
- 36 (10) Implementation plan, to include a time line for fielding it to participating
37 agencies.
- 38 (11) A training plan with a time line.
- 39 (12) Any risks to the project, with a strategy to mitigate those risks.

40 **SECTION 6A.12.(b)** Beginning August 1, 2011, on the first day of each month,
41 the Office of State Budget and Management shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight
42 Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division on the status of IBIS.
43 The monthly reports shall be signed by the project sponsor, who shall verify in writing that the
44 information contained in the report is current, complete, and accurate. The monthly report shall
45 include the following:

- 46 (1) Project status, to include any issues identified by the Enterprise Project
47 Management Office.
- 48 (2) Comparison of project status to the time line, with an explanation of any
49 differences.
- 50 (3) Detailed descriptions of milestones to be completed that month and the
51 following month.
- 52 (4) Any changes in project cost.
- 53 (5) Actual expenditures to date and during that month.
- 54 (6) Any variances from projected expenditures and the reasons for the variance.
- 55 (7) Any potential funding shortfalls and their impact.
- 56 (8) Total hours worked each month and cumulative total hours.
- 57 (9) Any variance between projected and actual hours and the reason.
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- 1 (10) Any issues identified during the month, with a corrective action plan and a
- 2 time line for resolving them.
- 3 (11) Impact of any issues identified on the project schedule.
- 4 (12) Impact of any issues identified on project cost.
- 5 (13) Any changes to the project.
- 6 (14) Any change requests submitted to project vendors and their cost.

7 **SECTION 6A.12.(c)** The State Chief Information Officer shall immediately
8 suspend the project if OSBM fails to provide a monthly report required by subsection (b) of this
9 section in a timely manner until such time as the report is submitted.

10 **SECTION 6A.12.(d)** If OSBM fails to submit reports to the Enterprise Project
11 Management Office for inclusion in the project portfolio management tool on time, the State
12 CIO shall immediately suspend the project until the information is completed in the tool.
13

14 **USE OF MOBILE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES**

15 **SECTION 6A.14.(a)** Every executive branch agency within State government shall
16 develop a policy to limit the issuance and use of mobile electronic devices to the minimum
17 required to carry out the agency's mission. By September 1, 2011, each agency shall provide a
18 copy of its policy to the Chairs of the Appropriations Committee and the Appropriations
19 Subcommittee on General Government of the House of Representatives, the Chairs of the
20 Appropriations/Base Budget Committee and the Appropriations Committee on General
21 Government and Information Technology of the Senate, the Chairs of the Joint Legislative
22 Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Office
23 of State Budget and Management.

24 State-issued mobile electronic devices shall be used only for State business.
25 Agencies shall limit the issuance of cell phones, smart phones, and any other mobile electronic
26 devices to employees for whom access to a mobile electronic device is a critical requirement
27 for job performance. The device issued and the plan selected shall be the minimum required to
28 support the employees' work requirements. This shall include considering the use of pagers in
29 lieu of a more sophisticated device. The requirement for each mobile electronic device issued
30 shall be documented in a written justification that shall be maintained by the agency and
31 reviewed annually. All State agency heads, in consultation with the Office of Information
32 Technology Services and the Office of State Budget and Management, shall document and
33 review all authorized cell phone, smart phone, and other mobile electronic communications
34 device procurement, and related phone, data, Internet, and other usage plans for and by their
35 employees. Agencies shall conduct periodic audits of mobile device usage to ensure that State
36 employees and contractors are complying with agency policies and State requirements for their
37 use.

38 Beginning October 1, 2011, each agency shall report quarterly to the Chairs of the
39 House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations and the House of Representatives
40 Subcommittee on General Government, the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations
41 and the Senate Appropriations Committee on General Government and Information
42 Technology, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Fiscal
43 Research Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management on the following:

- 44 (1) Any changes to agency policies on the use of mobile devices.
- 45 (2) The number and types of new devices issued since the last report.
- 46 (3) The total number of mobile devices issued by the agency.
- 47 (4) The total cost of mobile devices issued by the agency.
- 48 (5) The number of each type of mobile device issued, with the total cost for each
49 type.

50 **SECTION 6A.14.(b)** This section does not apply to the legislative branch or the
51 judicial branch of State government.
52

53 **USE OF DMV INSPECTION PROGRAM ACCOUNT FUND**

54 **SECTION 6A.15.** G.S. 20-183.7(d) reads as rewritten:

55 "(d) Inspection Program Account. – The Inspection Program Account is created as a
56 nonreverting account within the Highway Fund. The Division shall administer the Account.
57 Revenue in the Account may be used only to fund the vehicle inspection and maintenance
58 program-program and to fund replacement of the State Titling and Registration System and the
59 State Automated Driver License System."

STATEWIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENT

SECTION 6A.16. Statewide Information Technology Procurement shall be funded through fees charged to agencies using Statewide Information Technology Procurement services. The Office of the State Chief Information Officer shall provide a fee schedule to allow cost recovery to the Office of State Budget and Management.

If agencies fail to pay for services within 30 days of billing, the Office of State Budget and Management shall transfer the unpaid amount to the State Information Technology Procurement Office.

REPLACEMENT OF THE STATE TITLING AND REGISTRATION SYSTEM (STARS) AND THE STATE AUTOMATED DRIVER LICENSE SYSTEM (SADLS)

SECTION 6A.17.(a) The Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles shall begin the replacement of the State Titling and Registration System (STARS) and the State Automated Driver License System (SADLS). By October 1, 2011, the Department shall develop a plan and associated time line for accomplishing the replacement of both systems. The Department shall determine the cost for the replacement of each system and then develop a strategy for funding each. This strategy may include, but is not limited to, funding from statutory sources and bulk data fees. Priority for replacement and for funding shall be to STARS, but the Department may make the decision to concurrently initiate the replacements if sufficient funding can be identified to cover the costs for both during the time frames for each. By October 1, 2011, the Department shall provide the plan and funding strategy to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division.

SECTION 6A.17.(b) Beginning October 1, 2011, and quarterly thereafter until the systems replacement projects are complete, the Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division on the status of the systems replacement. The report shall include the following for each replacement project:

- (1) Current status of the replacement projects.
- (2) Any changes in the scope of either project and associated change requests.
- (3) Any changes in cost for each project.
- (4) Changes in status since the previous report.
- (5) Costs during the previous quarter.
- (6) Funding sources and uses during the previous quarter.
- (7) Anticipated funding and expenditures by quarter for the next two years.
- (8) Any issues associated with the system development and identified solutions.

SECTION 6A.17.(c) The Office of the State Chief Information Officer (SCIO) and the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) shall ensure that the Department receives all required support and that the replacements are not delayed as a result of any action on the part of either office. Requirements for project review and approval shall be expedited. If the Department does not receive project approvals within two weeks after submitting required data, approval shall be automatic. If the SCIO or ITS determines it is necessary to delay or suspend the project based on technical or funding issues, either office may request committee review as defined in G.S. 147-33.72D. This review must be completed within five days.

ENTERPRISE ELECTRONIC FORMS AND DIGITAL SIGNATURES

SECTION 6A.18.(a) Under the direction of the State Controller, the State shall plan, develop, and implement a coordinated enterprise electronic forms and digital signatures capability. In developing this capability, the State Controller shall determine the cost of converting forms to an electronic format, determine priorities for converting forms, and establish milestones for completing this conversion.

The State Controller shall integrate executive branch agencies already in the process of developing electronic forms and digital signatures projects. Before beginning this effort, the State Controller shall determine specific agency requirements and incorporate their requirements into its planning efforts.

SECTION 6A.18.(b) Beginning October 1, 2011, the State Controller shall present quarterly reports on the status of the project to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology.

EVALUATION OF STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OPERATIONS

SECTION 6A.19.(a) The General Assembly shall conduct a detailed, comprehensive evaluation of information technology operations, infrastructure, systems, ongoing projects, and applications within State government. This evaluation shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) Documentation of the information technology organization and function within State government and individual agencies.
- (2) Development of a complete inventory of information technology assets and resources within the State.
- (3) Documentation and review of agencies' information technology operations.
- (4) Documentation of actual agency information technology costs.
- (5) Identification and documentation of the costs associated with specific information technology projects and support.
- (6) Identification and documentation of funding sources.
- (7) Identification and documentation of common requirements for information technology infrastructure, systems, projects, or applications.

The General Assembly may enter into any contracts necessary to facilitate completion of this evaluation.

SECTION 6A.19.(b) The chairs of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives and the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee of the Senate shall establish a project team to develop an evaluation plan/methodology and manage the day-to-day operation of the evaluation.

SECTION 6A.19.(c) The project team shall develop a detailed schedule prior to the initiation of the evaluation. The schedule shall provide for the evaluation to be conducted in phases. The initial phase shall include all agencies within the executive branch, both Cabinet and Council of State agencies. The scope of subsequent phases shall be determined by the project team during or immediately following the initial phase.

SECTION 6A.19.(d) Agencies shall provide all requested support for evaluation requirements and deliver accurate, complete, and timely data as required to facilitate the evaluation. The agency head shall verify, in writing, the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of the data. If any support or data provided by an agency does not meet study standards, the agency's information technology functions shall automatically be subject to a continuation review the next fiscal year.

In instances where an immediate change may create opportunities for savings or efficiencies are identified, the project team may recommend implementation of the change prior to completion of the evaluation.

SECTION 6A.19.(e) The General Assembly shall establish an advisory committee that includes business and information technology subject matter experts to provide advice and assistance during the evaluation. The State Controller shall serve as Chairman of the committee.

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint five members to the advisory committee, to include an executive from an information technology company, an executive from a Cabinet agency, a Council of State agency Chief Information Officer, a Cabinet agency Chief Financial Officer, and a representative from the Office of Information Technology Services. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members, to include an executive with a private industry management consulting background, an executive from a Council of State agency, a Cabinet agency Chief Information Officer, a Council of State agency Chief Financial Officer, and a representative from the Office of State Budget and Management.

Staff to the committee shall be provided by the General Assembly and shall include analysts and attorneys with a thorough knowledge of information technology operations within the State.

SECTION 6A.19.(f) The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology shall monitor the progress of the evaluation.

Beginning October 1, 2011, the project team shall provide quarterly reports to the chairs of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives and the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee of the Senate, the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, and the Fiscal Research Division.

1 **SECTION 6A.19.(g)** Of the funds appropriated to the General Assembly in Section
2 2.1 of this act, the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and
3 the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year shall be used to
4 implement this section.

5
6 **COMPREHENSIVE ENTERPRISE-LEVEL DATA INTEGRATION CAPABILITY**

7 **SECTION 6A.20.(a)** The Office of the State Controller (OSC) shall continue the
8 development of a comprehensive enterprise-level data integration capability, providing broad
9 access to and analysis of information across State government. As part of this development
10 effort, by October 1, 2011, OSC shall update the BEACON Strategic Plan for Data Integration
11 and shall provide the updated plan to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
12 Operations, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, and the
13 Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly. The priority of effort for data integration
14 shall be the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data System (CJLEADS).

15 The strategic plan shall comply with all necessary security measures and restrictions
16 to ensure that access to any specific information held confidential under federal or State law
17 shall be limited to appropriate and authorized persons. OSC shall also develop, document, and
18 enforce security requirements for data integration initiatives, to include establishing and
19 monitoring security standards for vendors supporting development and implementation efforts.

20 **SECTION 6A.20.(b)** There is created a Data Integration Steering Committee that
21 shall have responsibility for overseeing all data integration efforts in the State. This Committee
22 shall assume all of the BEACON Project Steering Committee roles and responsibilities for
23 oversight of data integration projects. This Committee shall be chaired by the State Controller
24 and shall include the following six voting members:

- 25 (1) One member appointed by the Governor with an information technology
26 background and experience.
- 27 (2) One member appointed by the Governor with a background in law
28 enforcement.
- 29 (3) One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate with a
30 background in government accounting.
- 31 (4) One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate with
32 government operations experience.
- 33 (5) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives with
34 a background in information technology.
- 35 (6) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives with
36 a background in business management.

37 Members shall not have any association with potential vendors.

38 The Director of the Office of State Budget and Management, the State Chief
39 Information Officer, the State Treasurer, and the State Auditor shall serve as advisory
40 members.

41 The Committee shall be housed in and supported by the Office of the State
42 Controller.

43 **SECTION 6A.20.(c)** As part of the State's continuing effort to develop a
44 comprehensive enterprise-level data integration capability, the Office of the State Controller
45 shall develop an enterprise process to detect fraud, waste, and improper payments across State
46 agencies. State agencies shall fully support and participate in OSC's efforts to develop an
47 automated fraud detection system.

48 In support of the automated fraud detection effort, the OSC shall:

- 49 (1) Develop a detailed long-range plan to implement an automated fraud
50 detection system within State agencies.
- 51 (2) Determine costs, to include vendor costs, for the effort for five years,
52 beginning July 1, 2011.
- 53 (3) Coordinate with State agencies to determine interest in participating in the
54 project and to identify potential applications that can be included in an initial
55 request for proposal.
- 56 (4) Establish priorities for developing and implementing potential applications.
- 57 (5) Evaluate savings resulting from each effort.
- 58 (6) Coordinate efforts with the State's data integration vendor to begin the
59 implementation process.

- 1 (7) Establish a pilot to begin the implementation process and to identify and
2 resolve issues associated with expansion of the initiative.
- 3 (8) Coordinate with participating agencies to ensure that each has the resources
4 and processes necessary to follow up on incidents of fraud identified by the
5 vendor.
- 6 (9) Provide recommendations to the Joint Legislative Commission on
7 Governmental Operations, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
8 Information Technology, and the Fiscal Research Division of the General
9 Assembly on potential future initiatives and the cost and savings associated
10 with each.

11 **SECTION 6A.20.(d)** Beginning October 1, 2011, the OSC shall provide quarterly
12 reports to the chairs of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives and the
13 Appropriations/Base Budget Committee of the Senate, the Joint Legislative Oversight
14 Committee on Information Technology, and the Fiscal Research Division of the General
15 Assembly. These reports shall include the following:

- 16 (1) Incidents, types, and amounts of fraud identified, by agency.
- 17 (2) The amount actually recovered as a result of fraud identification, by agency.
- 18 (3) Agency procedural changes resulting from fraud identification and the time
19 line for implementing each.
- 20 (4) State costs for fraud detection for the previous quarter.
- 21 (5) Payments to the vendor for the previous quarter.
- 22 (6) Anticipated costs and vendor payments for each of the next two years from
23 the date of the report.

24 **SECTION 6A.20.(e)** The Office of the State Controller is authorized to enter into
25 an enterprise automated fraud detection contract for eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for a
26 two-year contract period and shall limit payments to the following payment schedule:

- 27 (1) December 2011—\$1,000,000.
- 28 (2) July 2012—\$3,000,000.
- 29 (3) December 2012—\$3,000,000.
- 30 (4) June 2013—\$1,000,000.

31 To maximize cost reductions and savings, the Office of the State Controller shall enter into the
32 agreement no later than September 1, 2011. To ensure this is a Public-Private Partnership, the
33 Office of the State Controller shall ensure that the chosen vendor shall contribute resources
34 valued at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) during each of fiscal year 2011-2012 and fiscal
35 year 2012-2013 for the project's success.

36 **SECTION 6A.20.(f)** Of the funds appropriated from the General Fund to the
37 Office of the State Controller, the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars
38 (\$1,500,000) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the sum of seven million five hundred thousand
39 dollars (\$7,500,000) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year shall be used to support the enterprise
40 process to detect fraud, waste, and improper payments across State agencies in each year of the
41 biennium. Of these funds, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) each year shall be used by
42 the Office of the State Controller to support the initiative. The remainder may be used to fund
43 payments to the vendor.

44 **PART VII. PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

45 **EDUCATION REFORM IN NORTH CAROLINA**

46
47 **SECTION 7.1.(a)** It is a priority of the General Assembly that high school
48 graduates enter the workforce or higher education fully prepared. To implement this priority,
49 the Joint Education Oversight Committee shall study (i) literacy and (ii) ways to reduce the
50 need for remedial or developmental education in the State's higher education institutions so that
51 students and the State do not pay repeatedly for the same education. The Committee shall
52 report to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly with a comprehensive plan,
53 including implementation dates and schedules, that addresses the following items:

- 54 (1) Implementation of a third grade literacy policy, including the advisability of
55 a program for third grade reading specialists modeled on Florida's reading
56 specialist program.
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1 (2) Ways to hold high schools accountable for the higher education performance
2 of their students, including requiring funding for developmental education to
3 come from high schools.

4 (3) The most cost-effective way to provide remedial education in higher
5 education, including funding summer term developmental courses at
6 community colleges based on successful course completions, focusing
7 remediation at the community colleges, and redirecting university
8 appropriations for remedial education to the community colleges.

9 **SECTION 7.1.(b)** In all cases, any program implemented needs to be structured so
10 that ongoing, evaluable performance and outcome data is available.

11 **SECTION 7.1.(c)** Funds appropriated to implement this section may be used by
12 the Committee to hire one or more external consultants to complete these studies.
13

14 CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE

15 **SECTION 7.1A.(a)** The State Board of Education and the North Carolina
16 Community College System shall establish the Career and College Promise program. The
17 purpose of Career and College Promise is to offer structured opportunities for qualified high
18 school students to dually enroll in community college courses that provide pathways consistent
19 with subsection (b) of this section that lead to a certificate, diploma, or degree as well as
20 provide entry-level jobs skills. Academic credits earned through Career and College Promise
21 shall enable students who continue into postsecondary education after graduating from high
22 school to complete a postsecondary credential in less time than would normally be required. All
23 existing high school transition programs, including Huskins, Concurrent Enrollment,
24 Cooperative and Innovative High Schools, Learn and Earn, and Learn and Earn Online shall be
25 consolidated and replaced by Career and College Promise.

26 **SECTION 7.1A.(b)** North Carolina community colleges, subject to approval by the
27 State Board of Community Colleges, may offer the following Career and College pathways
28 aligned with the K-12 curriculum and career and college ready standards adopted by the State
29 Board of Education:

30 (1) A Career Technical Education Pathway, leading to a certificate or diploma
31 aligned with one or more high school Tech Prep Career Clusters.

32 (2) A College Transfer Pathway, leading to a college transfer certificate
33 requiring the successful completion of eight college transfer courses,
34 including English and mathematics.

35 (3) A cooperative innovative high schools program approved under Part 9 of
36 Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes.

37 **SECTION 7.1A.(c)** Constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina
38 System, subject to approval by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina,
39 may offer as a Career and College pathway a cooperative innovative high schools program
40 approved under Part 9 of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes. The pathway
41 must align with the K-12 curriculum and career and college ready standards adopted by the
42 State Board of Education.

43 **SECTION 7.1A.(d)** The North Carolina Community College System and the
44 Department of Public Instruction shall jointly develop and implement a program accountability
45 plan to evaluate short-term and long-term outcomes for Career and College Promise. Outcomes
46 to be measured shall include the following items:

47 (1) The impact of dual enrollment on high school completion.

48 (2) The academic achievement and performance of dually enrolled high school
49 students.

50 (3) The number of students who successfully complete college certificates while
51 dually enrolled.

52 (4) The impact of dual enrollment and certificate completion on enrollment in
53 college.

54 (5) The persistence and completion rates of students who continue into college
55 programs after high school graduation.

56 (6) The academic achievement and performance of students who continue into
57 colleges programs after high school graduation.

58 **SECTION 7.1A.(d1)** Community colleges shall generate budget FTE for
59 instruction provided through Career and College Promise.

1 **SECTION 7.1A.(e)** The Community Colleges System Office shall report to the
 2 Joint Education Oversight Committee or, if the General Assembly is in session, to the House
 3 and Senate Education Committees no later than February 1 regarding the number and cost of
 4 high school FTE served as a result of the Career and College Promise program created by this
 5 section.

6 **SECTION 7.1A.(f)** G.S. 115D-1.1 and G.S. 115D-1.2 are repealed.

7 **SECTION 7.1A.(g)** G.S. 115D-41 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 115D-41. Restrictions on contracts with local school administrative units; use of**
 9 **community college facilities by public school students pursuant to cooperative**
 10 **programs.**

11 (a) Community college contracts with local school administrative units shall not be
 12 used by these agencies to supplant funding for a public school high school teacher providing
 13 courses offered pursuant to G.S. 115D-20(4) who is already employed by the local school
 14 administrative unit. ~~However, if a community college contracts with a local school~~
 15 ~~administrative unit for a public high school teacher to teach a college level course, the~~
 16 ~~community college shall not generate budget FTE for that course. Its reimbursement in this~~
 17 ~~ease shall be limited to the direct instructional costs contained in the contract, plus fifteen~~
 18 ~~percent (15%) for administrative costs. In no event shall a community college contract with a~~
 19 ~~local school administrative unit to provide high school level courses.~~

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21 **SECTION 7.1A.(h)** G.S. 115D-20 reads as rewritten:

22 "**§ 115D-20. Powers and duties of trustees.**

23 The trustees of each institution shall constitute the local administrative board of such
 24 institution, with such powers and duties as are provided in this Chapter and as are delegated to
 25 it by the State Board of Community Colleges. The powers and duties of trustees shall include
 26 the following:

27 ...

28 (4) To apply the standards and requirements for admission and graduation of
 29 students and other standards established by the State Board of Community
 30 Colleges. ~~Provided, notwithstanding~~ Notwithstanding any law or
 31 administrative rule to the contrary, ~~local administrative boards and local~~
 32 ~~school boards may establish cooperative programs in the areas they serve to~~
 33 ~~provide for college courses to be offered to qualified high school students~~
 34 ~~with college credits to be awarded to those high school students upon the~~
 35 ~~successful completion of the courses. Provided, further, that during local~~
 36 ~~community colleges are permitted to offer the following programs:~~

37 a. Subject to the approval of the State Board of Community Colleges,
 38 local community colleges may collaborate with local school
 39 administrative units to offer courses through the following programs:

- 40 1. Cooperative innovative high school programs as provided by
 41 Part 9 of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes.
- 42 2. Academic transition pathways for qualified high school
 43 students that lead to a career technical education certificate or
 44 diploma.
- 45 3. College transfer certificates requiring the successful
 46 completion of eight college transfer courses, including
 47 English and mathematics.

48 b. During the summer quarter, persons less than 16 years old may be
 49 permitted to take noncredit courses on a self-supporting basis, subject
 50 to rules of the State Board of Community Colleges. Provided,
 51 further, that high

52 c. High school students may be permitted to take noncredit courses in
 53 safe driving on a self-supporting basis during the academic year or
 54 the summer.

55 "

56 **SECTION 7.1A.(i)** The North Carolina Community College System, University of
 57 North Carolina General Administration, and the North Carolina Independent Colleges and
 58 Universities shall develop a plan for articulation of a college transfer certificate to all UNC
 59 institutions and participating independent colleges and universities. North Carolina Independent

1 Colleges and Universities, Inc., shall also be included in the development of the plan if it
 2 chooses to participate. College transfer certificates shall require the successful completion of
 3 eight college transfer courses, including English and mathematics, and will be available to high
 4 school students under this section, as well as community college students.

5 **SECTION 7.1A.(j)** Part 9 of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes
 6 reads as rewritten:

7 "Part 9. Cooperative Innovative High School Programs.

8 **"§ 115C-238.50. Purpose.**

9 (a) The purpose of this Part is to authorize local boards of education to jointly establish
 10 with one or more boards of trustees cooperative innovative programs in high schools and
 11 colleges or universities that will expand students' opportunities for educational success through
 12 high quality instructional programming. These cooperative innovative high school programs
 13 shall ~~target~~target any of the following groups:

- 14 (1) High school students who are at risk of dropping out of school before
 15 attaining a high school diploma, or diploma.
- 16 (2) High school students with parents who did not continue education beyond
 17 high school.
- 18 ~~(2)(3)~~ (3) High school students who would benefit from accelerated academic
 19 instruction.

20 (b) All the cooperative innovative high school programs established under this Part
 21 shall:

- 22 (1) Enable students to concurrently obtain a high school diploma and begin or
 23 complete an associate degree program, master a certificate or vocational
 24 program, or earn up to two years of college credit within five years.
- 25 (1a) Prepare students adequately for future learning in the workforce or in an
 26 institution of higher education.
- 27 ~~(2) Expand students' educational opportunities within the public school system.~~
- 28 ~~(3) Be centered on the core academic standards represented by the college~~
 29 ~~preparatory or tech prep program of study as defined by the State Board of~~
 30 ~~Education.~~
- 31 (4) Encourage the cooperative or shared use of resources, personnel, and
 32 facilities between public schools and colleges or universities, or both.
- 33 ~~(5) Integrate and emphasize both academic and technical skills necessary for~~
 34 ~~students to be successful in a more demanding and changing workplace.~~
- 35 (6) Emphasize parental involvement and provide consistent counseling,
 36 advising, and parent conferencing so that parents and students can make
 37 responsible decisions regarding course taking and can track the students'
 38 academic progress and success.
- 39 ~~(7) Be held accountable for meeting measurable student achievement results.~~
- 40 ~~(8) Encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods.~~
- 41 ~~(9) Establish joint institutional responsibility and accountability for support of~~
 42 ~~students and their success.~~
- 43 ~~(10) Effectively utilize existing funding sources for high school, college,~~
 44 ~~university, and vocational programs and actively pursue new funding from~~
 45 ~~other sources.~~
- 46 (11) Develop methods for early identification of potential participating students
 47 in the middle grades and through high school, school and provide outreach to
 48 those students to promote academic preparation and awareness of the
 49 cooperative innovative high school programs.
- 50 ~~(12) Reduce the percentage of students needing remedial courses upon their~~
 51 ~~initial entry from high school into a college or university.~~

52 (c) ~~Programs developed under this Part that target students who are at risk of dropping~~
 53 ~~out of high school before attaining a high school diploma shall:~~

- 54 (1) ~~Provide these students with the opportunity to graduate from high school~~
 55 ~~possessing the core academic skills needed for postsecondary education and~~
 56 ~~high skilled employment.~~
- 57 (2) ~~Enable students to complete a technical or academic program in a field that~~
 58 ~~is in high demand and has high wages.~~

- 1 (3) ~~Set and achieve goals that significantly reduce dropout rates and raise high~~
2 ~~school and college retention, certification, and degree completion rates.~~
3 (4) ~~Enable students who complete these programs to pass employer exams, if~~
4 ~~applicable.~~
5 (d) ~~Cooperative innovative high school programs that offer accelerated learning~~
6 ~~programs shall:~~
7 (1) ~~Provide a flexible, customized program of instruction for students who~~
8 ~~would benefit from accelerated, higher level coursework or early graduation~~
9 ~~from high school.~~
10 (2) ~~Enable students to obtain a high school diploma in less than four years, to~~
11 ~~begin or complete an associate degree program, to master a certificate or~~
12 ~~vocational program, or to earn up to two years of college credit.~~
13 (3) ~~Offer a college preparatory academic core and in-depth studies in a career or~~
14 ~~technical field that will lead to advanced programs or employment~~
15 ~~opportunities in engineering, health sciences, or teaching.~~
16 (e) ~~Cooperative innovative high school programs may include the creation of a school~~
17 ~~within a school, a technical high school, a high school or technical center located on the~~
18 ~~campus of a college or university, or a five year career academy operating as part of an~~
19 ~~existing high school.~~
20 (f) ~~Students are eligible to attend these programs as early as ninth grade.~~

21 **"§ 115C-238.50A. Definitions.**

22 The following definitions apply in this Part:

- 23 (1) ~~Constituent institution. – A constituent institution as defined in~~
24 ~~G.S. 116-2(4).~~
25 (2) ~~Education partner. – An education partner as provided in G.S. 115C-238.52.~~
26 (3) ~~Governing board. – The State Board of Education, the State Board of~~
27 ~~Community Colleges, the Board of Governors of The University of North~~
28 ~~Carolina, or the Board of the North Carolina Independent Colleges and~~
29 ~~Universities.~~
30 (4) ~~Local board of trustees. – The board of trustees of a community college,~~
31 ~~constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, or private~~
32 ~~college located in North Carolina.~~
33 (5) Cooperative innovative high school. – A high school that meets the
34 following criteria:
35 a. It has no more than 100 students per grade level.
36 b. It partners with an institution of higher education to enable students
37 to concurrently obtain a high school diploma and begin or complete
38 an associate degree program, master a certificate or vocational
39 program, or earn up to two years of college credit within five years.
40 c. It is located on the campus of the institution of higher education,
41 unless the governing board specifically waives the requirement
42 through adoption of a formal resolution.

43 **"§ 115C-238.51. Application process.**

44 (a) ~~A local board of education and at least one local board of trustees shall jointly apply~~
45 ~~to establish a cooperative innovative high school program under this Part.~~

46 ...

47 (e) No additional State funds shall be provided to approved programs unless
48 appropriated by the General Assembly.

49 ...

50 **"§ 115C-238.54. Funds for programs.**

51 (a) ~~The Department of Public Instruction shall assign a school code for each program~~
52 ~~that is approved under this Part, with the exception of a five year career academy operating as~~
53 ~~part of an existing high school, which shall continue to use the existing school code. All~~
54 ~~positions and other State and federal allotments that are generated for this program shall be~~
55 ~~assigned to that school code. Part. Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-105.25, once funds are assigned~~
56 ~~to that school code, the program has been assigned a school code, the local board of education~~
57 ~~may use these funds for the program and may transfer these funds between funding allotment~~
58 ~~categories.~~

1 ~~(a1) A five-year career academy operating as part of an existing high school shall~~
2 ~~maintain records to identify and evaluate students enrolled in the five-year career academy~~
3 ~~program distinct from the general school population.~~
4 ~~...."~~

5 **SECTION 7.1A.(k)** Cooperative innovative high schools approved by the State
6 Board of Education prior to July 1, 2011, shall meet the requirements of G.S. 115C-238.50A(5)
7 as enacted by subsection (j) of this section no later than July 1, 2014. Any cooperative
8 innovative high school which fails to meet the requirements by that date shall no longer be
9 authorized as a cooperative innovative high school.

10 **SECTION 7.1A.(l)** Subsection (e) of this section takes effect January 1, 2013, and
11 is repealed effective June 30, 2015. The remainder of this section becomes effective January 1,
12 2012.
13

14 **CLASS SIZE REDUCTION FOR GRADES 1-3**

15 **SECTION 7.1B.** The General Assembly finds that educational research has shown
16 that small classes of 15 or fewer students result in marked improvement in learning in grades
17 1-3, as measured by standardized tests in reading and mathematics, that the advantages gained
18 from being in small classes have been shown to have a lasting benefit into the later years of
19 students' lives, and that these studies have shown that small classes have a particularly
20 beneficial effect on the academic achievement of children from disadvantaged backgrounds.
21 The General Assembly further finds that larger class sizes allow less time to develop
22 relationships with students, colleagues, and parents, and prevent the implementation of new and
23 more dynamic and individualized teaching strategies and techniques. Therefore, it is the intent
24 of the General Assembly to reduce class size in grades 1 through 3 to a class size allotment not
25 exceeding 1:15 as funds become available.
26

27 **FUNDS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

28 **SECTION 7.2.** The State Board of Education shall allocate additional funds for
29 children with disabilities on the basis of three thousand five hundred eighty-five dollars and
30 eighty-eight cents (\$3,585.88) per child. Each local school administrative unit shall receive
31 funds for the lesser of (i) all children who are identified as children with disabilities or (ii)
32 twelve and five-tenths percent (12.5%) of its 2011-2012 allocated average daily membership in
33 the local school administrative unit. The dollar amounts allocated under this section for
34 children with disabilities shall also adjust in accordance with legislative salary increments,
35 retirement rate adjustments, and health benefit adjustments for personnel who serve children
36 with disabilities.
37

38 **FUNDS FOR ACADEMICALLY GIFTED CHILDREN**

39 **SECTION 7.3.** The State Board of Education shall allocate additional funds for
40 academically or intellectually gifted children on the basis of one thousand one hundred
41 ninety-two dollars and ninety cents (\$1,192.90) per child for fiscal year 2011-2012 and one
42 thousand one hundred ninety-two dollars and ninety cents (\$1,192.90) per child for fiscal year
43 2012-2013. A local school administrative unit shall receive funds for a maximum of four
44 percent (4%) of its 2011-2012 allocated average daily membership, regardless of the number of
45 children identified as academically or intellectually gifted in the unit. The dollar amounts
46 allocated under this section for academically or intellectually gifted children shall also adjust in
47 accordance with legislative salary increments, retirement rate adjustments, and health benefit
48 adjustments for personnel who serve academically or intellectually gifted children.
49

50 **USE OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING IN LOW-WEALTH COUNTIES**

51 **SECTION 7.4.(a)** Use of Funds for Supplemental Funding. – All funds received
52 pursuant to this section shall be used only (i) to provide instructional positions, instructional
53 support positions, teacher assistant positions, clerical positions, school computer technicians,
54 instructional supplies and equipment, staff development, and textbooks and (ii) for salary
55 supplements for instructional personnel and instructional support personnel. Local boards of
56 education are encouraged to use at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds received
57 pursuant to this section to improve the academic performance of children who are performing
58 at Level I or II on either reading or mathematics end-of-grade tests in grades 3-8 and children
59 who are performing at Level I or II in grades 4 and 7.

- 1 **SECTION 7.4.(b)** Definitions. – As used in this section, the following definitions
2 apply:
3 (1) "Anticipated county property tax revenue availability" means the
4 county-adjusted property tax base multiplied by the effective State average
5 tax rate.
6 (2) "Anticipated total county revenue availability" means the sum of the
7 following:
8 a. Anticipated county property tax revenue availability.
9 b. Local sales and use taxes received by the county that are levied under
10 Chapter 1096 of the 1967 Session Laws or under Subchapter VIII of
11 Chapter 105 of the General Statutes.
12 c. Sales tax hold harmless reimbursement received by the county under
13 G.S. 105-521.
14 d. Fines and forfeitures deposited in the county school fund for the most
15 recent year for which data are available.
16 (3) "Anticipated total county revenue availability per student" means the
17 anticipated total county revenue availability for the county divided by the
18 average daily membership of the county.
19 (4) "Anticipated State average revenue availability per student" means the sum
20 of all anticipated total county revenue availability divided by the average
21 daily membership for the State.
22 (5) "Average daily membership" means average daily membership as defined in
23 the North Carolina Public Schools Allotment Policy Manual, adopted by the
24 State Board of Education. If a county contains only part of a local school
25 administrative unit, the average daily membership of that county includes all
26 students who reside within the county and attend that local school
27 administrative unit.
28 (6) "County-adjusted property tax base" shall be computed as follows:
29 a. Subtract the present-use value of agricultural land, horticultural land,
30 and forestland in the county, as defined in G.S. 105-277.2, from the
31 total assessed real property valuation of the county.
32 b. Adjust the resulting amount by multiplying by a weighted average of
33 the three most recent annual sales assessment ratio studies.
34 c. Add to the resulting amount the following:
35 1. Present-use value of agricultural land, horticultural land, and
36 forestland, as defined in G.S. 105-277.2.
37 2. Value of property of public service companies, determined in
38 accordance with Article 23 of Chapter 105 of the General
39 Statutes.
40 3. Personal property value for the county.
41 (7) "County-adjusted property tax base per square mile" means the
42 county-adjusted property tax base divided by the number of square miles of
43 land area in the county.
44 (8) "County wealth as a percentage of State average wealth" shall be computed
45 as follows:
46 a. Compute the percentage that the county per capita income is of the
47 State per capita income and weight the resulting percentage by a
48 factor of five-tenths.
49 b. Compute the percentage that the anticipated total county revenue
50 availability per student is of the anticipated State average revenue
51 availability per student and weight the resulting percentage by a
52 factor of four-tenths.
53 c. Compute the percentage that the county-adjusted property tax base
54 per square mile is of the State-adjusted property tax base per square
55 mile and weight the resulting percentage by a factor of one-tenth.
56 d. Add the three weighted percentages to derive the county wealth as a
57 percentage of the State average wealth.

- 1 (9) "Effective county tax rate" means the actual county tax rate multiplied by a
2 weighted average of the three most recent annual sales assessment ratio
3 studies.
- 4 (10) "Effective State average tax rate" means the average of effective county tax
5 rates for all counties.
- 6 (11) "Local current expense funds" means the most recent county current expense
7 appropriations to public schools, as reported by local boards of education in
8 the audit report filed with the Secretary of the Local Government
9 Commission pursuant to G.S. 115C-447.
- 10 (12) "Per capita income" means the average for the most recent three years for
11 which data are available of the per capita income according to the most
12 recent report of the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of
13 Economic Analysis, including any reported modifications for prior years as
14 outlined in the most recent report.
- 15 (13) "Sales assessment ratio studies" means sales assessment ratio studies
16 performed by the Department of Revenue under G.S. 105-289(h).
- 17 (14) "State average current expense appropriations per student" means the most
18 recent State total of county current expense appropriations to public schools,
19 as reported by local boards of education in the audit report filed with the
20 Secretary of the Local Government Commission pursuant to G.S. 115C-447.
- 21 (15) "State average adjusted property tax base per square mile" means the sum of
22 the county-adjusted property tax bases for all counties divided by the
23 number of square miles of land area in the State.
- 24 (16) "Supplant" means to decrease local per student current expense
25 appropriations from one fiscal year to the next fiscal year.
- 26 (17) "Weighted average of the three most recent annual sales assessment ratio
27 studies" means the weighted average of the three most recent annual sales
28 assessment ratio studies in the most recent years for which county current
29 expense appropriations and adjusted property tax valuations are available. If
30 real property in a county has been revalued one year prior to the most recent
31 sales assessment ratio study, a weighted average of the two most recent sales
32 assessment ratios shall be used. If property has been revalued the year of the
33 most recent sales assessment ratio study, the sales assessment ratio for the
34 year of revaluation shall be used.

35 **SECTION 7.4.(c) Eligibility for Funds.** – Except as provided in subsection (g) of
36 this section, the State Board of Education shall allocate these funds to local school
37 administrative units located in whole or in part in counties in which the county wealth as a
38 percentage of the State average wealth is less than one hundred percent (100%).

39 **SECTION 7.4.(d) Allocation of Funds.** – Except as provided in subsection (f) of
40 this section, the amount received per average daily membership for a county shall be the
41 difference between the State average current expense appropriations per student and the current
42 expense appropriations per student that the county could provide given the county's wealth and
43 an average effort to fund public schools. (To derive the current expense appropriations per
44 student that the county could be able to provide given the county's wealth and an average effort
45 to fund public schools, multiply the county's wealth as a percentage of State average wealth by
46 the State average current expense appropriations per student.) The funds for the local school
47 administrative units located in whole or in part in the county shall be allocated to each local
48 school administrative unit located in whole or in part in the county based on the average daily
49 membership of the county's students in the school units. If the funds appropriated for
50 supplemental funding are not adequate to fund the formula fully, each local school
51 administrative unit shall receive a pro rata share of the funds appropriated for supplemental
52 funding.

53 **SECTION 7.4.(e) Formula for Distribution of Supplemental Funding Pursuant to**
54 **This Section Only.** – The formula in this section is solely a basis for distribution of
55 supplemental funding for low-wealth counties and is not intended to reflect any measure of the
56 adequacy of the educational program or funding for public schools. The formula is also not
57 intended to reflect any commitment by the General Assembly to appropriate any additional
58 supplemental funds for low-wealth counties.

1 **SECTION 7.4.(f)** Minimum Effort Required. – Counties that had effective tax
2 rates in the 1996-1997 fiscal year that were above the State average effective tax rate but that
3 had effective rates below the State average in the 1997-1998 fiscal year or thereafter shall
4 receive reduced funding under this section. This reduction in funding shall be determined by
5 subtracting the amount that the county would have received pursuant to Section 17.1(g) of
6 Chapter 507 of the 1995 Session Laws from the amount that the county would have received if
7 qualified for full funding and multiplying the difference by ten percent (10%). This method of
8 calculating reduced funding shall apply one time only. This method of calculating reduced
9 funding shall not apply in cases in which the effective tax rate fell below the statewide average
10 effective tax rate as a result of a reduction in the actual property tax rate. In these cases, the
11 minimum effort required shall be calculated in accordance with Section 17.1(g) of Chapter 507
12 of the 1995 Session Laws. If the county documents that it has increased the per student
13 appropriation to the school current expense fund in the current fiscal year, the State Board of
14 Education shall include this additional per pupil appropriation when calculating minimum
15 effort pursuant to Section 17.1(g) of Chapter 507 of the 1995 Session Laws.

16 **SECTION 7.4.(g)** Nonsupplant Requirement. – A county in which a local school
17 administrative unit receives funds under this section shall use the funds to supplement local
18 current expense funds and shall not supplant local current expense funds. For the 2011-2013
19 fiscal biennium, the State Board of Education shall not allocate funds under this section to a
20 county found to have used these funds to supplant local per student current expense funds. The
21 State Board of Education shall make a finding that a county has used these funds to supplant
22 local current expense funds in the prior year, or the year for which the most recent data are
23 available, if the following apply:

- 24 (1) The current expense appropriation per student of the county for the current
25 year is less than ninety-five percent (95%) of the average of the local current
26 expense appropriations per student for the three prior fiscal years; and
- 27 (2) The county cannot show (i) that it has remedied the deficiency in funding or
28 (ii) that extraordinary circumstances caused the county to supplant local
29 current expense funds with funds allocated under this section. The State
30 Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement this section.

31 **SECTION 7.4.(h)** Reports. – The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint
32 Legislative Education Oversight Committee prior to May 1, 2012, if it determines that counties
33 have supplanted funds.

34 **SECTION 7.4.(i)** Department of Revenue Reports. – The Department of Revenue
35 shall provide to the Department of Public Instruction a preliminary report for the current fiscal
36 year of the assessed value of the property tax base for each county prior to March 1 of each
37 year and a final report prior to May 1 of each year. The reports shall include for each county the
38 annual sales assessment ratio and the taxable values of (i) total real property, (ii) the portion of
39 total real property represented by the present-use value of agricultural land, horticultural land,
40 and forestland, as defined in G.S. 105-277.2, (iii) property of public service companies
41 determined in accordance with Article 23 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes, and (iv)
42 personal property.

43 44 **LITIGATION RESERVE FUNDS**

45 **SECTION 7.5.** The State Board of Education may expend up to five hundred
46 thousand dollars (\$500,000) each year for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal years from
47 unexpended funds for certified employees' salaries to pay expenses related to litigation.

48 49 **UNIFORM EDUCATION REPORTING SYSTEM (UERS) FUNDS**

50 **SECTION 7.6.(a)** Funds appropriated for the Uniform Education Reporting
51 System shall not revert at the end of the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

52 **SECTION 7.6.(b)** This section becomes effective June 30, 2011.

53 54 **FOCUSED EDUCATION REFORM PROGRAM FUNDS DO NOT REVERT**

55 **SECTION 7.7.(a)** Funds appropriated for the Focused Education Reform Pilot
56 Program that are unexpended and unencumbered at the end of the 2010-2011 fiscal year shall
57 not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for that purpose through the 2011-2012
58 fiscal year.

59 **SECTION 7.7.(b)** This section becomes effective June 30, 2011.

DISADVANTAGED STUDENT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (DSSF)

SECTION 7.8.(a) Funds appropriated for disadvantaged student supplemental funding shall be used, consistent with the policies and procedures adopted by the State Board of Education, only to:

- (1) Provide instructional positions or instructional support positions and/or professional development;
- (2) Provide intensive in-school and/or after-school remediation;
- (3) Purchase diagnostic software and progress-monitoring tools; and
- (4) Provide funds for teacher bonuses and supplements. The State Board of Education shall set a maximum percentage of the funds that may be used for this purpose.

The State Board of Education may require districts receiving funding under the Disadvantaged Student Supplemental Fund to purchase the Education Value Added Assessment System in order to provide in-depth analysis of student performance and help identify strategies for improving student achievement. This data shall be used exclusively for instructional and curriculum decisions made in the best interest of children and for professional development for their teachers and administrators.

SECTION 7.8.(b) Funds appropriated to a local school administrative unit for disadvantaged student supplemental funding shall be allotted based on (i) the local school administrative unit's eligible DSSF population and (ii) the difference between a teacher-to-student ratio of 1:21 and the following teacher-to-student ratios:

- (1) For counties with wealth greater than ninety percent (90%) of the statewide average, a ratio of 1:19.9.
- (2) For counties with wealth not less than eighty percent (80%) and not greater than ninety percent (90%) of the statewide average, a ratio of 1:19.4.
- (3) For counties with wealth less than eighty percent (80%) of the statewide average, a ratio of 1:19.1.
- (4) For LEAs receiving DSSF funds in 2005-2006, a ratio of 1:16. These LEAs shall receive no less than the DSSF amount allotted in 2006-2007.

For the purpose of this subsection, wealth shall be calculated under the low-wealth supplemental formula.

SECTION 7.8.(c) If a local school administrative unit's wealth increases to a level that adversely affects the unit's DSSF allotment ratio, the DSSF allotment for that unit shall be maintained at the prior year level for one additional fiscal year.

TUITION CHARGE FOR GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

SECTION 7.9. G.S. 115C-12(36) reads as rewritten:

"(36) Duty to Charge Tuition for the Governor's School of North Carolina. – The State Board of Education ~~shall~~ may implement a ~~five hundred dollar (\$500.00)~~ tuition charge for students attending the Governor's School of ~~North Carolina~~ Carolina to cover the costs of the School."

SCHOOL CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVE FUNDS

SECTION 7.10.(a) Section 7.9(b) of S.L. 2010-31 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 7.9.(b)** Up to three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) of the funds for the School Connectivity Initiative may be used for ~~this and subsequent fiscal years~~ the 2010-2011 fiscal year by the Office of the Governor for education innovation and the education E-learning portal. These funds may be used to provide services to coordinate e-learning activities across all education agencies and to support the operating of the E-learning portal."

SECTION 7.10.(b) Section 7.6(a) of S.L. 2008-107, as rewritten by Section 7.12(b) of S.L. 2009-451, reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 7.6.(a)** Up to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) may be transferred annually through June 30, ~~2013~~ 2011, to the Friday Institute at North Carolina State University to evaluate the effectiveness of using technology and its impact on 21st Century Teaching and Learning outcomes approved by the State Board of Education. The Friday Institute shall report annually to the State Board of Education on the evaluation results."

SMALL SCHOOL SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

1 **SECTION 7.12.(a)** Eligibility. – All county school administrative units with an
 2 average daily membership less than the maximum small school system average daily
 3 membership shall be eligible for small school system supplemental funding. For the 2011-2012
 4 and 2012-2013 fiscal years, the maximum small school system average daily membership shall
 5 be 3,200 students.

6 **SECTION 7.12.(b)** Allotment. – Each eligible county school administrative unit
 7 shall receive a dollar allotment equal to the product of the following:

8 (1) A per student funding factor, equal to the product of the following:

9 a. One, minus the local school administrative unit's average daily
 10 membership divided by the maximum small school system average
 11 daily membership.

12 b. The maximum small school system dollars per student.

13 (2) The average daily membership of the eligible county school administrative
 14 unit.

15 For the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal years, the maximum small school system
 16 dollars per student shall be two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

17 **SECTION 7.12.(c)** Phase-Out Provisions. –

18 (1) If a local school administrative unit becomes ineligible for funding under
 19 this formula, funding for that unit shall be phased out over a five-year
 20 period. Funding for such local administrative units shall be reduced in equal
 21 increments in each of the five years after the local administrative unit
 22 becomes ineligible. Funding shall be eliminated in the fifth fiscal year after
 23 the local administrative unit becomes ineligible.

24 (2) Allotments for eligible local school administrative units shall not be reduced
 25 by more than twenty percent (20%) in any fiscal year.

26 **ELIMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

27 **SECTION 7.13.(a)** G.S. 115C-12(25) reads as rewritten:

28 "**§ 115C-12. Powers and duties of the Board generally.**

29 The general supervision and administration of the free public school system shall be vested
 30 in the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall establish policy for the
 31 system of free public schools, subject to laws enacted by the General Assembly. The powers
 32 and duties of the State Board of Education are defined as follows:
 33

34 ...
 35 (25) Duty to Report to Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. – Upon
 36 the request of the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the
 37 State Board shall examine and evaluate issues, programs, policies, and fiscal
 38 information, and shall make reports to that Committee. Furthermore,
 39 beginning October 15, 1997, and annually thereafter, the State Board shall
 40 submit reports to that Committee regarding the continued implementation of
 41 Chapter 716 of the 1995 Session Laws, 1996 Regular Session. Each report
 42 shall include information regarding the composition and activity of
 43 assistance teams, schools that received incentive awards, schools identified
 44 as low-performing, ~~school improvement plans found to significantly~~
 45 ~~improve student performance,~~ personnel actions taken in low-performing
 46 schools, and recommendations for additional legislation to improve student
 47 performance and increase local flexibility."

48 **SECTION 7.13.(b)** G.S. 115C-47(38) is repealed.

49 **SECTION 7.13.(c)** G.S. 115C-84.2(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

50 "(1) **(See notes)** A minimum of 180 days and 1,000 hours of instruction covering
 51 at least nine calendar months. The local board shall designate when the 180
 52 instructional days shall occur. The number of instructional hours in an
 53 instructional day may vary according to local board policy and does not have
 54 to be uniform among the schools in the administrative unit. ~~Local boards~~
 55 ~~may approve school improvement plans that include days with varying~~
 56 ~~amounts of instructional time.~~ If school is closed early due to inclement
 57 weather, the day and the scheduled amount of instructional hours may count
 58 towards the required minimum to the extent allowed by State Board policy.
 59 The school calendar shall include a plan for making up days and

1 instructional hours missed when schools are not opened due to inclement
2 weather."

3 **SECTION 7.13.(d)** G.S. 115C-84.2(a)(5) reads as rewritten:

4 "(5) The remaining days scheduled by the local board in consultation with each
5 school's principal for use as teacher workdays, additional instructional days,
6 or other lawful purposes. ~~Before consulting with the local board, each~~
7 ~~principal shall work with the school improvement team to determine the~~
8 ~~days to be scheduled and the purposes for which they should be scheduled.~~
9 Days may be scheduled and planned for different purposes for different
10 personnel and there is no requirement to schedule the same dates for all
11 personnel. In order to make up days for school closing because of inclement
12 weather, the local board may designate any of the days in this subdivision as
13 additional make-up days to be scheduled after the last day of student
14 attendance."

15 **SECTION 7.13.(e)** G.S. 115C-98(b2) reads as rewritten:

16 "(b2) Local boards of education may:

- 17 (1) ~~Select, may select,~~ procure, and use textbooks that have not been adopted by
18 the State Board of Education for use throughout the local school
19 administrative unit for selected grade levels and ~~courses; and~~ courses.
20 (2) ~~Approve school improvement plans developed under G.S. 115C-105.27 that~~
21 ~~include provisions for using textbooks that have not been adopted by the~~
22 ~~State Board of Education for selected grade levels and courses.~~

23 All textbook contracts made under this subsection shall include a clause granting to the
24 local board of education the license to produce braille, large print, and audiocassette tape copies
25 of the textbooks for use in the local school administrative unit."

26 **SECTION 7.13.(f)** G.S. 115C-105.20(b)(5) is repealed.

27 **SECTION 7.13.(g)** G.S. 115C-105.25 reads as rewritten:

28 "§ 115C-105.25. **Budget flexibility.**

29 ...

30 (b) Subject to the following limitations, local boards of education may transfer and may
31 approve transfers of funds between funding allotment categories:

- 32 (1) ~~In accordance with a school improvement plan accepted under~~
33 ~~G.S. 115C-105.27, State funds allocated for teacher assistants may be~~
34 transferred only for personnel (i) to serve students only in kindergarten
35 through third grade, ~~or~~ (ii) to serve students primarily in kindergarten
36 through third grade when the personnel are assigned to an elementary school
37 to serve the whole ~~school~~ school. ~~Funds allocated for teacher assistants may~~
38 ~~be transferred to reduce class size or (iii) to reduce the student-teacher ratio~~
39 in kindergarten through third grade so long as the affected teacher assistant
40 positions are not filled when the plan is amended or approved by the
41 building level staff entitled to vote on the plan or the affected teacher
42 assistant positions are not expected to be filled on the date the plan is to be
43 implemented. ~~filled.~~ Any State funds appropriated for teacher assistants that
44 were converted to certificated teachers before July 1, 1995, in accordance
45 with Section 1 of Chapter 986 of the 1991 Session Laws, as rewritten by
46 Chapter 103 of the 1993 Session Laws, may continue to be used for
47 certificated teachers.
- 48 (2) ~~In accordance with a school improvement plan accepted under~~
49 ~~G.S. 115C-105.27, (i) State funds allocated for classroom~~
50 materials/instructional supplies/equipment may be transferred only for the
51 purchase of ~~textbooks; (ii) textbooks.~~ State funds allocated for textbooks
52 may be transferred only for the purchase of instructional supplies,
53 instructional equipment, or other classroom ~~materials; and (iii) materials.~~
54 State funds allocated for noninstructional support personnel may be
55 transferred only for teacher positions.

56 ...

- 57 (8) Funds allocated for academically or intellectually gifted students may be
58 used only (i) for academically or intellectually gifted students; (ii) to
59 implement the plan developed under G.S. 115C-150.7; or (iii) in accordance

1 with an accepted school improvement plan, for any purpose so long as that
2 school demonstrates it is providing appropriate services to academically or
3 intellectually gifted students assigned to that school in accordance with the
4 local plan developed under G.S. 115C-150.7.

5 "...."

6 **SECTION 7.13.(h)** G.S. 115C-105.26 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 115C-105.26. Waivers of State laws, rules, or policies.**

8 (a) ~~When included as part of a school improvement plan accepted under~~
9 ~~G.S. 115C-105.27, local~~ Local boards of education shall submit requests for waivers of State
10 laws, rules, or policies to the State Board of Education. A request for a waiver shall (i) identify
11 the school making the request, (ii) identify the State laws, rules, or policies that inhibit the
12 school's ability to improve student performance, (iii) set out with specificity the circumstances
13 under which the waiver may be used, and (iv) explain how the requested waiver will permit the
14 school to improve student performance. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the
15 State Board shall grant waivers only for the specific schools for which they are requested and
16 shall be used only under the specific circumstances for which they are requested.

17 (b) ~~When requested as part of a school improvement plan, the~~ The State Board of
18 Education may grant waivers of:

- 19 (1) State laws pertaining to class size and teacher certification; and
- 20 (2) State rules and policies, except those pertaining to public school State salary
21 schedules and employee benefits for school employees, the instructional
22 program that must be offered under the Basic Education Program, the system
23 of employment for public school teachers and administrators set out in
24 G.S. 115C-287.1 and G.S. 115C-325, health and safety codes, compulsory
25 attendance, the minimum lengths of the school day and year, and the
26 Uniform Education Reporting System.

27 "...."

28 **SECTION 7.13.(i)** G.S. 115C-105.27 is repealed.

29 **SECTION 7.13.(j)** G.S. 115C-105.30 is repealed.

30 **SECTION 7.13.(k)** G.S. 115C-105.31(b)(3) is repealed.

31 **SECTION 7.13.(l)** G.S. 115C-105.32 is repealed.

32 **SECTION 7.13.(m)** G.S. 115C-105.33 reads as rewritten:

33 **"§ 115C-105.33. Safe and orderly schools.**

34 ~~A school improvement team or a parent organization at a school may ask the local board of~~
35 ~~education to provide assistance in promoting or restoring safety and an orderly learning~~
36 ~~environment at a school. The school improvement team or parent organization shall file a copy~~
37 ~~of this request with the State Board. If the local board fails to provide adequate assistance to the~~
38 ~~school, then the school improvement team or parent organization may ask the State Board to~~
39 ~~provide an assistance team to the school.~~

40 The State Board may provide an assistance team, established under G.S. 115C-105.38, to a
41 school in order to promote or restore safety and an orderly learning environment at that school
42 if one of the following applies:

- 43 (1) The local board of education or superintendent requests that the State Board
44 provide an assistance team to a school and the State Board determines that
45 the school needs assistance.
- 46 (2) The State Board determines within 10 days after its receipt of the request for
47 assistance from a ~~school improvement team or parent organization~~ of a
48 school that the school needs assistance and that the local board has failed to
49 provide adequate assistance to that school.

50 If an assistance team is assigned to a school under this section, the team shall spend a
51 sufficient amount of time at the school to assess the problems at the school, assist school
52 personnel with resolving those problems, and work with school personnel and others to develop
53 a long-term plan for restoring and maintaining safety and an orderly learning environment at
54 the school. The assistance team also shall make recommendations to the local board of
55 education and the superintendent on actions the board and the superintendent should consider
56 taking to resolve problems at the school. These recommendations shall be in writing and are
57 public records. If an assistance team is assigned to a school under this section, the powers given
58 to the State Board and the assistance team under G.S. 115C-105.38 and G.S. 115C-105.39 shall
59 apply as if the school had been identified as low-performing under this Article."

1 **SECTION 7.13.(n)** G.S. 115C-105.37A(a) reads as rewritten:

2 "(a) Definition of Continually Low-Performing Schools. – A continually low-performing
3 school is a school that has received State-mandated assistance and has been designated by the
4 State Board as low performing for at least two of three consecutive years. ~~If the State Board~~
5 ~~identifies a school as continually low performing:~~

6 (1) ~~The school improvement team at that school shall review its school~~
7 ~~improvement plan to ensure consistency with the plan adopted pursuant to~~
8 ~~G.S. 115C-105.38(b)(3), and~~

9 (2) ~~The plan must be reviewed and approved by the State Board of Education."~~

10 **SECTION 7.13.(o)** G.S. 115C-105.38(b)(6) reads as rewritten:

11 "(6) Report, as appropriate, to the local board of education, the community, and
12 the State Board on the school's progress. ~~If an assistance team determines~~
13 ~~that an accepted school improvement plan developed under~~
14 ~~G.S. 115C-105.27 is impeding student performance at a school, the team~~
15 ~~may recommend to the local board that it vacate the relevant portions of that~~
16 ~~plan and direct the school to revise those portions."~~

17 **SECTION 7.13.(p)** G.S. 115C-105.47(b)(13) is repealed.

18 **SECTION 7.13.(q)** G.S. 115C-174.12(a)(3) reads as rewritten:

19 "(3) No school shall participate in more than two field tests at any one grade level
20 during a school year ~~unless that school volunteers, through a vote of its~~
21 ~~school improvement team, to participate in an expanded number of field~~
22 ~~tests without the approval of the principal of the school."~~

23 **SECTION 7.13.(r)** G.S. 115C-238.31(a) reads as rewritten:

24 "(a) Local school administrative units are encouraged to implement extended services
25 programs that will expand students' opportunities for educational success through high-quality,
26 integrated access to instructional programming during nonschool hours. ~~Extended services~~
27 ~~programs may be incorporated into school improvement plans developed in accordance with~~
28 ~~G.S. 115C-105.27.~~ Calendar alternatives include, but are not limited to, after-school hours,
29 before-school hours, evening school, Saturday school, summer school, and year-round school.
30 Instructional programming may include, but is not limited to, tutoring, direct instruction,
31 enrichment activities, study skills, and reinforcement projects."

32 **SECTION 7.13.(s)** G.S. 115C-288(h) reads as rewritten:

33 "~~(h) To Make Available School Budgets and School Improvement Plans. Budgets. – The~~
34 ~~principal shall maintain a copy of the school's current budget and school improvement plan,~~
35 ~~including any amendments to the plan, budget and shall allow parents of children in the school~~
36 ~~and other interested persons to review and obtain such documents in accordance with Chapter~~
37 ~~132 of the General Statutes."~~

38 **SECTION 7.13.(t)** G.S. 115C-288(l) is repealed.

39 **SECTION 7.13.(u)** G.S. 143B-146.6(b)(6) reads as rewritten:

40 "(6) Report, as appropriate, to the Secretary, the State Board, and the parents on
41 the school's progress. ~~If an assistance team determines that an accepted~~
42 ~~school improvement plan developed under G.S. 143B-146.12 is impeding~~
43 ~~student performance at a school, the team may recommend to the Secretary~~
44 ~~that he vacate the relevant portions of that plan and direct the school to~~
45 ~~revise those portions."~~

46 **SECTION 7.13.(v)** G.S. 143B-146.12 is repealed.

47 **SECTION 7.13.(w)** G.S. 115C-47(32a) reads as rewritten:

48 "(32a) To Establish Alternative Learning Programs and Develop Policies and
49 Guidelines. – Each local board of education shall establish at least one
50 alternative learning program and shall adopt guidelines for assigning
51 students to alternative learning programs. These guidelines shall include (i) a
52 description of the programs and services to be provided, (ii) a process for
53 ensuring that an assignment is appropriate for the student and that the
54 student's parents are involved in the decision, and (iii) strategies for
55 providing alternative learning programs, when feasible and appropriate, for
56 students who are subject to long term suspension or expulsion. In developing
57 these guidelines, local boards shall consider the State Board's standards
58 developed under G.S. 115C-12(24). ~~Upon adoption of policies and~~

1 ~~guidelines under this subdivision, local boards are encouraged to incorporate~~
 2 ~~them in their safe school plans developed under G.S. 115C-105.47.~~

3 The General Assembly urges local boards to adopt policies that prohibit
 4 superintendents from assigning to any alternative learning program any
 5 professional public school employee who has received within the last three
 6 years a rating on a formal evaluation that is less than above standard.

7 Notwithstanding this subdivision, each local board shall adopt policies
 8 based on the State Board's standards developed under G.S. 115C-12(24).
 9 These policies shall apply to any new alternative learning program or
 10 alternative school that is implemented beginning with the 2006-2007 school
 11 year. Local boards of education are encouraged to apply these standards to
 12 alternative learning programs and alternative schools implemented before
 13 the 2006-2007 school year.

14 Local boards shall assess on a regular basis whether the unit's alternative
 15 schools and alternative learning programs comply with the State Board's
 16 standards developed under G.S. 115C-12(24) and whether they incorporate
 17 best practices for improving student academic performance and reducing
 18 disruptive behavior, are staffed with professional public school employees
 19 who are well trained and provided with appropriate staff development, are
 20 organized to provide coordinated services, and provide students with high
 21 quality and rigorous academic instruction."

22 **SECTION 7.13.(x)** G.S. 115C-105.27(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

23 "(2) Shall include a plan to address school safety and discipline ~~concerns in~~
 24 ~~accordance with the safe school plan developed under Article 8C of this~~
 25 ~~Chapter; concerns."~~

26 **SECTION 7.13.(y)** G.S. 115C-105.46 reads as rewritten:

27 **"§ 115C-105.46. State Board of Education responsibilities.**

28 In order to implement this Article, the State Board of Education:

- 29 (1) ~~Shall adopt guidelines for developing local plans under G.S. 115C-105.47.~~
 30 (2) ~~Shall provide, in cooperation with the Board of Governors of The University~~
 31 ~~of North Carolina, ongoing technical assistance to the local school~~
 32 ~~administrative units in the development, implementation, and evaluation of~~
 33 ~~their local plans under G.S. 115C-105.47.~~
 34 (3) ~~May require a local board of education to withhold the salary of any~~
 35 ~~administrator or other employee of a local school administrative unit who~~
 36 ~~delays or refuses to prepare and implement local safe school plans in~~
 37 ~~accordance with G.S. 115C-105.47.~~
 38 (4) ~~May revoke the certificate of the superintendent, pursuant to~~
 39 ~~G.S. 115C-274(e), for failure to fulfill the superintendent's duties under a~~
 40 ~~local safe school plan.~~
 41 (5) Shall adopt policies that define who is an at-risk student."

42 **SECTION 7.13.(z)** G.S. 115C-105.47 is repealed.

43 **SECTION 7.13.(aa)** G.S. 115C-102.6C is repealed.

44 **SECTION 7.13.(bb)** G.S. 115C-102.6D(d) is repealed.

45 **SECTION 7.13.(cc)** G.S. 115C-102.7 reads as rewritten:

46 **"§ 115C-102.7. Monitoring and evaluation of State and local school system technology**
 47 **plans; reports.**

48 (a) The Department of Public Instruction shall monitor and evaluate the development
 49 and implementation of the State and local school system technology plans. ~~technology plan.~~
 50 The evaluation shall consider the effects of technology on student learning, the effects of
 51 technology on students' workforce readiness, the effects of technology on teacher productivity,
 52 and the cost-effectiveness of the technology.

53 (a1) Repealed by Session Laws 1997-18, s. 15(k).

54 (b) Repealed by Session Laws 2009-451, s. 7.31, effective July 1, 2009.

55 (c) ~~The Department of Public Instruction shall randomly check local school system~~
 56 ~~technology plans to ensure that local school administrative units are implementing their plans~~
 57 ~~as approved. The Department shall report to the State Board of Education on which local~~
 58 ~~school administrative units are not complying with their plans. The report shall include the~~

1 ~~reasons these local school administrative units are out of compliance and a recommended plan~~
2 ~~of action to support each of these local school administrative units in carrying out their plans."~~

3 **SECTION 7.13.(dd)** Section 7.61(b) of S.L. 2005-276, as rewritten by Section
4 7.22(d) of S.L. 2010-31, is repealed.

5 **SECTION 7.13.(ee)** G.S. 115C-105.41 is repealed.

6 **SECTION 7.13.(ff)** The State Board of Education shall not require more than five
7 semester hours or seven and one-half units of renewal credits in order to renew a North
8 Carolina Standard Professional 2 professional educator's license.

9 **SCHOOL BUILDING ADMINISTRATION**

10 **SECTION 7.14.(a)** A school with less than 100 students in final average daily
11 membership is not entitled to 12 months of employment for a principal.

12 **SECTION 7.14.(b)** Local school administrative units may transfer funds for school
13 building administration for any purpose, not otherwise prohibited by the State Board of
14 Education's ABC transfer policy, by submitting an ABC Transfer Form to the Department of
15 Public Instruction. For funds related to principal positions, the salary transferred shall be based
16 on the first step of the principal III salary schedule. For funds related to assistant principal
17 months of employment, the salary transferred shall be based on the first step of the assistant
18 principal salary schedule. No local school administrative unit shall convert certified position
19 allotments to dollars in order to hire the same type of position.

20 **SECTION 7.14.(c)** Subsection (a) of this section applies only to schools created
21 after July 1, 2011.

22 **TRANSFER OF FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FUNDS**

23 **SECTION 7.15.** The Agricultural Education Program in the Department of
24 Agricultural and Extension Education at North Carolina State University shall develop the
25 secondary agricultural education curricula. The Program shall recommend the curricula and
26 corresponding assessment instruments to the State Board of Education, which shall adopt the
27 curricula for inclusion in the Standard Course of Study. This curricula shall include as part of
28 its core content the Future Farmers of America (FFA) student youth organization and the
29 Supervised Agricultural Experience learning program.

30 Effective with the 2011 federal grant, the State Board of Education shall transfer a
31 prorated share of funds from all federal Career and Technical Education funds available for
32 State-level usage to the Agricultural Education and FFA Program housed in the Department of
33 Agricultural and Extension Education at North Carolina State University. The transfer of funds
34 shall be a percentage of the total based upon the grades 9-12 duplicated agricultural education
35 enrollment as compared to the total career and technical education grades 9-12 duplicated
36 enrollment. These funds shall be used to support the secondary Agricultural Education Program
37 State-level administration, leadership, curriculum and professional development, operations,
38 innovations and expansions, and the FFA and the Supervised Agricultural Education learning
39 program.

40 **ELIMINATION OF TEACHERS FOR GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED SCHOOLS**

41 **SECTION 7.16.** Section 7.26 of S.L. 2009-451 is repealed.

42 **SCHOOL CALENDAR PILOT PROGRAM**

43 **SECTION 7.17.** The State Board of Education shall establish a school calendar
44 pilot program in the Wilkes County Schools, the Montgomery County Schools, and the Stanly
45 County Schools. The purpose of the pilot program is to determine whether and to what extent a
46 local school administrative unit can save money during this extreme fiscal crisis by
47 consolidating the school calendar.

48 Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-84.2(a)(1), the school calendar for the 2011-2012
49 calendar year for the pilot school systems shall include a minimum of 185 days or 1,025 hours
50 of instruction covering at least nine calendar months. Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-84.2(d), the
51 opening date for students in pilot school systems may be before August 25.

52 If the local board of education in a pilot school system adds instructional hours to
53 previously scheduled days under this section, the local school administrative unit is deemed to
54 have a minimum of 185 days of instruction, and teachers employed for a 10-month term are
55

1 deemed to have been employed for the days being made up and shall be compensated as if they
2 had worked the days being made up.

3 The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint Legislative Education
4 Oversight Committee by March 15, 2012, on the administration of the pilot program, cost
5 savings realized by it, and its impact on student achievement.

6 7 **BUDGET REDUCTIONS/DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

8 **SECTION 7.19.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-4 or Section 7.14 of S.L.
9 2009-451, the Department of Public Instruction may, after consultation with the Office of State
10 Budget and Management and the Fiscal Research Division, reorganize if necessary to
11 implement the budget reductions set out in this act. This consultation shall occur prior to
12 requesting budgetary and personnel changes through the budget revision process. The
13 Department shall provide a current organization chart in the consultation process. The
14 Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on
15 any reorganization.

16 **SECTION 7.19.(b)** The Department of Public Instruction shall not increase the
17 number of State-funded positions in any Department of Public Instruction divisions identified
18 for reductions in this act.

19 **SECTION 7.19.(c)** In implementing budget reductions under this act, the
20 Department of Public Instruction shall make no reduction in funding or positions for the
21 Positive Behavioral Support program.

22 23 **LEA BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

24 **SECTION 7.20.(a)** Within 14 days of the date this act becomes law, the State
25 Board of Education shall notify each local school administrative unit and charter school of the
26 amount the unit or charter school must reduce from the State General Fund appropriations. The
27 State Board shall determine the amount of the reduction for each unit and charter school on the
28 basis of average daily membership.

29 **SECTION 7.20.(b)** Each unit or charter school shall report to the Department of
30 Public Instruction on the flexibility budget reductions it has identified for the unit within 30
31 days of the date this act becomes law.

32 33 **LEA BUDGETARY FLEXIBILITY**

34 **SECTION 7.21.(a)** For fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, the State Board of
35 Education is authorized to extend its emergency rules, in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.1A,
36 granting maximum flexibility to local school administrative units regarding the expenditure of
37 State funds. These rules shall not be subject to the limitations on transfers of funds between
38 funding allotment categories set out in G.S. 115C-105.25. These rules shall not permit the
39 transfer of funds into central office administration.

40 **SECTION 7.21.(b)** For fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, local school
41 administrative units shall make every effort to reduce spending whenever and wherever such
42 budget reductions are appropriate with the goal of protecting direct classroom services, such as
43 classroom teachers. In making reductions, local school administrative units shall first consider
44 reductions to central office administration and other administrative functions. Notwithstanding
45 G.S. 115C-301 or any other law, local school administrative units shall have the maximum
46 flexibility to use allotted teacher positions to maximize student achievement in grades 4-12.
47 Class size requirements in grades K-3 shall remain unchanged.

48 49 **NORTH CAROLINA VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

50 **SECTION 7.22.(a)** The North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) program
51 shall report to the State Board of Education and shall maintain an administrative office at the
52 Department of Public Instruction.

53 **SECTION 7.22.(b)** The Director of NCVPS shall ensure that students residing in
54 rural and low-wealth county local school administrative units have access to e-learning course
55 offerings in order to expand available instructional opportunities. E-learning instructional
56 opportunities shall include courses required as part of the standard course of study for high
57 school graduation and AP offerings not otherwise available.

58 **SECTION 7.22.(c)** Section 7.4 of S.L. 2010-31 is repealed.

1 **SECTION 7.22.(d)** The State Board of Education shall take the following steps to
2 implement an allotment formula for NCVPS beginning with the 2011-2012 school year:

- 3 (1) Project NCVPS student enrollment by semester and year-long course types
4 for each local school administrative unit and charter school.
- 5 (2) Establish a per course teacher payment structure for the instructional costs of
6 NCVPS. In establishing this payment structure, the Board shall consider the
7 following:
 - 8 a. The payment structure is based on a total compensation analysis to
9 ensure NCVPS teacher pay has parity with similar programs. The
10 total compensation analysis shall take into account salaries, benefits,
11 and work effort to ensure valid comparisons between occupations.
 - 12 b. The effects any change in NCVPS teacher payments may have on the
13 attraction and retention of NCVPS teachers.
- 14 (3) Develop a per student fee structure for in-State students that is based on the
15 per course teacher pay structure. The fee structure for in-State students shall
16 ensure that the projected cost for local school administrative units and
17 charter schools equals the projected instructional cost for NCVPS courses.
- 18 (4) Multiply the per course fees for in-State students by the projected enrollment
19 by course type to determine the total instructional cost for each local school
20 administrative unit and charter school.
- 21 (5) Transfer a dollar amount equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the local
22 school administrative unit's or charter school's projected instructional cost
23 from the classroom teacher allotment to NCVPS.
- 24 (6) No later than February 21 of each year, calculate the actual instructional cost
25 for each local school administrative unit and charter school based upon
26 actual NCVPS enrollment as of that date.
- 27 (7) Subtract the amount transferred pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection
28 from the actual instructional cost for each unit or charter school and transfer
29 the remaining dollar amount owed, up to a maximum of one hundred percent
30 (100%) of the projected cost.
- 31 (8) Develop and implement a policy regarding returning funds to local school
32 administrative units and charter schools in cases where the amount
33 transferred pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection exceeds the actual
34 instructional costs.

35 NCVPS shall use funds transferred to it to provide the NCVPS program at no cost to all
36 students in North Carolina who are enrolled in North Carolina's public schools, Department of
37 Defense schools, and schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

38 **SECTION 7.22.(e)** In establishing the fee structure and payment structure for
39 NCVPS, the State Board shall consider recommendations from the eLearning Commission and
40 the NCVPS Advisory Board.

41 **SECTION 7.22.(f)** The State Board shall establish a separate per student tuition for
42 out-of-state students, home-schooled students, and private school students, which shall be
43 adjusted upward from the in-State student fee structure by an amount determined appropriate
44 by the State Board.

45 **SECTION 7.22.(g)** The Board shall direct NCVPS to develop a plan to generate
46 revenue from the sale of courses to out-of-state educational entities. Revenue generated by
47 NCVPS shall be used to offset instructional costs to local school administrative units and
48 charter schools. NCVPS shall submit its plan to the Board by September 15, 2011.

49 **SECTION 7.22.(h)** Beginning in 2011, the Director of NCVPS shall submit an
50 annual report on NCVPS to the State Board of Education no later than December 1 of each
51 year. The report shall use data from the previous fiscal year and shall include statistics on
52 actual versus projected costs to local school administrative units and charter schools, student
53 enrollment, virtual teacher salaries, and measures of academic achievement.

54 The Director of NCVPS shall continue to ensure the following:

- 55 (1) Course quality standards are established and met.
- 56 (2) All e-learning opportunities other than virtual charter schools offered by
57 State-funded entities to public school students are consolidated under the
58 NCVPS program, eliminating course duplication.

1 (3) All courses offered through NCVPS are aligned to the North Carolina
2 Standard Course of Study.

3 **SECTION 7.22.(i)** The State Board of Education shall reduce each local school
4 administrative unit's or charter school's classroom teacher allotment, or other allotment, as
5 determined by the State Board of Education, on the basis of ADM in grades 6-12 to provide the
6 sum of two million eight hundred sixty-six thousand nine hundred twenty-three dollars
7 (\$2,866,923) for the State-level operations and administration of NCVPS for the 2011-2012
8 fiscal year. The allotment reduction for State-level operations and administration shall
9 continue in future fiscal years and be adjusted annually based upon the percentage growth in
10 NCVPS enrollment, ensuring the expansion of services due to increased virtual student
11 enrollment.

12 **SECTION 7.22.(j)** For fiscal year 2011-2012, the State Board of Education shall
13 reduce each local school administrative unit's or charter school's classroom teacher allotment,
14 or other allotment, as determined by the State Board of Education, on the basis of ADM in
15 grades 6-12 to provide the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in order to create an
16 NCVPS enrollment reserve. The NCVPS enrollment reserve shall be used to cover the NCVPS
17 instructional costs of local school administrative units or charter schools with enrollments
18 exceeding projected NCVPS enrollment.

19 Beginning in fiscal year 2012-2013, and annually thereafter, the State Board of
20 Education shall reduce each local school administrative unit's or charter school's classroom
21 teacher allotment, or other allotment, as determined by the State Board of Education, on the
22 basis of ADM in grades 6-12 an amount that is the difference between two million dollars
23 (\$2,000,000) and the balance of the NCVPS enrollment reserve.

24 Amounts available in the NCVPS enrollment reserve shall not revert.

25 **SECTION 7.22.(k)** The State Board shall use only funds provided through the
26 North Carolina Virtual Public Schools Allotment Formula and the NCVPS enrollment reserve
27 as set forth in this section to fund instructional costs of NCVPS.

28 **SECTION 7.22.(l)** G.S. 66-58(c) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

29 "(c) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not prohibit:

30 ...
31 (20) The sale by the State Board of Education of NCVPS courses to home
32 schools, private schools, and out-of-state educational entities."
33

34 **PERFORMANCE-BASED REDUCTIONS IN FORCE**

35 **SECTION 7.23.(a)** Local school administrative units shall adopt a Reduction in
36 Force policy that includes the following criteria:

37 (1) In determining which positions shall be subject to a reduction in force, a
38 local school administrative unit shall consider the following:

- 39 a. Structural considerations, such as identifying positions, departments,
40 courses, programs, operations, and other areas where there are (i) less
41 essential, duplicative, or excess personnel; (ii) job responsibility
42 and/or position inefficiencies; (iii) opportunities for combined work
43 functions; and/or (iv) decreased student or other demands for
44 curriculum, programs, operations, or other services.
45 b. Organizational considerations, such as anticipated organizational
46 needs of the school system and program/school enrollment.

47 (2) In determining which employees in similar positions shall be subject to a
48 reduction in force, a local school administrative unit shall consider work
49 performance.

50 Each local school administrative unit shall have this policy in place on or before July 15, 2011.

51 **SECTION 7.23.(b)** G.S. 115C-325(e)(2) reads as rewritten:

52 "(2) Reduction in Force. – Before recommending to a board the dismissal or
53 demotion of the career employee pursuant to G.S. 115C-325(e)(1)l., the
54 superintendent shall give written notice to the career employee by certified
55 mail or personal delivery of his intention to make such recommendation and
56 shall set forth as part of his recommendation the grounds upon which he
57 believes such dismissal or demotion is justified. The notice shall include a
58 statement to the effect that if the career employee within 15 days after
59 receipt of the notice requests a review, he shall be entitled to have the

1 proposed recommendations of the superintendent reviewed by the board.
 2 Within the 15-day period after receipt of the notice, the career employee
 3 may file with the superintendent a written request for a hearing before the
 4 board within 10 days. If the career employee requests a hearing before the
 5 board, the hearing procedures provided in G.S. 115C-325(j3) shall be
 6 followed. If no request is made within the 15-day period, the superintendent
 7 may file his recommendation with the board. If, after considering the
 8 recommendation of the superintendent and the evidence adduced at the
 9 hearing if there is one, the board concludes that the grounds for the
 10 recommendation are true and substantiated by a preponderance of the
 11 evidence, the board, if it sees fit, may by resolution order such dismissal.
 12 Provisions of this section which permit a hearing by a case manager shall not
 13 apply to a dismissal or demotion recommended pursuant to
 14 G.S. 115C-325(e)(1)l.

15 When a career employee is dismissed pursuant to G.S. 115C-325(e)(1)l.
 16 above, his name shall be placed on a list of available career employees to be
 17 maintained by the board. ~~Career employees whose names are placed on such~~
 18 ~~a list shall have a priority on all positions in which they acquired career~~
 19 ~~status and for which they are qualified which become available in that~~
 20 ~~system for the three consecutive years succeeding their dismissal. However,~~
 21 ~~if the local school administrative unit offers the dismissed career employee a~~
 22 ~~position for which he is certified and he refuses it, his name shall be~~
 23 ~~removed from the priority list."~~

25 TEACHING FELLOWS ADMINISTRATIVE REDUCTION

26 SECTION 7.24. G.S. 115C-363.23A(f) reads as rewritten:

27 "§ 115C-363.23A. Teaching Fellows Program established; administration.

28 ...

29 (f) All funds appropriated to or otherwise received by the Teaching Fellows Program
 30 for scholarships, all funds received as repayment of scholarship loans, and all interest earned on
 31 these funds, shall be placed in a revolving fund. This revolving fund shall be used for
 32 scholarship loans granted under the Teaching Fellows Program. With the prior approval of the
 33 General Assembly in the Current Operations Appropriations Act, the revolving fund may also
 34 be used for campus and summer program support, and costs related to disbursement of awards
 35 and collection of loan repayments.

36 The Public School Forum, as administrator for the Teaching Fellows Program, may use up
 37 to ~~eight hundred ten thousand dollars (\$810,000)~~six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000)
 38 annually from the fund balance for costs associated with administration of the Teaching
 39 Fellows Program."

41 RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

42 SECTION 7.25.(a) The General Assembly finds that the operation of the Eastern
 43 North Carolina School for the Deaf, the Governor Morehead School for the Blind, and the
 44 North Carolina School for the Deaf (collectively, the "residential schools") no longer meets the
 45 needs of the populations they serve in an efficient and effective manner, and that current levels
 46 of utilization of the residential schools can be accommodated with two schools. No later than
 47 January 15, 2012, the Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight
 48 Committee of the General Assembly the residential school it has decided to close and the
 49 Department's plan for consolidating the programs with those at the two remaining schools. The
 50 Department shall base its choice of the residential school to be closed on the following
 51 considerations:

- 52 (1) Minimization of impact on services to deaf and blind students currently
 53 served by the residential schools.
- 54 (2) Minimization of costs of modifications at the two remaining residential
 55 schools to accommodate students from the closed school.
- 56 (3) Maximization of funds generated or net savings to the State from costs
 57 avoided due to the closure of one residential school and the sale or transfer
 58 to other State agencies of the school campus and other physical assets.

1 Effective July 1, 2012, the Department of Public Instruction shall carry out the
2 closure and consolidation described in its report.

3 **SECTION 7.25.(b)** The Department of Public Instruction shall ensure that the
4 residential and instructional schedules for the residential schools that were in effect before
5 February 8, 2010, shall remain in effect unless the General Assembly approves a material
6 change to the instructional week. Residential students shall have the opportunity to arrive at
7 their respective schools on the evening of the day before commencement of academic
8 instruction for the week. The Department shall also maintain summer school programming at
9 the residential schools in substantially the same manner as in prior years and shall make no
10 material changes to summer school programming without the approval of the General
11 Assembly.

12 **SECTION 7.25.(c)** The Department of Public Instruction may create a principal
13 position at each residential school not currently assigned a principal position from funds
14 appropriated in this act for the residential schools.

15 **SECTION 7.25.(d)** The position of superintendent for the residential schools
16 within the Department of Public Instruction is eliminated. The Department shall designate one
17 of the directors of the residential schools to serve as the superintendent for the residential
18 schools. Of funds previously appropriated to the Department for the position of superintendent
19 for the residential schools, the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) shall be used to
20 supplement the salary of the director who also serves as superintendent of residential schools.
21 The remaining funds shall be used to offset other reductions to the residential schools made in
22 this act.

23 **SECTION 7.25.(e)** G.S. 115C-325(p) reads as rewritten:

24 "(p) Section Applicable to Certain Institutions. – Notwithstanding any law or regulation
25 to the contrary, this section shall apply to all persons employed in teaching and related
26 educational classes in the schools and institutions of the Departments of Health and Human
27 Services, Public Instruction, Correction, or Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
28 regardless of the age of the students."
29

30 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION RECEIPTS

31 **SECTION 7.27.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-4(b)(3), the Department of Public
32 Instruction may realign receipts among the following General Fund purpose codes on a
33 recurring basis through the budget certification process for the sole purpose of correctly
34 aligning the certified budget with the appropriate purpose or programs as defined in
35 G.S. 143C-1-1(d)(23): 1000, 1100, 1300, 1330, 1430, 1500, 1600, 1640, and 1660.
36

37 SCHOOL BUS PURCHASES

38 **SECTION 7.28.(a)** G.S. 115C-249 reads as rewritten:

39 "**§ 115C-249. Purchase and maintenance of school buses, materials and supplies.**

40 ...
41 ~~(e) Any funds appropriated from time to time by the General Assembly for the purchase~~
42 ~~of school buses or service vehicles shall be allocated by the State Board of Education to the~~
43 ~~respective local boards of education in accordance with the requirements of such boards as~~
44 ~~determined by the State Board of Education, and thereupon shall be paid over to the respective~~
45 ~~local boards of education in accordance with such allocation.~~

46 (d) The title to any ~~additional or replacement~~ school bus or service vehicle purchased
47 pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be taken in the name of the board of education
48 of such local school administrative unit, and such bus shall in all respects be maintained and
49 operated pursuant to the provisions of this ~~Article in the same manner as any other public~~
50 ~~school bus.~~ Article.

51 (e) It shall be the duty of the county board of education to provide adequate buildings
52 and equipment for the storage and maintenance of all school buses and service vehicles owned
53 or operated by the board of education of any local school administrative unit in such county. It
54 shall be the duty of the tax-levying authorities of such county to provide in its capital outlay
55 budget for the construction or acquisition of such buildings and equipment as may be required
56 for this purpose.

57 ~~(f) In the event of the damage or destruction of any school bus or service vehicle by~~
58 ~~fire, collision, or otherwise, the board of education of the local school administrative unit which~~
59 ~~shall own or operate such bus or service vehicle may apply to the State Board of Education for~~

1 funds with which to replace it. If the State Board of Education finds that such bus or service
 2 vehicle has been destroyed or damaged to the extent that it cannot be made suitable for further
 3 use, and if the State Board of Education finds that the replacement of such bus or service
 4 vehicle is necessary in order to enable such local school administrative unit to operate properly
 5 its school bus transportation system, the State Board of Education shall allot to the board of
 6 education of such local school administrative unit from the funds now held by the State Board
 7 of Education for the replacement of school buses or service vehicles, or from funds hereafter
 8 appropriated by the General Assembly for that purpose, a sum sufficient to purchase a new
 9 school bus or service vehicle to be used as a replacement for such damaged or destroyed bus or
 10 service vehicle and upon such allocation such sum shall be paid over to or for the account of
 11 the board of education of such local school administrative unit for such purpose.

12 (g) Repealed by Session Laws 2003-147, s. 3, effective for a local school administrative
 13 unit when the unit is certified as being E-Procurement compliant, or April 1, 2004, whichever
 14 occurs first.

15 (h) Appropriations by the General Assembly for the purchase of public school buses
 16 shall not revert to the General Fund. Any unexpended portion of those appropriations shall at
 17 the end of each fiscal year be transferred to a reserve account and be held, together with any
 18 other funds appropriated for the purpose, for the purchase of public school buses."

19 **SECTION 7.28.(b)** G.S. 115C-426(f)(4) reads as rewritten:

20 "(f) The capital outlay fund shall include appropriations for:

21 ...

22 (4) The acquisition of school buses as additions to the fleet buses.

23

24 **SECTION 7.28.(c)** During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, local boards of education
 25 shall use allotments for replacement school buses only for purchases during that fiscal year or
 26 for 2011-2012 fiscal year payments for purchase financing contracts entered into during prior
 27 years, and shall not use the funds to enter into a purchase financing contract that will require
 28 State funding in future fiscal years.

29 **SECTION 7.28.(d)** Subsections (a) and (b) of this section take effect July 1, 2012.

31 INCREASE NUMBER OF INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

32 **SECTION 7.29.** G.S. 115C-84.2 reads as rewritten:

33 "**§ 115C-84.2. School calendar.**

34 (a) School Calendar. – Each local board of education shall adopt a school calendar
 35 consisting of 215 days all of which shall fall within the fiscal year. A school calendar shall
 36 include the following:

37 (1) (**See notes**) A minimum of ~~180~~185 days and ~~1,000~~1,025 hours of
 38 instruction covering at least nine calendar months. The local board shall
 39 designate when the ~~180~~185 instructional days shall occur. The number of
 40 instructional hours in an instructional day may vary according to local board
 41 policy and does not have to be uniform among the schools in the
 42 administrative unit. Local boards may approve school improvement plans
 43 that include days with varying amounts of instructional time. If school is
 44 closed early due to inclement weather, the day and the scheduled amount of
 45 instructional hours may count towards the required minimum to the extent
 46 allowed by State Board policy. The school calendar shall include a plan for
 47 making up days and instructional hours missed when schools are not opened
 48 due to inclement weather.

49 (1a) Repealed by Session Laws 2004-180, s. 1, effective August 9, 2004.

50 (2) A minimum of 10 annual vacation leave days.

51 (3) The same or an equivalent number of legal holidays occurring within the
 52 school calendar as those designated by the State Personnel Commission for
 53 State employees.

54 (4) ~~Five days, as designated by the local board, for use as teacher workdays.~~
 55 ~~These days shall be protected to allow teachers to complete instructional and~~
 56 ~~classroom administrative duties. The local school administrative unit shall~~
 57 ~~not impose any additional tasks on these days. The local board shall~~
 58 ~~schedule one of these days at the beginning of the school year and one at the~~
 59 ~~end of each academic quarter.~~

- 1 (5) The remaining days scheduled by the local board in consultation with each
2 school's principal for use as teacher workdays, additional instructional days,
3 or other lawful purposes. Before consulting with the local board, each
4 principal shall work with the school improvement team to determine the
5 days to be scheduled and the purposes for which they should be scheduled.
6 Days may be scheduled and planned for different purposes for different
7 personnel and there is no requirement to schedule the same dates for all
8 personnel. In order to make up days for school closing because of inclement
9 weather, the local board may designate any of the days in this subdivision as
10 additional make-up days to be scheduled after the last day of student
11 attendance.

12 Local boards and individual schools are encouraged to use the calendar flexibility in order
13 to meet the annual performance standards set by the State Board. Local boards of education
14 shall consult with parents and the employed public school personnel in the development of the
15 school calendar.

16 Local boards shall designate at least ~~seven~~ two days scheduled under ~~subdivisions (4) and~~
17 subdivision (5) of this subsection as days on which teachers may take accumulated vacation
18 leave. Local boards may designate the remaining days scheduled in ~~subdivisions (4) and~~
19 subdivision (5) of this subsection as days on which teachers may take accumulated vacation
20 leave, but local boards shall give teachers at least 14 calendar days' notice before requiring a
21 teacher to work instead of taking vacation leave on any of these days. A teacher may elect to
22 waive this notice requirement for one or more of these days.

23 (b) Limitations. – The following limitations apply when developing the school
24 calendar:

- 25 (1) The total number of teacher workdays for teachers employed for a 10 month
26 term shall not exceed 195 days.
27 (2) The calendar shall include at least 42 consecutive days when teacher
28 attendance is not required unless: (i) the school is a year-round school; or (ii)
29 the teacher is employed for a term in excess of 10 months. At the request of
30 the local board of education or of the principal of a school, a teacher may
31 elect to work on one of the 42 days when teacher attendance is not required
32 in lieu of another scheduled workday.
33 (3) School shall not be held on Sundays.
34 (4) Veterans Day shall be a holiday for all public school personnel and for all
35 students enrolled in the public schools.

36 (c) Emergency Conditions. – During any period of emergency in any section of the
37 State where emergency conditions make it necessary, the State Board of Education may order
38 general, and if necessary, extended recesses or adjournment of the public schools.

39 (d) Opening and Closing Dates. – Local boards of education shall determine the dates
40 of opening and closing the public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this section. Except for
41 year-round schools, the opening date for students shall not be before August 25, and the closing
42 date for students shall not be after June 10. On a showing of good cause, the State Board of
43 Education may waive this requirement to the extent that school calendars are able to provide
44 sufficient days to accommodate anticipated makeup days due to school closings. A local board
45 may revise the scheduled closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum
46 requirements for instructional days or instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the
47 term "good cause" means either that:

- 48 (1) schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed
49 eight days per year during any four of the last 10 years because of severe
50 weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency
51 situations; or
52 (2) schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed
53 for all or part of eight days per year during any four of the last 10 years
54 because of severe weather conditions. For purposes of this subdivision, a
55 school shall be deemed to be closed for part of a day if it is closed for two or
56 more hours.

57 The State Board also may waive this requirement for an educational purpose. The term
58 "educational purpose" means a local school administrative unit establishes a need to adopt a
59 different calendar for (i) a specific school to accommodate a special program offered generally

1 to the student body of that school, (ii) a school that primarily serves a special population of
 2 students, or (iii) a defined program within a school. The State Board may grant the waiver for
 3 an educational purpose for that specific school or defined program to the extent that the State
 4 Board finds that the educational purpose is reasonable, the accommodation is necessary to
 5 accomplish the educational purpose, and the request is not an attempt to circumvent the
 6 opening and closing dates set forth in this subsection. The waiver requests for educational
 7 purposes shall not be used to accommodate system-wide class scheduling preferences.

8 The required opening and closing dates under this subsection shall not apply to any school
 9 that a local board designated as having a modified calendar for the 2003-2004 school year or to
 10 any school that was part of a planned program in the 2003-2004 school year for a system of
 11 modified calendar schools, so long as the school operates under a modified calendar.

12 (e) Nothing in this section prohibits a local board of education from offering
 13 supplemental or additional educational programs or activities outside the calendar adopted
 14 under this section."
 15

16 TESTING PROGRAM

17 **SECTION 7.30.(a)** G.S. 115C-174.11 reads as rewritten:

18 "**§ 115C-174.11. Components of the testing program.**

19 (a) Assessment Instruments for First and Second Grades. – The State Board of
 20 Education shall adopt and provide to the local school administrative units developmentally
 21 appropriate individualized assessment instruments consistent with the Basic Education Program
 22 for the first and second grades, rather than standardized tests. Local school administrative units
 23 may use these assessment instruments provided to them by the State Board for first and second
 24 grade students, and shall not use standardized tests except as required as a condition of
 25 receiving federal grants.

26 (b) Repealed by Session Laws 2009-451, s. 7.20(c), effective July 1, 2009.

27 (c) Annual Testing Program.

28 (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt the tests for grades three through
 29 12 that are required by federal law or as a condition of a federal grant. These
 30 tests shall be designed to measure progress toward reading, communication
 31 skills, and mathematics for grades three through eight, and toward
 32 competencies for grades nine through 12. Students who do not pass the tests
 33 adopted for eighth grade shall be provided remedial instruction in the ninth
 34 grade.

35 (2) If the State Board of Education finds that additional testing in grades three
 36 through 12 is desirable to allow comparisons with national indicators of
 37 student achievement, that testing shall be conducted with the smallest size
 38 sample of students necessary to assure valid comparisons with other states.

39 (3) The State Board of Education shall continue to participate in the
 40 development of the Common Core State Standards in conjunction with the
 41 consortium of other states, review all national assessments developed by
 42 both multistate consortia, and implement the assessments that the State
 43 Board deems most appropriate to assess student achievement on the
 44 Common Core State Standards.

45 (4) To the extent funds are made available, the State Board shall plan for and
 46 require the administration of the ACT test for all students in the eleventh
 47 grade unless the student has already taken a comparable test and scored at or
 48 above a level set by the State Board.

49 (d) Except as provided in ~~subdivision (2) of subsection (c)~~ of this section, the State
 50 Board of Education shall not require the public schools to administer any standardized tests
 51 except for those required by federal law or as a condition of a federal grant.

52 The State Board of Education shall adopt and provide to local school administrative units
 53 all tests required by federal law or as a condition of a federal grant."

54 **SECTION 7.30.(b)** Article 10A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is
 55 amended by adding two new Parts to read:

56 "Part 4. Student Diagnostic Tests.

57 "**§ 115C-174.20. Tools for student learning.**

58 To the extent funds are made available for this purpose, the State Board shall plan for and
 59 require the administration of diagnostic tests in the eighth and tenth grades that align to the

1 ACT test in order to help diagnose student learning and provide for students an indication of
2 whether they are on track to be remediation-free at a community college or university.

3 "Part 5. Career Readiness.

4 "**§ 115C-174.25. WorkKeys.**

5 To the extent funds are made available for this purpose, the State Board shall plan for and
6 require local school administrative units to make available the appropriate WorkKeys tests for
7 all students who complete the second level of vocational/career courses."

8 **SECTION 7.30.(c)** This section applies beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.
9

10 **FUND ONE LEA PER COUNTY**

11 **SECTION 7.31.(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Board of
12 Education shall allot State funds on the basis of only one local school administrative unit per
13 county beginning with the 2012-2013 fiscal year. For the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the State
14 Board shall reduce funds allotted to city school administrative units from formulas that allot
15 funds on a per local school administrative unit basis. For the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the State
16 Board shall change formulas that allot funds on a per local school administrative unit basis to
17 formulas that allot funds on a per county basis. If the amount previously allotted per local
18 school administrative unit was graduated on the basis of average daily membership, the amount
19 allotted per county shall be graduated on the basis of the total average daily membership of all
20 units located in the county.

21 If a city school administrative unit is located in more than one county, the State
22 Board of Education shall include in each county's average daily membership the average daily
23 membership of the county's students in the city school administrative unit.

24 If a county contains more than one local school administrative unit, the State Board
25 shall divide the amount allotted on a per county basis between the units on the basis of average
26 daily membership.

27 **SECTION 7.31.(b)** This section does not apply to allotments to the Nash-Rocky
28 Mount School Administrative Unit, the Edgecombe County School Administrative Unit, the
29 Cleveland County School Administrative Unit, or the Gaston County School Administrative
30 Unit.
31

32 **PART VIII. COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

33 **REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE**

34 **SECTION 8.1.(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and consistent with
35 the authority granted in G.S. 115D-3, the President of the North Carolina Community College
36 System may reorganize the System Office in accordance with recommendations and plans
37 submitted to and approved by the State Board of Community Colleges.
38

39 **SECTION 8.1.(b)** This section expires June 30, 2012.
40

41 **REPEAL OBSOLETE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

42 **SECTION 8.2.(a)** G.S. 115D-4.1(e) reads as rewritten:

43 "(e) The State Board of Community Colleges shall develop appropriate criteria and
44 standards to regulate the operation of college transfer programs. ~~The criteria and standards shall~~
45 ~~require all college transfer programs to continue to meet the accreditation standards of the~~
46 ~~Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.~~

47 ~~The State Board of Community Colleges shall report annually to the General Assembly on~~
48 ~~compliance of the community colleges with these criteria and standards."~~

49 **SECTION 8.2.(b)** G.S. 115D-5(j) reads as rewritten:

50 "(j) The State Board of Community Colleges shall use its Board Reserve Fund for
51 feasibility studies, pilot projects, start-up of new programs, and innovative ideas. ~~The State~~
52 ~~Board shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on expenditures~~
53 ~~from the State Board Reserve Fund on January 15 and June 15 each year."~~
54

55 **IMPLEMENT ALTERNATIVE FORMULA MODEL**

56 **SECTION 8.3.(a)** The State Board of Community Colleges shall consolidate the
57 Health Sciences Allotment, the Technical Education Allotment, and the Special High Cost
58 Allotment for Heavy Equipment with formula funds to support curriculum instruction.

1 **SECTION 8.3.(b)** The State Board of Community Colleges shall allocate formula
2 funds appropriated to support curriculum instruction and the occupational education component
3 of continuing education through a formula that provides an instructional base allocation to all
4 colleges and allocates remaining funds on a weighted full-time equivalent (FTE) basis. In
5 determining the appropriate weighting, the State Board of Community Colleges shall weigh
6 curriculum courses in high-cost areas such as health care, technical education, and lab-based
7 science courses more heavily than other curriculum courses. The State Board of Community
8 Colleges shall also weigh continuing education courses that lead to a third-party credential or
9 certification and courses providing an industry-designed curriculum more heavily than other
10 occupational extension courses.

11
12 **USE OF OVERREALIZED RECEIPTS TO SUPPORT ENROLLMENT GROWTH**
13 **RESERVE RATHER THAN EQUIPMENT RESERVE**

14 **SECTION 8.4.** G.S. 115D-31(e) reads as rewritten:

15 "(e) If receipts for community college tuition and fees exceed the amount certified in
16 General Fund Codes at the end of a fiscal year, the State Board of Community Colleges shall
17 transfer the amount of receipts and fees above those budgeted to the ~~Equipment Reserve~~
18 ~~Fund~~ Enrollment Growth Reserve. Funds in the Enrollment Growth Reserve shall not revert to
19 the General Fund and shall remain available to the State Board until expended. The State Board
20 may allocate funds in this reserve to colleges experiencing an enrollment increase greater than
21 five percent (5%) of budgeted enrollment levels."
22

23 **BASIC SKILLS PLUS**

24 **SECTION 8.5.(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Board
25 may authorize a local community college to use up to twenty percent (20%) of the State
26 Literacy Funds allocated to it to provide employability skills, job-specific occupational and
27 technical skills, and developmental education instruction to students concurrently enrolled in a
28 community college course leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate.

29 **SECTION 8.5.(b)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a community
30 college is authorized by the State Board to provide employability skills, job-specific
31 occupational or technical skills, or developmental education instruction to students
32 concurrently enrolled in a community college course leading to a high school diploma or
33 equivalent certificate, the college may waive the tuition and registration fees associated with
34 this instruction.
35

36 **CARRYFORWARD OF COLLEGE INFORMATION SYSTEM FUNDS**

37 **SECTION 8.6.** Of the funds appropriated to the Community Colleges System
38 Office for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium for the College Information System, up to one million
39 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) shall not revert at the end of each fiscal year
40 but shall remain available until expended. These funds may be used only to purchase periodic
41 system upgrades.
42

43 **EQUIPMENT FUNDING**

44 **SECTION 8.8.** For the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, community colleges may
45 expend regular equipment allocations on equipment, repairs and renovations of existing
46 facilities, and new construction. Colleges must match funds expended on new construction on
47 an equal matching-fund basis in accordance with G.S. 115D-31. Notwithstanding any other
48 provision of law, community colleges are not required to match funds expended on repairs and
49 renovations of existing facilities.

50 Colleges must have capital improvement projects approved by the State Board of
51 Community Colleges and any required matching funds identified by June 30, 2013.
52

53 **CLARIFICATION REGARDING EQUIPMENT TITLED TO STATE BOARD**

54 **SECTION 8.9.** G.S. 115D-15(a) reads as rewritten:

55 "(a) The board of trustees of any institution organized under this Chapter may, with the
56 prior approval of the North Carolina Community Colleges System Office, convey a
57 right-of-way or easement for highway construction or for utility installations or modifications.
58 When in the opinion of the board of trustees the use of any other real property owned or held
59 by the board of trustees is unnecessary or undesirable for the purposes of the institution, the

1 board of trustees, subject to prior approval of the State Board of Community Colleges, may
 2 sell, exchange, or lease the property. The board of trustees may dispose of any personal
 3 property owned or held by the board of trustees without approval of the State Board of
 4 Community Colleges. Personal property titled to the State Board of Community Colleges
 5 consistent with G.S. 115D-14 and G.S. 115D-58.5 may be transferred to another community
 6 college at no cost and without the approval of the Department of Administration, Division of
 7 Surplus Property.

8 Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes shall apply to the disposal or sale of any
 9 real or personal property under this subsection. Personal property also may be disposed of
 10 under procedures adopted by the North Carolina Department of Administration. The proceeds
 11 of any sale or lease shall be used for capital outlay purposes, except as provided in subsection
 12 (b) of this section."
 13

14 NO STATE FUNDS FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

15 **SECTION 8.10.** Article 3 of Chapter 115D of the General Statutes is amended by
 16 adding a new section to read:

17 "**§ 115D-42.1. Funds for an intercollegiate athletics program.**

18 No State funds, student tuition receipts, or student aid funds shall be used to create, support,
 19 maintain, or operate an intercollegiate athletics program at a community college."
 20

21 COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION WAIVERS

22 **SECTION 8.12.(a)** G.S. 115D-5(b) reads as rewritten:

23 "(b) In order to make instruction as accessible as possible to all citizens, the teaching of
 24 curricular courses and of noncurricular extension courses at convenient locations away from
 25 institution campuses as well as on campuses is authorized and shall be encouraged. A pro rata
 26 portion of the established regular tuition rate charged a full-time student shall be charged a
 27 part-time student taking any curriculum course. In lieu of any tuition charge, the State Board of
 28 Community Colleges shall establish a uniform registration fee, or a schedule of uniform
 29 registration fees, to be charged students enrolling in extension courses for which instruction is
 30 financed primarily from State funds. The State Board of Community Colleges may provide by
 31 general and uniform regulations for waiver of tuition and registration fees ~~for~~for the following:

- 32 (1) Persons not enrolled in elementary or secondary schools taking courses
 33 leading to a high school diploma or equivalent ~~certificate~~certificate.
- 34 (2) ~~Training courses for~~ Courses requested by the following entities that support
 35 the organizations' training needs and are on a specialized course list
 36 approved by the State Board of Community Colleges:
 - 37 a. ~~(i) volunteer firemen,~~ Volunteer fire departments.
 - 38 b. ~~(ii) local fire department personnel,~~ Municipal, county, or State fire
 39 departments.
 - 40 c. ~~(iii) volunteer rescue and lifesaving department personnel,~~ Volunteer
 41 EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments.
 - 42 d. ~~(iv) local rescue and lifesaving department personnel,~~ Municipal,
 43 county, or State EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments.
 - 44 e. ~~(v) Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Team (REACT) members~~
 45 ~~when the REACT team is under contract to a county as an emergency~~
 46 ~~response agency, (vi) municipal, county, or State law enforcement~~
 47 ~~officers,~~ Municipal, county, or State law enforcement agencies.
 - 48 f. ~~(vii) all full-time custodial employees of the Department of~~
 49 ~~Correction, and The Department of Correction for the training of~~
 50 ~~full-time custodial employees and employees of the Department's~~
 51 ~~Division of Community Corrections required to be certified under~~
 52 ~~Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the Criminal~~
 53 ~~Justice and Training Standards Commission.~~
 - 54 g. ~~(viii) employees of the Department's Division of Community~~
 55 ~~Corrections and employees of the The Department of Juvenile Justice~~
 56 ~~and Delinquency Prevention for the training of employees required to~~
 57 ~~be certified under Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules~~
 58 ~~of the Criminal Justice and Training Standards~~
 59 ~~Commission;~~Commission.

- 1 (3) ~~Patients in State alcoholic rehabilitation centers;~~
 2 (4) ~~Trainees enrolled in courses conducted under the Customized Training~~
 3 ~~Program;Program.~~
 4 (5) ~~Clients of sheltered workshops;~~
 5 (6) ~~Clients of adult developmental activity programs;~~
 6 (7) ~~Students in Health and Human Services Development Programs;~~
 7 (8) ~~Juveniles of any age committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice and~~
 8 ~~Delinquency Prevention by a court of competent jurisdiction;~~
 9 (9) ~~Members of the North Carolina State Defense Militia as defined in~~
 10 ~~G.S. 127A-5 and as administered under Article 5 of Chapter 127A of the~~
 11 ~~General Statutes;~~
 12 (10) ~~Elementary and secondary school employees enrolled in courses in first aid~~
 13 ~~or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR);(CPR).~~
 14 (11) ~~Up to six hours of credit instruction and one course of noncredit instruction~~
 15 ~~per academic semester for senior citizens age 65 or older who are qualified~~
 16 ~~as legal residents of North Carolina;Carolina.~~
 17 (12) ~~All curriculum courses taken by high school students at community colleges,~~
 18 ~~including students in early college and middle college high school programs,~~
 19 ~~in accordance with G.S. 115D-20(4) and this section;section.~~
 20 (13) ~~Human resources development courses for any individual who (i) is~~
 21 ~~unemployed; (ii) has received notification of a pending layoff; (iii) is~~
 22 ~~working and is eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (FEITC);~~
 23 ~~or (iv) is working and earning wages at or below two hundred percent~~
 24 ~~(200%) of the federal poverty guidelines; andguidelines.~~
 25 (14) ~~Prison inmates.~~

26 The State Board of Community Colleges shall not waive tuition and registration fees for
 27 other individuals."

28 **SECTION 8.12.(b)** G.S. 115D-5 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

29 "**(b1)** The State Board of Community Colleges shall not waive tuition and registration fees
 30 for community college faculty or staff members. Community colleges may, however, use State
 31 or local funds to pay tuition and registration fees for one course per semester for full-time
 32 community college faculty or staff members employed for a nine-, ten-, eleven-, or
 33 twelve-month term."

34 **SECTION 8.12.(c)** The Community Colleges System Office shall transfer funds
 35 appropriated for curriculum and continuing education instruction to the Department of
 36 Correction. The Department of Correction shall use these funds to pay tuition and fees for
 37 prisoners.

38 The amount transferred shall be calculated by multiplying the number of curriculum
 39 and continuing education FTE served in prisons in the 2010-2011 fiscal year by the per capita
 40 budgeted receipts for curriculum and continuing education.

41 This subsection is projected to result in a reduction of up to forty-three percent
 42 (43%) in the number of curriculum and continuing education courses provided to prisoners.

43 **SECTION 8.12.(d)** G.S. 115D-39(a1) reads as rewritten:

44 "**(a1)** In addition, any federal law enforcement officer-officers, firefighters, EMS
 45 personnel, and rescue and lifesaving personnel whose permanent duty station is within North
 46 Carolina shall also be eligible for the State resident community college tuition rate for law
 47 enforcement training courses-courses that support their organizations' training needs and are
 48 approved for this purpose by the State Board of Community Colleges."

50 FUNDING FOR MULTICAMPUS CENTERS

51 **SECTION 8.13.** G.S. 115D-5(o) reads as rewritten:

52 "**(o)** The General Assembly finds that additional data are needed to determine the
 53 adequacy of multicampus and off-campus center funds; therefore, multicampus colleges and
 54 colleges with off-campus centers shall report annually, beginning September 1, 2005, to the
 55 Community Colleges System Office on all expenditures by line item of funds used to support
 56 their multicampuses and off-campus centers. The Community Colleges System Office shall
 57 report on these expenditures to the Education Appropriation Subcommittees of the House of
 58 Representatives and the Senate, the Office of State Budget and Management, and the Fiscal
 59 Research Division by December 1 of each year.

1 All multicampus centers approved by the State Board of Community Colleges shall receive
2 funding under the same formula. The State Board of Community Colleges shall not approve
3 any additional multicampus centers without identified recurring sources of funding."
4

5 **STUDY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

6 **SECTION 8.14.** The State Board of Community Colleges shall report to the Joint
7 Legislative Education Oversight Committee by March 1, 2012, on a revised set of
8 accountability measures and performance standards by which to evaluate and measure student
9 progress and student success, including measures of graduation rates and course completions.
10 The report shall include a plan to incorporate these revised accountability measures and
11 performance standards into regular formula funding. These revised accountability measures
12 and performance standards shall also be the basis for the allocation of performance funding, in
13 accordance with G.S. 115D-31.3(g) and (h).
14

15 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE AUDITS**

16 **SECTION 8.15.** Article 4A of Chapter 115D of the General Statutes is amended by
17 adding a new section to read:

18 **"§ 115D-58.16. Audits.**

19 (a) Each community college shall be audited a minimum of once every two years.
20 Community colleges may use State funds to contract with the State Auditor or with a certified
21 public accountant to perform the audits. The colleges shall submit the results of the audits to
22 the State Board of Community Colleges.

23 The State Board of Community Colleges shall ensure that all colleges are audited in
24 accordance with this section.

25 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 143D of the General Statutes, a
26 community college shall not be subject to the EAGLE program administered by the Office of
27 the State Controller unless (i) there is a finding of internal control problems in the most recent
28 financial audit of the college or (ii) the State Board of Community Colleges determines that a
29 college should be subject to the program."
30

31 **ENROLLMENT GROWTH**

32 **SECTION 8.16.(a)** It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that there is
33 an increase in funding for community college technology and equipment when enrollment
34 increases; therefore, the continuation budget requirements proposed by the Director of the
35 Budget in accordance with G.S. 143C-3-5 to fund the community college enrollment growth
36 shall include adjustments necessary to fund additional equipment FTE at the prior year's rate.

37 **SECTION 8.16.(b)** Beginning with any adjustments to the 2011-2012 fiscal year
38 budget, and annually thereafter, the State Board of Community Colleges' requests for funding
39 enrollment growth shall provide a detailed description of the costs of educating community
40 college students. This request shall be based on the current year's enrollment, listed by college
41 and aggregated for the system as a whole.

42 **SECTION 8.16.(c)** Enrollment requests shall include the following information for
43 each community college:

- 44 (1) The budgeted enrollment for the current year, divided between the categories
45 of instruction: curriculum, continuing education, and Basic Skills.
 - 46 (2) The budgeted enrollment for the current year, divided between tiers of
47 instruction, as set forth in Section 8.3 of this act.
 - 48 (3) The actual enrollment for the two years prior to the current year.
 - 49 (4) A five-year enrollment projection at each community college by category
50 and tier of instruction.
 - 51 (5) The projected requirements and anticipated tuition receipts for the growth in
52 regular-term enrollment.
 - 53 (6) The costs per FTE in each category and tier of instruction, to include the
54 following component parts:
 - 55 a. Instructional costs, including faculty salaries and other costs.
 - 56 b. Student support services and other college administrative costs.
- 57

58 **EXEMPT COMMUNITY COLLEGES FROM APA**

59 **SECTION 8.18.(a)** G.S. 150B-1(d)(14) and (19) are repealed.

1 **SECTION 8.18.(b)** G.S. 150B-1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
2 "(g) Exemption for the State Board of Community Colleges. – Except as provided in
3 G.S. 143-135.3, no Article in this Chapter except Article 4 applies to the State Board of
4 Community Colleges."

5 **SECTION 8.18.(b1)** G.S. 115D-80 is repealed.

6 **SECTION 8.18.(c)** This act is effective when it becomes law.

7 8 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

9 **SECTION 8.19.(a)** G.S. 115D-9 reads as rewritten:

10 "**§ 115D-9. Powers of State Board regarding certain fee negotiations, contracts, and**
11 **capital improvements.**

12 (a) The expenditures of any State funds for any capital improvements of existing
13 institutions shall be subject to the prior approval of the State Board of Community Colleges and
14 the Governor. The expenditure of State funds at any institution herein authorized to be
15 approved by the State Board under G.S. 115D-4 shall be subject to the terms of the State
16 Budget Act unless specifically otherwise provided in this Chapter.

17 (b) Notwithstanding G.S. 143-341(3), the State Board of Community Colleges may,
18 with respect to design, construction, repair, or renovation of buildings, utilities, and other ~~State~~
19 ~~or non-State funded~~ State-funded property developments of the North Carolina Community
20 College System requiring the estimated expenditure of public money of ~~one million dollars~~
21 ~~(\$1,000,000)~~ four million dollars (\$4,000,000) or less:

22 (1) Conduct the fee negotiations for all design contracts and supervise the letting
23 of all construction and design contracts.

24 (2) Develop procedures governing the responsibilities of the North Carolina
25 Community College System and its community colleges to perform the
26 duties of the Department of Administration and the Director or Office of
27 State Construction under G.S. 133-1.1(d) and G.S. 143-341(3).

28 (3) Use existing plans and specifications for construction projects, where
29 feasible. Prior to designing a project, the State Board shall consult with the
30 Department of Administration on the availability of existing plans and
31 specifications and the feasibility of using them for a project.

32 (c) The State Board may delegate its authority under subsection (b) of this section to a
33 community college if the community college is qualified under guidelines adopted by the State
34 Board and approved by the State Building Commission and the Director of the Budget.

35 (d) The North Carolina Community College System shall use the standard contracts for
36 design and construction currently in use for State capital improvement projects by the Office of
37 State Construction of the Department of Administration.

38 (e) A contract may not be divided for the purpose of evading the monetary limit under
39 this section.

40 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the Department of
41 Administration shall not be the awarding authority for contracts awarded under subsections (b)
42 or (c) of this section.

43 (g) The State Board shall annually report to the State Building Commission the
44 following:

45 (1) A list of projects governed by this section.

46 (2) The estimated cost of each project along with the actual cost.

47 (3) The name of each person awarded a contract under this section.

48 (4) Whether the person or business awarded a contract under this section meets
49 the definition of "minority business" or "minority person" as defined in
50 G.S. 143-128.2(g).

51 (h) The provisions of G.S. 143-341(3) shall not apply to a capital improvement project
52 funded with non-State funds if the State Board of Community Colleges determines that the
53 college has the expertise necessary to manage the project unless the assistance of the Office of
54 State Construction is requested."

55 **SECTION 8.19.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to
56 projects initiated on or after that date.

57 58 **ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE** 59 **INVESTMENTS**

SECTION 8.20.(a) G.S. 115D-58.6 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115D-58.6. Investment of idle cash.

(a) Definitions. – As used in this section the following definitions apply:

(1) "Cash balance" means the amount equal to all moneys received into institutional fund accounts minus all expenses and withdrawals from those accounts in an official depository of the institution as designated by the local board of trustees consistent with G.S. 115D-58.7.

(2) "Official depository" means one or more banks, savings and loan associations, or trust companies in North Carolina that a community college board of trustees has designated consistent with G.S. 115D-58.7.

(a1) Deposits. – ~~The institution may deposit at interest or invest all or part of the cash balance of any fund in an official depository of the institution. The institution shall manage investments subject to whatever restrictions and directions the board of trustees may impose. The institution shall have the power to purchase, sell, and exchange securities on behalf of the board of trustees. The investment program shall be so managed that investments and deposits can be converted into cash when needed.~~ Moneys may be deposited at interest in any official depository of the institution in the form of certificates of deposit or such other forms of time deposits as may be approved for county governments. In addition, moneys may be deposited in the form of certificates of deposit as provided for a local government or public authority in G.S. 159-30(b1). Investment deposits shall be secured as provided in G.S. 159-31(b).

(b) ~~Moneys may be deposited at interest in any bank, savings and loan association or trust company in this State in the form of certificates of deposit or such other forms of time deposits as may be approved for county governments. In addition, moneys may be deposited in the form of certificates of deposit as provided for a local government or public authority in G.S. 159-30(b1). Investment deposits shall be secured as provided in G.S. 159-31(b).~~

(e)(b) Investments. – The institution may invest all or part of the cash balance of any fund in an official depository of the institution. The institution shall manage investments subject to whatever restrictions and directions the board of trustees may impose. The institution shall have the power to purchase, sell, and exchange securities on behalf of the board of trustees. The investment program shall be so managed that investments and deposits can be converted into cash when needed.

(1) ~~Moneys may shall only be invested in the form of investments pursuant to G.S. 159-30(c) to county governments and no others or in any form of investment established or managed by an investment advisor who is registered and in good standing with either the Securities and Exchange Commission or the North Carolina Secretary of State, Securities Division, and is a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. Money in endowment funds may be invested pursuant to G.S. 147-69.2. Provided, however, the institution may elect to deposit at interest any local funds with the State Treasurer for investment as special trust funds pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 147-69.3, and the interest thereon shall accrue to the institution as local funds.~~

(d) Investment

(2) The investment securities listed in G.S. 159-30(c) may be bought, sold, and traded by private negotiation, and the institutions may pay all incidental costs thereof and all reasonable costs of administering the investment and deposit program from local funds. The institution shall be responsible for their safekeeping and for keeping accurate investment accounts and records.

(e)(c) Interest earned on deposits and investments shall be credited to the fund whose cash is deposited or invested. Cash of several funds may be combined for deposit or investment if not otherwise prohibited by law; and when such joint deposits or investments are made, interest earned shall be prorated and credited to the various funds on the basis of the amounts thereof invested, figured according to an average periodic balance or some other sound accounting principle. Interest earned on the deposit or investment of bond funds shall be deemed a part of the bond proceeds.

(f)(d) Registered securities acquired for investment may be released from registration and transferred by signature of the official designated by the board of trustees."trustees.

(e) The Board of Trustees shall appoint an Investment Committee which shall consist of a minimum of three people who have sufficient financial background to review and evaluate

1 investment options. These individuals should have experience in institutional or retail
 2 investment management with knowledge of fixed income and public equities. This committee
 3 shall make recommendations to the Board on those investment options, as well as monitor the
 4 performance of investments once made.

5 (f) The Board of Trustees shall discharge their duties with respect to the management
 6 and investment of college funds as follows:

7 (1) Investment decisions shall be solely in the interest of the college and the
 8 students, faculty, and staff of the college.

9 (2) The investments shall be for the exclusive purpose of providing an adequate
 10 return to the college.

11 (3) Investments shall be made with the care, skill, and caution under the
 12 circumstances then prevailing which a prudent person acting in a like
 13 capacity and familiar with those matters would use in the conduct of an
 14 activity of like character and purpose.

15 (4) Investment decisions shall be made impartially, taking into account the best
 16 interest of the college, with special attention to conflicts of interest or
 17 potential conflicts of interest.

18 (5) Investments shall incur only costs that are appropriate and reasonable."

19 **SECTION 8.20.(b)** G.S. 147-69.2(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to

20 read:

21 "(20) Institutional funds of the colleges of the North Carolina Community College
 22 System."

23 **PART IX. UNIVERSITIES**

24 **CENTER FOR PUBLIC TELEVISION CONTINUATION REVIEW**

25 **SECTION 9.1.(a)** A continuation review of the Center for Public Television shall
 26 be prepared jointly by The University of North Carolina General Administration and The
 27 University of North Carolina Center for Public Television. The review shall be submitted to the
 28 House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Education no later than
 29 March 31, 2012. The written report shall include the information listed in subsection (b) of this
 30 section.
 31 section.

32 **SECTION 9.1.(b)** The continuation review required by this section shall include
 33 all of the following information:

34 (1) A description of the services provided by the Center for Public Television
 35 and its mission, goals, and objectives.

36 (2) The program's statutory objectives and the problem or need addressed.

37 (3) The extent to which the program's objectives have been achieved.

38 (4) The program's functions or programs performed without specific statutory
 39 authority.

40 (5) The program's performance measures and the process by which the
 41 performance measures determine efficiency and effectiveness.

42 (6) Recommendations for statutory, budgetary, or administrative changes
 43 needed to improve efficiency and effectiveness of services delivered to the
 44 public.

45 (7) The consequences of discontinuing funding.

46 (8) Recommendations for improving services or reducing costs or duplication.

47 (9) The identification of policy issues that should be brought to the attention of
 48 the General Assembly.

49 (10) Any other information necessary to fully support the General Assembly's
 50 Continuation Review Program, along with any information included in
 51 instructions from the Fiscal Research Division.
 52

53 **UNIVERSITY CANCER RESEARCH FUND REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

54 **SECTION 9.4.** G.S. 116-29.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

55 "(g) Report. – By November 1 of each year, the Cancer Research Fund Committee shall
 56 provide to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and to the Office of State
 57 Budget and Management an annual financial report which shall include the following
 58 components:
 59

- 1 (1) Accounting of expenditures of State funds related to strategic initiatives,
2 development of infrastructure, and ongoing administrative functions.
- 3 (2) Accounting of expenditures of extramural funds related to strategic
4 initiatives, development of infrastructure, and ongoing administrative
5 functions.
- 6 (3) Measures of impact to the State's economy in the creation of jobs,
7 intellectual property, and start-up companies.
- 8 (4) Other performance measures directly related to the investment of State
9 funds.
- 10 (5) Accounting of any fund balances retained by the Fund, along with
11 information about any restrictions on the use of these funds."

13 **UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS REVIEW OF FACULTY RECRUITMENT AND** 14 **RETENTION**

15 **SECTION 9.5.** The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall
16 review its current policies regarding financial incentives to retain faculty. The review shall
17 focus on the prioritization of recruitment and retention funds and the identification of key
18 metrics to measure overall program effectiveness. The Board of Governors shall report its
19 findings and recommendations for changes to the policies, if any, to the Joint Legislative
20 Education Oversight Committee, the Office of State Budget and Management, and the Fiscal
21 Research Division by April 1, 2012.

23 **UNC MANAGEMENT FLEXIBILITY REDUCTION**

24 **SECTION 9.6.(a)** The management flexibility reduction for The University of
25 North Carolina shall not be allocated by the Board of Governors to the constituent institutions
26 and affiliated entities using an across-the-board method but in a manner that recognizes the
27 importance of the academic mission and differences among The University of North Carolina
28 entities.

29 Before taking reductions in instructional budgets, the Board of Governors and the
30 campuses of the constituent institutions shall consider all of the following:

- 31 (1) Reducing State funding for centers and institutes, speaker series, and other
32 nonacademic activities.
- 33 (2) Faculty workload adjustments.
- 34 (3) Restructuring of research activities.
- 35 (4) Implementing cost-saving span of control measures.
- 36 (5) Reducing the number of senior and middle management positions.
- 37 (6) Eliminating low-performing, redundant, or low-enrollment programs.
- 38 (7) Protecting direct classroom services, including faculty members and adjunct
39 professors.

40 The Board of Governors and the campuses of the constituent institutions also shall
41 review the institutional trust funds and the special funds held by or on behalf of The University
42 of North Carolina and its constituent institutions to determine whether there are monies
43 available in those funds that can be used to assist with operating costs.

44 In addition, the campuses of the constituent institutions also shall require their
45 faculty to have a teaching workload equal to the national average in their Carnegie
46 classification.

47 When implementing personnel reductions, the Board of Governors and the
48 campuses shall make every effort to abolish vacant positions first.

49 **SECTION 9.6.(b)** In allocating the management flexibility reduction, State funds
50 shall not be reduced in either fiscal year of the biennium by more than fifteen percent (15%)
51 from the Governor's Recommended Continuation Budget for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium for
52 any of the following:

- 53 (1) Hickory Metro Higher Education Center.
- 54 (2) Joint Graduate School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering at North
55 Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and the University of
56 North Carolina at Greensboro.
- 57 (3) The North Carolina Research Campus.
- 58 (4) Agricultural Extension.
- 59 (5) Agricultural Research.

1 (6) North Carolina Judicial College of the UNC School of Government.
2 **SECTION 9.6.(c)** In allocating the management flexibility reduction, no reduction
3 in State funds shall be allocated in either fiscal year of the 2011-2013 biennium to any of the
4 following:

- 5 (1) Center for Turfgrass Environmental Research and Education at North
6 Carolina State University.
- 7 (2) Need-Based Financial Aid.
- 8 (3) Aid to Private Colleges.
- 9 (4) Any special responsibility constituent institution which has the basic
10 type Carnegie classification of "Special Focus Institution".
- 11 (5) Any special responsibility constituent institution which has the basic type
12 Carnegie classification of "Baccalaureate-Arts and Science" and which has a
13 total undergraduate and graduate fall 2010 FTE enrollment that exceeds
14 3.250 FTE.

16 **ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MILITARY AFFAIRS/MODIFY MEMBERSHIP**

17 **SECTION 9.6A.** G.S. 127C-2 reads as rewritten:

18 **"§ 127C-2. Membership.**

19 (a) The North Carolina Advisory Commission on Military Affairs shall consist of 21
20 voting members, who shall serve on the Executive Committee, and ~~15~~17 nonvoting, ex officio
21 members who shall serve by reason of their positions.

22 (b) The Executive Committee shall be appointed as follows:

- 23 (1) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
24 one of whom shall be a member of a recognized veterans' organization.
- 25 (2) Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one
26 of whom shall be a member of a recognized veterans' organization.
- 27 (3) Fifteen members appointed by the Governor, consisting of:
 - 28 a. Three representatives from the Jacksonville community.
 - 29 b. Three representatives from the Havelock community.
 - 30 c. Three representatives from the Goldsboro community.
 - 31 d. Three representatives from the Fayetteville community.
 - 32 e. Three public members from across the State.

33 (c) The following members, or their designee, shall serve ex officio:

- 34 (1) The Lieutenant Governor.
- 35 (1a) Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety.
- 36 (2) Secretary of Commerce.
- 37 (2a) The Secretary of Transportation.
- 38 (2b) The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 39 (3) Commanding General 18th Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg.
- 40 (4) Commanding General Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune.
- 41 (5) Commanding General Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point.
- 42 (6) Commander 4th FW, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.
- 43 (7) Commander 43rd Airlift Wing, Pope Air Force Base.
- 44 (8) Commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Support Center, Elizabeth City.
- 45 (9) Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard.
- 46 (10) The Executive Director of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.
- 47 (11) The Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of County
48 Commissioners.
- 49 (12) The Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs, Department of Administration.
- 50 (13) The President of The University of North Carolina.
- 51 (14) The President of the North Carolina Community College System.

52 (d) The Governor shall designate one member of the Executive Committee appointed
53 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to serve as chair. The Executive Committee shall elect
54 four persons from amongst its membership to serve as vice-chairs.

55 (e) The terms of the members of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

- 56 (1) The members initially appointed by the Speaker of the House of
57 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall serve
58 terms ending on December 31, 2003.

- 1 (2) Seven of the members appointed by the Governor shall serve initial terms
2 ending on December 31, 2002.
- 3 (3) Eight of the members appointed by the Governor shall serve initial terms
4 ending on December 31, 2003.

5 Thereafter, all members shall serve two-year terms."
6

7 **CLARIFICATION/GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS CARRIED FORWARD BY**
8 **UNC SHALL NOT BE USED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

9 **SECTION 9.6B.** G.S. 116-30.3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 "(f) No funds carried forward pursuant to this section shall be used for a capital
11 improvement as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1."
12

13 **ALLOW CHANCELLORS OF CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS TO APPROVE**
14 **CERTAIN REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AND FUND THOSE WITH**
15 **AVAILABLE OPERATING FUNDS**

16 **SECTION 9.6C.** G.S. 116-13.1 reads as rewritten:

17 "**§ 116-13.1. Capital facilities; ~~reports, reports;~~ chancellors may authorize certain repair,**
18 **renovation, and maintenance projects.**

19 (a) The General Assembly finds that although The University of North Carolina is one
20 of the State's most valuable assets, the current facilities of the University have been allowed to
21 deteriorate due to decades of neglect and have unfortunately fallen into a state of disrepair
22 because of inadequate attention to maintenance. It is the intent of the General Assembly to
23 reverse this trend and to provide a mechanism to assure that the University's capital assets are
24 adequately maintained. The General Assembly commits to responsible stewardship of these
25 assets to protect their value over the years, as follows:

- 26 (1) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall require
27 each constituent and affiliated institution to monitor the condition of its
28 facilities and their needs or repair and renovation, and to assure that all
29 necessary maintenance is carried out within funds available.
- 30 (2) The Board of Governors shall report annually to the Joint Legislative
31 Commission on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative
32 Education Oversight Committee on the condition of the University's capital
33 facilities, the repair, renovation, and maintenance projects being undertaken,
34 and all needs for additional funding to maintain the facilities.
- 35 (3) It is the intent of the General Assembly to assure that adequate oversight,
36 funding, and accountability are continually provided so that the capital
37 facilities of the University are properly maintained to preserve the level of
38 excellence the citizens of this State deserve. To this end, the Joint
39 Legislative Education Oversight Committee shall report to the General
40 Assembly annually its recommendations for legislative changes to
41 implement this policy.

42 (b) Equity in University Improvements. – The Board of Governors of The University of
43 North Carolina shall continue to study and monitor any inequities in funding for capital
44 improvements and facilities needs which may still exist on North Carolina's Public Historically
45 Black Colleges and Universities and North Carolina's Historically American Indian University,
46 the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, beyond the funding of the projects provided for
47 in this act, and shall report annually to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
48 Operations on any remaining inequities found, including recommendations as to how those
49 inequities should be addressed.

50 (c) Approval of Certain Repair and Maintenance Projects. – Notwithstanding
51 G.S. 143C-8-7, the chancellor of a constituent institution may approve the expenditure of
52 available operating funds in an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per
53 project for repairs to institution facilities, renovations to institution facilities, maintenance of
54 those facilities, and related equipment purchases. Funds contractually obligated to an approved
55 project shall not revert at the end of the fiscal year and will remain available to fund the
56 completion of the project. Projects approved pursuant to this subsection shall in all other
57 respects accord with applicable laws governing capital improvement projects."
58

1 **AUTHORIZE BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO PERMIT NORTH CAROLINA STATE**
2 **UNIVERSITY TO SELF-PERFORM ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES**
3 **AND TO AUTHORIZE ENERGY SAVINGS REALIZED BY NORTH CAROLINA**
4 **STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE USED AS A SOURCE OF REPAYMENT FOR**
5 **CERTAIN DEBTS**

6 **SECTION 9.6D.(a)** Article 3B of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended
7 by adding a new section to read:

8 **"§ 143-64.17L. Board of Governors may authorize energy conservation measures at**
9 **constituent institutions.**

10 (a) Authority. – Notwithstanding the provisions of this Part to the contrary, the Board
11 of Governors of The University of North Carolina may authorize any constituent institution
12 listed in subsection (e) of this section to implement an energy conservation measure without
13 entering into a guaranteed energy savings contract if both of the following conditions are met:

14 (1) The Board of Governors finds that the energy savings resulting from the
15 implementation of the energy conservation measure shall, according to the
16 energy savings analysis received pursuant to G.S. 143-64.17M(a), equal or
17 exceed the total cost of implementing the measure. If the proposed
18 implementation will be financed with debt, then the energy savings analysis
19 must project sufficient energy savings to pay the debt service on any bonds
20 to be issued. As used in this subdivision, the term 'total cost' shall have the
21 same meaning as it does in G.S. 143-64.17B(d).

22 (2) The energy conservation measure is for an existing building or utility
23 system.

24 (b) Scope of Authority. – In implementing an energy conservation measure pursuant to
25 subsection (a) of this section, the Board of Governors may undertake or authorize any
26 constituent institution listed in subsection (e) of this section to undertake any action that (i)
27 could be required of a qualified provider under a guaranteed energy savings contract or (ii) is
28 otherwise permissible under this Part.

29 (c) Projects Consisting of Multiple Energy Conservation Measures. – The Board of
30 Governors may authorize the implementation of multiple energy conservation measures
31 simultaneously as part of a single project. When doing so, the findings required by subsection
32 (a) of this section may be made with respect to the project as a whole and need not be made
33 with respect to individual energy conservation measures. Similarly, the analyses required by
34 G.S. 143-64.17M may be conducted for the project as a whole instead of for individual energy
35 conservation measures.

36 (d) Continuing Applicability of Part to Contracts. – If the Board of Governors or a
37 constituent institution implements an energy conservation measure through a guaranteed energy
38 savings contract, that contract shall accord in all respects with the requirements of this Part.

39 (e) The Board of Governors may authorize North Carolina State University to
40 implement an energy conservation measure without entering into a guaranteed energy savings
41 contract pursuant to this section."

42 **SECTION 9.6D.(b)** Article 3B of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended
43 by adding a new section to read:

44 **"§ 143-64.17M. Energy savings analysis required prior to implementation;**
45 **post-implementation analyses required.**

46 (a) Energy Savings Analysis Required Prior to Implementation. – Prior to
47 implementing an energy conservation measure pursuant to G.S. 143-64.17L, an energy savings
48 analysis shall be performed to validate the economic assumptions that purportedly support the
49 implementation of the measure. This analysis shall be performed by a third party selected by
50 the constituent institution and shall include an energy consumption analysis to develop a
51 baseline of previous costs of all utilities' energy consumption for the institution on the
52 assumption that the energy conservation measure was not undertaken. The completed analysis
53 shall be submitted to The University of North Carolina General Administration and to the State
54 Energy Office.

55 (b) Post-Implementation Analyses Required. – A constituent institution that implements
56 an energy conservation measure pursuant to G.S. 143-64.17L shall retain a third party to
57 perform an annual measurement and verification of energy savings resulting from the energy
58 conservation measure as compared to the baseline of previous costs set forth in the energy
59 savings analysis required by subsection (a) of this section. The third party shall annually

1 provide a reconciliation statement based upon the results of a preagreed upon measurement,
2 monitoring, and verification protocol which shall disclose any shortfall or surplus between the
3 estimated energy usage and operational savings set forth in the energy savings analysis required
4 by subsection (a) of this section and actual, not stipulated, energy usage and operational savings
5 incurred during a given year.

6 If a reconciliation statement reveals a shortfall in energy savings for a particular year, the
7 constituent institution shall be responsible for and shall pay the shortfall. However, the
8 institution shall not be held responsible for losses due to natural disasters or other emergencies.
9 Any surplus shall be retained by the institution and may be used in the same manner as any
10 other energy savings."

11 **SECTION 9.6D.(c)** G.S. 116-30.3B(b) reads as rewritten:

12 "(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that appropriations to the Board of
13 Governors on behalf of a constituent institution not be reduced as a result of the institution's
14 realization of energy savings. Instead, the General Assembly intends that the amount of
15 appropriations be determined as if no energy savings had been realized. The Director of the
16 Budget shall not decrease the recommended continuation budget requirements for utilities for
17 constituent institutions by the amount of energy savings realized from implementing energy
18 conservation measures, including savings achieved through a guaranteed energy savings
19 contract."

20 **SECTION 9.6D.(d)** G.S. 143-64.17F(b) reads as rewritten:

21 "(b) The Department of Administration, in consultation with the Department of
22 Commerce through the State Energy Office, shall adopt rules for: (i) agency evaluation of
23 guaranteed energy savings contracts; (ii) establishing time periods for consideration of
24 guaranteed energy savings contracts by the Office of State Budget and Management, the Office
25 of the State Treasurer, and the Council of State, and (iii) setting measurements and verification
26 criteria, including review, audit, and precertification. Prior to adopting any rules pursuant to
27 this section, the Department shall consult with and obtain approval of those rules from the State
28 Treasurer. The rules adopted pursuant to this subsection shall not apply to energy conservation
29 measures implemented pursuant to G.S. 143-64.17L."

30 **SECTION 9.6D.(e)** G.S. 143-64.17H reads as rewritten:

31 "**§ 143-64.17H. Report on guaranteed energy savings contracts entered into by State**
32 **governmental units.**

33 A State governmental unit that enters into a guaranteed energy savings contract or
34 implements an energy conservation measure pursuant to G.S. 143-64.17L must report either (i)
35 the contract and the terms of the ~~contract~~ contract or (ii) the implementation of the measure to
36 the State Energy Office of the Department of Commerce within 30 days of the date the contract
37 is entered ~~into~~ into or the measure is implemented. In addition, within 60 days after each
38 annual anniversary date of a guaranteed energy savings contract, the State governmental unit
39 must report the status of the contract to the State Energy Office, including any details required
40 by the State Energy Office. The State Energy Office shall compile the information for each
41 fiscal year and report it to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and
42 to the Local Government Commission annually by December 1. In compiling the information,
43 the State Energy Office shall include information on the energy savings expected to be realized
44 from a contract or implementation and shall evaluate whether expected savings have in fact
45 been realized."

46 **SECTION 9.6D.(f)** G.S. 142-63 reads as rewritten:

47 "**§ 142-63. Authorization of financing contract.**

48 Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Article, (i) a State governmental unit
49 that is implementing an energy conservation measure pursuant to G.S. 143-64.17L and
50 financing it pursuant to this Article, (ii) a State governmental unit that has solicited a
51 guaranteed energy conservation measure pursuant to G.S. 143-64.17A or ~~G.S. 143-64.17B~~ or
52 G.S. 143-64.17B, or (iii) the State Treasurer, as designated by the Council of State, is
53 authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the State of North Carolina, a financing
54 contract to finance the costs of the energy conservation measure. The aggregate outstanding
55 amount payable by the State under financing contracts entered pursuant to this Article shall not
56 exceed five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) at any one time."

57 **SECTION 9.6D.(g)** G.S. 142-64(a) reads as rewritten:

58 "**§ 142-64. Procedure for incurrence or issuance of financing contract.**

1 (a) When a State governmental unit (i) is implementing an energy conservation
 2 measure pursuant to G.S. 143-64.17L and financing it pursuant to this Article or (ii) has
 3 solicited a guaranteed energy conservation measure, the State governmental unit shall request
 4 that the State Treasurer approve the State governmental unit's entering into a financing contract
 5 to finance the cost of the energy conservation measure. In connection with the request, the State
 6 governmental unit shall provide to the State Treasurer any information the State Treasurer
 7 requests in order to evaluate the request. In the event that the State Treasurer determines that
 8 financing efficiencies will be realized through the combining of financing contracts, then the
 9 State Treasurer is authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the State of North
 10 Carolina, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Article, a financing contract for
 11 the purpose of financing the cost of the multiple energy conservation measures."

12 **SECTION 9.6D.(h)** G.S. 116D-22(3) reads as rewritten:

13 "(3) Obligated resources. – Any sources of income or receipts of the Board of
 14 Governors or the institution at which a special obligation bond project is or
 15 will be located that are designated by the Board as the security and source of
 16 payment for bonds issued under this Article to finance a special obligation
 17 bond project, including, without limitation, any of the following:

- 18 a. Rents, charges, or fees to be derived by the Board of Governors or
 19 the institution from any activities conducted at the institution.
 20 b. Earnings on the investment of the endowment fund of the institution
 21 at which a special obligation project will be located, to the extent that
 22 the use of the earnings will not violate any lawful condition placed
 23 by the donor upon the part of the endowment fund that generates the
 24 investment earnings.
 25 c. Funds to be received under a contract or a grant agreement, including
 26 "overhead costs reimbursement" under a grant agreement, entered
 27 into by the Board of Governors or the institution to the extent the use
 28 of the funds is not restricted by the terms of the contract or grant
 29 agreement or the use of the funds as provided in this Article does not
 30 violate the restriction.
 31 d. Funds appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors
 32 on behalf of a constituent institution for utilities of the institution that
 33 constitute energy savings as that term is defined in G.S. 143-64.17.

34 ~~Obligated~~ Except as provided in sub-subdivision d. of this subdivision,
 35 obligated resources do not include funds appropriated to the Board of
 36 Governors or the institution from the General Fund by the General Assembly
 37 from funds derived from general tax and other revenues of the State, and
 38 obligated resources do not include tuition payment by students."
 39

40 **AMEND REGULATION OF UNC INSTITUTIONAL TRUST FUNDS AND FUNDS OF**
 41 **UNC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

42 **SECTION 9.6E.(a)** G.S. 116-36.1 reads as rewritten:

43 **"§ 116-36.1. Regulation of institutional trust funds.**

44 (a) The Board is responsible for the custody and management of the trust funds of the
 45 University of North Carolina and of each institution. The Board shall adopt uniform policies
 46 and procedures applicable to the deposit, investment, and administration of these funds which
 47 shall assure that the receipt and expenditure of such funds is properly authorized and that the
 48 funds are appropriately accounted for. The Board may delegate authority, through the
 49 president, to the respective chancellors of the institutions when such delegation is necessary or
 50 prudent to enable the institution to function in a proper and expeditious manner.

51 (b) ~~Trust funds shall be deposited with the State Treasurer who shall hold them in trust~~
 52 ~~in separate accounts in the name of the University of North Carolina and of each institution.~~
 53 ~~The cash balances of these accounts may be pooled for investment purposes, but investment~~
 54 ~~earnings shall be credited pro rata to each participating account. For purposes of distribution of~~
 55 ~~investment earnings, all trust funds of an institution shall be deemed a single account.~~

56 (c) ~~Moneys deposited with the State Treasurer in trust fund accounts pursuant to this~~
 57 ~~section, and investment earnings thereon, are available for expenditure by each institution~~
 58 ~~without further authorization from the General Assembly.~~

1 (d) Trust funds are subject to the oversight of the State Auditor pursuant to Article 5A
2 of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes but are not subject to the provisions of the State Budget
3 Act except for capital improvements projects which shall be authorized and executed in
4 accordance with G.S. 143C-8-8 and G.S. 143C-8-9.

5 (e) Each institution shall submit such reports or other information concerning its trust
6 fund accounts as may be required by the ~~Director of the Budget Board~~.

7 (f) Trust funds or the investment income therefrom shall not take the place of State
8 appropriations or any part thereof, but any portion of these funds available for general
9 institutional purposes is appropriated and shall be used to supplement State appropriations to
10 the end that the institution may improve and increase its functions, may enlarge its areas of
11 service, and may become more useful to a greater number of people.

12 (g) As used in this section, "trust funds" means:

- 13 (1) Moneys, or the proceeds of other forms of property, received by an
14 institution as gifts, devises, or bequests that are neither presumed nor
15 designated to be gifts, devises, or bequests to the endowment fund of the
16 institution;
- 17 (2) Moneys received by an institution pursuant to grants from, or contracts with,
18 the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof;
- 19 (3) Moneys received by an institution pursuant to grants from, or contracts with,
20 any State agencies, any political subdivisions of the State, any other states or
21 nations or political subdivisions thereof, or any private entities whereby the
22 institution undertakes, subject to terms and conditions specified by the entity
23 providing the moneys, to conduct research, training or public service
24 programs, or to provide financial aid to students;
- 25 (4) Moneys collected by an institution to support extracurricular activities of
26 students of the institution;
- 27 (5) Moneys received from or for the operation by an institution of activities
28 established for the benefit of scholarship funds or student activity programs;
- 29 (6) Moneys received from or for the operation by an institution of any of its
30 self-supporting auxiliary enterprises, including institutional student auxiliary
31 enterprise funds for the operation of housing, food, health, and laundry
32 services;
- 33 (7) Moneys received by an institution in respect to fees and other payments for
34 services rendered by medical, dental or other health care professionals under
35 an organized practice plan approved by the institution or under a contractual
36 agreement between the institution and a hospital or other health care
37 provider;
- 38 (8) The net proceeds from the disposition effected pursuant to Chapter 146,
39 Article 7, of any interest in real property owned by or under the supervision
40 and control of an institution if the interest in real property had first been
41 acquired by gift, devise, or bequest or through expenditure of moneys
42 defined in this subsection ~~(g)~~ as "trust funds," except the net proceeds from
43 the disposition of an interest in real property first acquired by the institution
44 through expenditure of moneys received as a grant from a State agency;
- 45 (9) Moneys received from the operation and maintenance of institutional forests
46 and forest farmlands, provided, that such moneys shall be used, when used,
47 by the institution for support of forest-related research, teaching, and public
48 service programs;
- 49 (10) Moneys received from an activity authorized by G.S. 66-58(b)(8)m., n., and
50 o.;
- 51 (11) Moneys deposited to the State Education Assistance Authority Fund
52 pursuant to G.S. 116-209.3.

53 ~~(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the Board may~~
54 ~~designate as the official depository of the funds identified in subsection (g)(7) of this section~~
55 ~~one or more banks or trust companies in this State. The amount of funds on deposit in an~~
56 ~~official depository shall be fully secured by deposit insurance, surety bonds, or investment~~
57 ~~securities of such nature, in such amounts, and in such manner as is prescribed by the State~~
58 ~~Treasurer for the security of public deposits generally. The available cash balance of funds~~
59 ~~deposited pursuant to this subsection shall be invested in interest-bearing deposits and~~

1 ~~investments so that the rate of return equals that realized from the investment of State funds~~
2 ~~generally. The Board may authorize, through the President, that the chancellors may deposit or~~
3 ~~invest each institution's available trust fund cash balances in interest-bearing accounts and other~~
4 ~~investments as may be authorized by the Board in the exercise of its sound discretion, without~~
5 ~~regard to any statute or rule of law relating to the investment of funds by fiduciaries.~~

6 (i) The cash balances on hand as of June 30, 1978, and all future receipts accruing
7 thereafter, of funds identified in this section are hereby appropriated to the use of the University
8 of North Carolina and its constituent institutions."

9 **SECTION 9.6E.(b)** G.S. 116-37(e) reads as rewritten:

10 "(e) Finances. – The University of North Carolina Health Care System shall be subject to
11 the provisions of the State Budget Act, except for trust funds as provided in G.S. 116-36.1 and
12 G.S. 116-37.2. The Chief Executive Officer, subject to the board of directors, shall be
13 responsible for all aspects of budget preparation, budget execution, and expenditure reporting.
14 All operating funds of the University of North Carolina Health Care System may be budgeted
15 and disbursed through special fund codes, maintaining separate auditable accounts for the
16 University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill and the clinical patient care programs of
17 the School of Medicine of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. All receipts of the
18 University of North Carolina Health Care System may be deposited directly to the special fund
19 codes, and except for General Fund appropriations, all receipts of the University of North
20 Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill may be invested pursuant to ~~G.S. 147-69.2(b3).~~
21 G.S. 116-37.2(h). General Fund appropriations for support of the University of North Carolina
22 Hospitals at Chapel Hill shall be budgeted in a General Fund code under a single purpose,
23 "Contribution to University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill Operations" and be
24 transferable to a special fund operating code as receipts."

25 **SECTION 9.6E.(c)** G.S. 116-37.2 reads as rewritten:

26 "**§ 116-37.2. Regulation of University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill Funds.**

27 (a) As used in this section, "funds" means:

- 28 (1) Moneys, or the proceeds of other forms of property, received by the
29 University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill as gifts, devises, or
30 bequests.
- 31 (2) Moneys received by the University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel
32 Hill pursuant to grants from, or contracts with, the United States government
33 or any agency or instrumentality thereof.
- 34 (3) Moneys received by the University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel
35 Hill pursuant to grants from, or contracts with, any State agencies, any
36 political subdivisions of the State, any other states or nations or political
37 subdivisions thereof, or any private entities whereby the University of North
38 Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill undertakes, subject to terms and conditions
39 specified by the entity providing the moneys, to conduct research, training,
40 or public service programs.
- 41 (4) Moneys received from or for the operation by the University of North
42 Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill of any of its self-supporting auxiliary
43 enterprises, including the Liability Insurance Trust Fund.
- 44 (5) Moneys received by the University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel
45 Hill in respect to fees and other payments for services it renders in its
46 hospital and/or clinical operations.
- 47 (5a) Moneys received by the University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel
48 Hill in respect to borrowings for capital equipment or construction projects
49 to further services it renders in either or both of its hospital or clinical
50 operations.
- 51 (6) The net proceeds from the disposition effected pursuant to Article 7 of
52 Chapter 146 of the General Statutes of any interest in real property owned by
53 or under the supervision and control of the University of North Carolina
54 Hospitals at Chapel Hill if the interest in real property had first been
55 acquired by gift, devise, or bequest or through expenditure of moneys
56 defined in this subsection, except the net proceeds from the disposition of an
57 interest in real property first acquired by the University of North Hospitals at
58 Chapel Hill through expenditure of moneys received as a grant from a State
59 agency.

1 (b) The Board of Directors of the University of North Carolina Health Care System, as
2 established in G.S. 116-37(b), is responsible for the custody and management of the funds of
3 the University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill. The Board shall adopt uniform
4 policies and procedures applicable to the deposit, investment, and administration of these
5 funds, which shall assure that the receipt and expenditure of such funds is properly authorized
6 and that the funds are appropriately accounted for. The Board may delegate authority, through
7 the Chief Executive Officer of the University of North Carolina Health Care System to the
8 President of the University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill, when such delegation is
9 necessary or prudent to enable the University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill to
10 function in a proper and expeditious manner.

11 (c) ~~Funds under this section shall be deposited with the State Treasurer who shall hold~~
12 ~~them in trust in the name of the University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill.~~

13 (d) ~~Funds deposited with the State Treasurer in an account pursuant to this section, and~~
14 ~~investment earnings thereon, thereon~~ are available for expenditure by the University of North
15 Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill without further authorization from the General Assembly.

16 (e) Funds under this section are subject to the oversight of the State Auditor pursuant to
17 Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes but are not subject to the provisions of the
18 ~~Executive State Budget Act~~ except for capital improvements projects, which shall be
19 authorized and executed in accordance with ~~G.S. 143-18.1~~ G.S. 143C-8-8 and G.S. 143C-8-9.

20 (f) The University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill shall submit such reports
21 or other information concerning its fund accounts under this section as may be required by the
22 ~~Director of the Budget~~ Board of Directors of the University of North Carolina Health Care
23 System.

24 (g) Funds under this section, or the investment income therefrom, shall not take the
25 place of State appropriations or any part thereof, but any portion of these funds available for
26 general institutional purposes shall be used to supplement State appropriations to the end that
27 the University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill may improve and increase their
28 functions, may enlarge their areas of service, and may become more useful to a greater number
29 of people.

30 (h) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, the Board may~~
31 ~~designate as the official depository of the funds identified in subdivisions (a)(4), (a)(5), and~~
32 ~~(a)(6) of this section one or more banks or trust companies in this State for any investments~~
33 ~~authorized by G.S. 147-69.2(b3).~~ The Board of Directors of the University of North Carolina
34 Health Care System may deposit or invest the funds under this section in interest-bearing
35 accounts and other investments in the exercise of its sound discretion, without regard to any
36 statute or rule of law relating to the investment of funds by fiduciaries."

37 38 **UNC/INSTITUTIONAL EXPENDITURE BENCHMARKS**

39 **SECTION 9.6F.(a)** G.S. 116-31.10 reads as rewritten:

40 "**§ 116-31.10. Powers of Board regarding certain purchasing contracts.**

41 (a) Notwithstanding G.S. 143-53.1 or G.S. 143-53(a)(2), the expenditure benchmark for
42 a special responsibility constituent institution with regard to competitive bid procedures and the
43 bid value benchmark shall be an amount not greater than five hundred thousand dollars
44 (\$500,000). The Board shall set the benchmark for each institution from time to time. In setting
45 an institution's benchmark in accordance with this section, the Board shall consider the
46 institution's overall capabilities including staff resources, purchasing compliance reviews, and
47 audit reports. The Board shall also consult with the Director of the Division of Purchase and
48 Contract and the Director of the Budget prior to setting the benchmark.

49 (b) Each institution with an expenditure benchmark greater than two hundred fifty
50 thousand dollars (\$250,000) shall comply with this subsection for any purchase greater than
51 ~~two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)~~ the institution's benchmark set by the Board but
52 not greater than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). This institution shall submit to the
53 Division of Purchase and Contract for that Division's approval or other action deemed
54 necessary by the Division a copy of all offers received and the institution's recommendation of
55 award or other action. Notice of the Division's decision shall be sent to that institution. The
56 institution shall then proceed with the award of contract or other action recommended by the
57 Division."

58 **SECTION 9.6F.(b)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2011.
59

UNC ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR QUALITY ACCEPTANCE INSPECTION PROCESS

SECTION 9.6G.(a) G.S. 143-60 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-60. Rules covering certain purposes.

The Secretary of Administration may adopt, modify, or abrogate rules covering the following purposes, in addition to those authorized elsewhere in this Article:

- (1) Requiring reports by State departments, institutions, or agencies of stocks of supplies and materials and equipment on hand and prescribing the form of such reports.
- (2) Prescribing the manner in which supplies, materials and equipment shall be delivered, stored and distributed.
- (3) Prescribing the manner of inspecting deliveries of supplies, materials and equipment and making chemical and/or physical tests of samples submitted with bids and samples of deliveries to determine whether deliveries have been made in compliance with specifications. However, the provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina. The President of The University of North Carolina shall issue regulations or guidelines for the conducting of quality inspections by constituent institutions to ensure that deliveries have been made in compliance with specifications.
- (4) Prescribing the manner in which purchases shall be made in emergencies.
- (5) Providing for such other matters as may be necessary to give effect to foregoing rules and provisions of this Article.
- (6) Prescribing the manner in which passenger vehicles shall be purchased.

Further, the Secretary of Administration may prescribe appropriate procedures necessary to enable the State, its institutions and agencies, to obtain materials surplus or otherwise available from federal, State or local governments or their disposal agencies."

SECTION 9.6G.(b) This section becomes effective October 1, 2011.

NCSU MAY SELL TIMBER

SECTION 9.6H. Part 1 of Article 3A of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 143-64.06. North Carolina State University may sell timber.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Part or Chapter 146 of the General Statutes, the Board of Trustees of North Carolina State University may cause to be severed and sold or transferred timber from any unimproved timberlands owned by or allocated to the University without involvement by the State Surplus Property Agency and without being required to pay any service charge or surcharge to the State Surplus Property Agency. Any such severance shall be reported to the Council of State through the State Property Office. The Board of Trustees may delegate the authority set out above to responsible University officials. The proceeds of any sales or transfers under this section shall be used to support the management of, and programming costs associated with, forest properties owned, allocated, or managed by North Carolina State University."

USE OF ESCHEAT FUND FOR NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

SECTION 9.8.(a) There is appropriated from the Escheat Fund income to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of thirty-two million one hundred twenty-two thousand two hundred forty-two dollars (\$32,122,242) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the sum of thirty-two million one hundred twenty-two thousand two hundred forty-two dollars (\$32,122,242) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year to be used for The University of North Carolina Need-Based Financial Aid Program.

SECTION 9.8.(b) In addition to the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section, there is appropriated from the Escheat Fund income to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of ninety-five million two hundred thirty-one thousand nine hundred twelve dollars (\$95,231,912) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to be used for The University of North Carolina Need-Based Financial Aid Program.

SECTION 9.8.(c) There is appropriated from the Escheat Fund income to the State Board of Community Colleges the sum of sixteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$16,500,000) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the sum of sixteen million five hundred

1 thousand dollars (\$16,500,000) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year to be used for community college
2 grants.

3 **SECTION 9.8.(d)** There is appropriated from the Escheat Fund income to the
4 Department of Administration, Division of Veterans Affairs, the sum of six million five
5 hundred twenty thousand nine hundred sixty-four dollars (\$6,520,964) for the 2011-2012 fiscal
6 year and the sum of six million five hundred twenty thousand nine hundred sixty-four dollars
7 (\$6,520,964) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year to be used for need-based student financial aid.

8 **SECTION 9.8.(e)** The funds appropriated by this section shall be allocated by the
9 State Educational Assistance Authority (SEAA) for need-based student financial aid in
10 accordance with G.S. 116B-7. If the interest income generated from the Escheat Fund is less
11 than the amounts referenced in this section, the difference may be taken from the Escheat Fund
12 principal to reach the appropriations referenced in this section; however, under no
13 circumstances shall the Escheat Fund principal be reduced below the sum required in
14 G.S. 116B-6(f). If any funds appropriated under this section remain uncommitted for
15 need-based financial aid as of the end of a fiscal year, the funds shall be returned to the Escheat
16 Fund, but only to the extent the funds exceed the amount of the Escheat Fund income for that
17 fiscal year.

18 **SECTION 9.8.(f)** The State Education Assistance Authority shall perform all of
19 the administrative functions necessary to implement this program of financial aid. The SEAA
20 shall conduct periodic evaluations of expenditures of the scholarship programs to determine if
21 allocations are utilized to ensure access to institutions of higher learning and to meet the goals
22 of the respective programs. SEAA may make recommendations for redistribution of funds to
23 The University of North Carolina, Department of Administration, and the President of the
24 Community College System regarding their respective scholarship programs, who then may
25 authorize redistribution of unutilized funds for a particular fiscal year.

26 **SECTION 9.8.(g)** The Office of State Budget and Management shall transfer the
27 cash balance of the community college grant program remaining in Budget Code 66801, Fund
28 6102, to the Escheat Fund.

29 **UNC NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM FUNDING SCHEDULE**

30 **SECTION 9.9.(a)** Of the funds appropriated by this act for the 2011-2012 fiscal
31 year for The University of North Carolina Need-Based Financial Aid Program, the sum of
32 fifty-nine million eight hundred fifty-nine thousand five hundred sixty-two dollars
33 (\$59,859,562) shall not be used for expenditures in the 2011-2012 fiscal year but shall be
34 carried forward and held in reserve by the State Education Assistance Authority. The funds
35 carried forward and held in reserve pursuant to this subsection may be disbursed by the State
36 Education Assistance Authority after July 1, 2012, for need-based student financial aid in the
37 2012-2013 academic year in accordance with G.S. 116B-7.

38 **SECTION 9.9.(b)** Of the funds appropriated by this act for the 2012-2013 fiscal
39 year for The University of North Carolina Need-Based Financial Aid Program, the sum of
40 fifty-nine million eight hundred fifty-nine thousand five hundred sixty-two dollars
41 (\$59,859,562) shall not be used for expenditures in the 2012-2013 fiscal year but shall be
42 carried forward and held in reserve by the State Education Assistance Authority. The funds
43 carried forward and held in reserve pursuant to this subsection may be disbursed by the State
44 Education Assistance Authority after July 1, 2013, for need-based student financial aid in the
45 2013-2014 academic year in accordance with G.S. 116B-7.

46 **CONSOLIDATE ASSETS OF MILLENNIUM TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP LOAN 47 PROGRAM AND PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUND/ 48 GIVE PRIORITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP LOANS FOR PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS 49 TO CERTAIN FORMER TEACHER ASSISTANTS**

50 **SECTION 9.10.(a)** Effective January 1, 2012, the Millennium Teaching
51 Scholarship Loan Program is abolished.

52 **SECTION 9.10.(b)** All financial obligations to any student awarded a scholarship
53 loan from the Millennium Teaching Scholarship Loan Program before January 1, 2012, shall be
54 fulfilled with funds from the Scholarship Loan Fund for Prospective Teachers established under
55 G.S. 116-209.33, provided the student remains eligible under the provisions of the Millennium
56 Teaching Scholarship Loan Program. All contractual agreements between a student awarded a
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1 scholarship loan from the Millennium Teaching Scholarship Loan Program before January 1,
2 2012, and the State Education Assistance Authority regarding the loan remain enforceable.

3 **SECTION 9.10.(c)** The assets and liabilities for the Millennium Teaching
4 Scholarship Loan Program shall be transferred as follows:

- 5 (1) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) shall be transferred to the Escheat
6 Fund on July 1, 2011.
- 7 (2) The remaining balance of the assets and liabilities shall be transferred to the
8 Scholarship Loan Fund for Prospective Teachers established under
9 G.S. 116-209.33 on January 1, 2012.

10 **SECTION 9.10.(d)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 116-209.33 or any
11 other provision of law, when awarding scholarship loans under G.S. 116-209.33, the State
12 Education Assistance Authority shall give priority to any applicant who qualifies for a
13 scholarship loan under G.S. 116-209.33 if the applicant was formerly employed as a teacher
14 assistant at a public school in North Carolina but lost his or her teacher assistant position in the
15 State public school system as a result of a reduction in force.

16 17 **LIMIT CERTAIN FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO THE TRADITIONAL TIME** 18 **PERIOD REQUIRED TO EARN A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE**

19 **SECTION 9.11.(a)** Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by
20 adding a new section to read:

21 **"§ 116-25.1. Limit receipt of The University of North Carolina need-based financial aid**
22 **grants to traditional time period required to earn baccalaureate degree.**

23 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, a student shall not receive a grant
24 from The University of North Carolina Need-Based Financial Aid Program for more than nine
25 full-time academic semesters, or its equivalent if enrolled part-time, unless the student is
26 enrolled in a program officially designated by the Board of Governors as a five-year degree
27 program. If a student is enrolled in such a five-year degree program, then the student shall not
28 receive a need-based grant from The University of North Carolina Need-Based Financial Aid
29 Program for more than 11 full-time academic semesters or its equivalent if enrolled part-time.

30 (b) Upon application by a student, the student may receive a grant for one additional
31 part-time or full-time academic semester as appropriate, if the student demonstrates that any of
32 the following have substantially disrupted or interrupted the student's pursuit of a degree: (i) a
33 military service obligation, (ii) serious medical debilitation, (iii) a short-term or long-term
34 disability, or (iv) other extraordinary hardship, including inability to enroll in the appropriate
35 courses due to reduced course offerings. The Board of Governors shall establish the appropriate
36 procedures to implement the additional semester extension provided by this subsection."

37 **SECTION 9.11.(b)** The Fiscal Research Division, in cooperation with The
38 University of North Carolina, the North Carolina Community College System, the North
39 Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc., and the State Education Assistance
40 Authority shall study how to track and document the receipt of The University of North
41 Carolina need-based grants, North Carolina Community College need-based grants, and the
42 private institutions of higher education need-based scholarships by students who enroll in both
43 public and private institutions of higher education while pursuing a baccalaureate or associate
44 degree so that no student receives a combination of these grants or scholarships that exceeds a
45 cumulative total of nine full-time academic semesters or 11 full-time academic semesters as
46 appropriate. In addition, the study shall (i) consider the need to grant a waiver to the limit
47 imposed on receipt of need-based grants or scholarships for those students who encounter
48 legitimate disruptions or interruptions of the academic pursuit of a degree and (ii) determine the
49 appropriate criteria and procedure for extending the eligibility to receive those types of
50 financial aid for an additional period of time. The study shall also examine any potential impact
51 on college completion rates.

52 The Fiscal Research Division shall report its findings and recommendations,
53 including any legislative recommendations, by March 1, 2012, to the Joint Legislative
54 Education Oversight Committee and to the Education Appropriation Subcommittees of the
55 House of Representatives and the Senate.

56 **SECTION 9.11.(c)** Subsection (a) of this section is effective for the 2012-2013
57 academic year and each subsequent fiscal year.

58 59 **ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET**

1 **SECTION 9.12.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 116-43.10, the Board of Governors of
 2 The University of North Carolina shall not participate in the Academic Common Market for the
 3 purpose of accepting new students for the 2012-2013 academic year, and no new students shall
 4 be allowed to enroll through the Academic Common Market program into The University of
 5 North Carolina graduate programs for the 2012-2013 academic year.

6 **SECTION 9.12.(b)** This section does not affect a student enrolled in The
 7 University of North Carolina System under the Academic Common Market program prior to
 8 the 2012-2013 academic year; that student may continue to pay in-State tuition as long as the
 9 student is enrolled in that graduate program.

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 11 **ELIMINATE PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHOOL AID**

12 **SECTION 9.14.** G.S. 116-21.6 is repealed.

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 14 **TRANSFER NORTH CAROLINA ARBORETUM RESPONSIBILITIES TO**
 15 **WESTERN CAROLINA**

16 **SECTION 9.15.(a)** G.S. 116-242 reads as rewritten:

17 "**§ 116-242. Administration of Arboretum; acceptance of gifts and grants.**

18 The Arboretum shall be administered by The University of North Carolina and through the
 19 Board of Directors established in G.S. 116-243. State funds for the administration of the
 20 Arboretum shall be appropriated to The University of North Carolina ~~for the University of~~
 21 ~~North Carolina at Asheville. The for Western Carolina University to administer on behalf of the~~
 22 arboretum. The North Carolina Arboretum and The University of North Carolina may receive
 23 gifts and grants to be used for development or operation of the Arboretum."

24 **SECTION 9.15.(b)** G.S. 116-243 reads as rewritten:

25 "**§ 116-243. Board of directors established; appointments.**

26 A board of directors to govern the operation of the Arboretum is established, to be
 27 appointed as follows:

- 28 (1) Two by the Governor, initially, one for a two-year term, and one for a
 29 four-year term. Successors shall be appointed for four-year terms.
- 30 (2) Two by the General Assembly, in accordance with G.S. 120-121, upon the
 31 recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, initially, one
 32 for a two-year term, and one for a four-year term. Successors shall be
 33 appointed for four-year terms.
- 34 (3) Two by the General Assembly, in accordance with G.S. 120-121, upon the
 35 recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, initially,
 36 one for a two-year term, and one for a four-year term. Successors shall be
 37 appointed for four-year terms.
- 38 (4) The President of The University of North Carolina or the President's
 39 designee to serve ex officio.
- 40 (4a) Two by the President of The University of North Carolina. Members shall be
 41 appointed for four-year terms, except that the initial terms shall be as
 42 provided otherwise by law.
- 43 ~~(5) The chancellors, chief executive officers, or their designees of the following~~
 44 ~~institutions of higher education: North Carolina State University, Western~~
 45 ~~Carolina University, The University of North Carolina at Asheville, Mars~~
 46 ~~Hill College, and Warren Wilson College, to serve ex officio.~~
- 47 ~~(6) The President of Western North Carolina Arboretum, Inc., to serve ex~~
 48 ~~officio.~~
- 49 ~~(7) Six-Eight~~ by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina,
 50 ~~initially, three for one year terms, and three for three year terms. Successors~~
 51 ~~shall be appointed for four year terms. One shall be an active grower of~~
 52 ~~nursery stock, and one other shall represent the State's garden~~
 53 ~~clubs. Members shall be appointed for four-year terms, except that the initial~~
 54 ~~terms shall be as otherwise provided by law.~~
- 55 (8) The executive director of the Arboretum and the Executive Vice President of
 56 Western North Carolina Development Association shall serve ex officio as
 57 nonvoting members of the board of directors. a nonvoting member of the
 58 Board of Directors.

1 (9) The President of The North Carolina Arboretum Society, Inc., to serve ex
2 officio.

3 All appointed members may serve two full four-year terms following the initial
4 appointment and then may not be reappointed until they have been absent for at least one year.
5 Members serve until their successors have been appointed. Appointees to fill vacancies serve
6 for the remainder of the unexpired term. Vacancies in appointments made by the General
7 Assembly shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122. Initial terms begin ~~July 1, 1986~~July
8 1, 2011.

9 ~~The chairman of the board of directors~~Chair of the Board of Directors shall be elected
10 biennially by majority vote of the directors.

11 ~~The executive director~~Executive Director of the Arboretum shall report to the ~~board of~~
12 ~~directors~~President of The University of North Carolina or the President's designee and to the
13 Board of Directors."

14 **SECTION 9.15.(c)** G.S. 116-244 reads as rewritten:

15 "**§ 116-244. Duties of board of directors.**

16 ~~The board of directors~~Board of Directors of the Arboretum has the following duties and
17 responsibilities:

- 18 (1) Development of the policies and procedures concerning the use of the land
19 and facilities being developed as part of the Western North Carolina
20 Arboretum, Inc.;
- 21 (2) Approval of plans for any buildings to be constructed on the facility;
- 22 (3) Maintenance and upkeep of buildings and all properties;
- 23 (4) Approval of permanent appointments to the staff of the Arboretum;
- 24 (5) Recommendations to the General Administration of candidates for ~~executive~~
25 ~~director~~Executive Director of the Arboretum;
- 26 (6) Recommendations to the General Administration for necessary termination
27 of the ~~executive director~~Executive Director or other personnel of the
28 Arboretum;
- 29 (7) Ensurance of appropriate liaison between the Arboretum and the U. S. Forest
30 Service, ~~the National Park Service, the Western North Carolina Arboretum,~~
31 ~~Inc.,~~The North Carolina Arboretum Society, Inc., Bent Creek Institute, Inc.,
32 Centers for Environmental and Climatic Interaction, Inc., NOAA
33 Cooperative Institute for Climate and Satellites, and other scientific and
34 economic development agencies and organizations of interest to and
35 involved in the work at the Arboretum;
- 36 (8) Development of various policies and directives, including the duties of the
37 ~~executive director,~~Executive Director, to be prepared jointly by the
38 members of the ~~board of directors and the executive director;~~Board of
39 Directors and the Executive Director;
- 40 (9) Approval of annual expenditures and budget requests to be submitted to ~~the~~
41 ~~Board of Governors.~~The University of North Carolina General
42 Administration.

43 ~~The board of directors~~Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year, and more
44 frequently on the call of the ~~chairman~~Chair or at the request of at least 10 members of the
45 ~~board.~~Board. Meetings shall be held at the Arboretum, ~~the University of North Carolina at~~
46 ~~Asheville, or Western Carolina University~~any campus of a constituent institution of The
47 University of North Carolina, or at other public locations in support of the Arboretum mission
48 and purposes."

49 **SECTION 9.15.(d)** Effective July 1, 2011, the President of The University of
50 North Carolina shall appoint one member pursuant to G.S. 116-243(4a) as enacted by
51 subsection (b) of this section to serve an initial term of two years to end July 1, 2013, and one
52 member to serve an initial term of four years to end July 1, 2015; successors shall be appointed
53 to four-year terms as provided by G.S. 116-243. Effective July 1, 2011, the Board of
54 Governors of The University of North Carolina shall appoint one of the new members to be
55 added to Board of Directors pursuant to G.S. 116-243(7) as amended by subsection (b) of this
56 section to serve an initial term of two years to end July 1, 2013, and the other new member to
57 be added to serve an initial term of four years to end July 1, 2015; successors shall be appointed
58 to four year terms as provided by G.S. 116-243.

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION AUDITS

SECTION 9.16. Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 116-30.8. Special responsibility constituent institutions: annual audit by State Auditor or certified public accountant.

Each special responsibility constituent institution shall be audited annually. The Chancellor of the special responsibility constituent institution may use State funds to contract with the State Auditor or with a certified public accountant to perform the audit. The audit shall be provided to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees of the special responsibility institution, the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, and the State Auditor. The audit shall also be included in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall ensure that all special responsibility constituent institutions are audited in accordance with this section."

NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

SECTION 9.18.(a) Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 34.

"Need-Based Scholarships for Students Attending Private Institutions of Higher Education.

"§ 116-280. Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this Article:

- (1) Academic year. – A period of time in which a student is expected to complete the equivalent of at least two semesters' or three quarters' academic work.
- (2) Authority. – The State Education Assistance Authority created by Article 23 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes.
- (3) Eligible private postsecondary institution. – A school that is any of the following:
 - a. A nonprofit postsecondary educational institution with a main permanent campus located in this State that is not owned or operated by the State of North Carolina or by an agency or political subdivision of the State or by any combination thereof that satisfies all of the following:
 1. Is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools under the standards of the College Delegate Assembly of the Association or by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.
 2. Awards a postsecondary degree as defined in G.S. 116-15.
 - b. A postsecondary institution owned or operated by a hospital authority as defined in G.S. 131E-16(14) or school of nursing affiliated with a nonprofit postsecondary educational institution as defined in sub-subdivision a. of this subsection.
- (4) Main permanent campus. – A campus owned by the eligible private postsecondary institution that provides permanent on-premises housing, food services, and classrooms with full-time faculty members and administration that engages in postsecondary degree activity as defined in G.S. 116-15.
- (5) Matriculated status. – Being recognized as a student in a defined program of study leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate at an eligible private postsecondary institution.
- (6) Scholarship. – A scholarship for education awarded under this Article.
- (7) Title IV. – Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1070, et seq.

"§ 116-281. Eligibility requirements for scholarships.

In order to be eligible to receive a scholarship under this Article, a student seeking a degree, diploma, or certificate at an eligible private postsecondary institution must meet all of the following requirements:

- 1 (1) Only needy North Carolina students are eligible to receive scholarships. For
 2 purposes of this subsection, "needy North Carolina students" are those
 3 eligible students whose expected family contribution under the federal
 4 methodology does not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000).
 5 (2) The student must meet all other eligibility requirements for the federal Pell
 6 Grant, with the exception of the expected family contribution.
 7 (3) The student must qualify as a legal resident of North Carolina and as a
 8 resident for tuition purposes in accordance with definitions of residency that
 9 may from time to time be adopted by the Board of Governors and published
 10 in the residency manual of the Board of Governors.
 11 (4) The student must meet enrollment standards by being admitted, enrolled, and
 12 classified as an undergraduate student in a matriculated status at an eligible
 13 private postsecondary institution.
 14 (5) In order to continue to be eligible for a scholarship for the student's second
 15 and subsequent academic years, the student must meet achievement
 16 standards by maintaining satisfactory academic progress in a course of study
 17 in accordance with the standards and practices used for federal Title IV
 18 programs by the eligible private postsecondary institution in which the
 19 student is enrolled.
 20 (6) A student shall not receive a scholarship under this Article for more than
 21 four full academic years.

22 **"§ 116-282. Scholarship amounts; amounts dependent on availability of funds.**

23 (a) Subject to the sum appropriated by the General Assembly for an academic year to
 24 be awarded as scholarships under this Article, a scholarship awarded under this Article to a
 25 student at an eligible private postsecondary institution shall be based upon the enrollment status
 26 and expected family contribution of the student and shall not exceed four thousand dollars
 27 (\$4,000) per academic year, including any federal Pell Grant, to be used for the costs of
 28 attendance as defined for federal Title IV programs.

29 (b) Subject to the maximum amounts provided in this section, the Authority shall have
 30 the power to determine the actual scholarship amounts disbursed to students in any given year
 31 based on the sum appropriated for purposes of this Article by the General Assembly for that
 32 academic year and any unexpended funds that may be available pursuant to G.S. 116-83. If the
 33 sum appropriated is not sufficient to fully fund the scholarships to the maximum amount, all
 34 scholarships shall be reduced equally, to the extent practicable, so that every eligible applicant
 35 shall receive a proportionate scholarship amount.

36 (c) The minimum award of a scholarship under this Article shall be one hundred dollars
 37 (\$100.00).

38 **"§ 116-283. Administration; unexpended scholarship funds do not revert.**

39 (a) The scholarships provided for in this Article shall be administered by the Authority
 40 under rules adopted by the Authority in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

41 (b) The Authority may use up to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the funds
 42 appropriated for scholarships under this Article for administrative purposes.

43 (c) Scholarship funds unexpended shall remain available for future scholarships to be
 44 awarded under this Article."

45 **SECTION 9.18.(b)** G.S. 115C-499.1(3) reads as rewritten:

46 **"§ 115C-499.1. Definitions.**

47 The following definitions apply to this Article:

- 48 ...
- 49 (3) Eligible postsecondary institution. – A school that is:
- 50 a. A constituent institution of The University of North Carolina as
- 51 defined in G.S. 116-2(4); or
- 52 b. A community college as defined in ~~G.S. 115D-2(2);~~G.S. 115D-2(2).
- 53 ~~e. A nonprofit postsecondary institution as defined in G.S. 116-22(1) or~~
- 54 ~~G.S. 116-43.5(a)(1); or~~
- 55 ~~d. A postsecondary institution owned or operated by a hospital~~
- 56 ~~authority as defined in G.S. 131E-16(14) or school of nursing~~
- 57 ~~affiliated with a nonprofit postsecondary institution as defined in~~
- 58 ~~G.S. 116-22(1).~~
- 59 "

1 **SECTION 9.18.(c)** G.S. 116-19, 116-20, 116-21, 116-21.1, 116-21.2, 116-21.3,
2 116-21.4, 116-22, and 116-43.5 are repealed.

3 **SECTION 9.18.(d)** The State Education Assistance Authority shall report no later
4 than June 1, 2013, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee regarding the
5 implementation of this section. The report shall contain, for the 2012-2013 academic year, the
6 amount of scholarship and grant money disbursed, the number of students eligible for the
7 funds, the number of eligible students receiving the funds, and a breakdown of the eligible
8 private postsecondary institutions that received the funds.

9 **SECTION 9.18.(e)** G.S. 90-332.1(a)(4a) reads as rewritten:

10 (a) It is not the intent of this Article to regulate members of other regulated professions
11 who do counseling in the normal course of the practice of their profession. Accordingly, this
12 Article does not apply to:

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14 (4a) Any person counseling within the scope of employment at: (i) a local
15 community college as defined in G.S. 115D-2(2); (ii) a public higher
16 education institution as defined in G.S. 116-2(4); or (iii) a nonprofit postsecondary
17 educational institution as described in G.S. 116-80 that is not a seminary,
18 Bible school, Bible college, or similar religious institution."

19 **SECTION 9.18.(f)** G.S. 105-278.4(a) reads as rewritten:

20 (a) Buildings. – Buildings, the land they actually occupy, and additional land
21 reasonably necessary for the convenient use of any such building shall be exempted from
22 taxation if all of the following requirements are met:

23 (1) Owned by either of the following:

24 a. An educational institution; or

25 b. A nonprofit entity for the sole benefit of a constituent or affiliated
26 institution of The University of North Carolina, an institution as
27 defined in G.S. 116-22, a nonprofit postsecondary educational
28 institution as described in G.S. 116-80 that is not a seminary, Bible
29 school, Bible college, or similar religious institution, a North
30 Carolina community college, or a combination of these;

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32 **SECTION 9.18.(g)** G.S. 116-11(10a) reads as rewritten:

33 "(10a) The Board of Governors, the State Board of Community Colleges, and the
34 State Board of Education, in consultation with private higher education
35 institutions defined in G.S. 116-22(1), nonprofit postsecondary educational
36 institutions shall plan a system to provide an exchange of information among
37 the public schools and institutions of higher education to be implemented no
38 later than June 30, 1995. As used in this section, "institutions of higher
39 education" shall mean mean (i) public higher education institutions defined
40 in G.S. 116-143.1(a)(3), and those private higher education institutions
41 defined in G.S. 116-22(1) (ii) those nonprofit postsecondary educational
42 institutions as described in G.S. 116-80 that are not seminaries, Bible
43 schools, Bible colleges, or similar religious institutions and that choose to
44 participate in the information exchange. The information shall include:

45 a. The number of high school graduates who apply to, are admitted to,
46 and enroll in institutions of higher education;

47 b. College performance of high school graduates for the year
48 immediately following high school graduation including each
49 student's: need for remedial coursework at the institution of higher
50 education that the student attends; performance in standard freshmen
51 courses; and continued enrollment in a subsequent year in the same
52 or another institution of higher education in the State;

53 c. The progress of students from one institution of higher education to
54 another; and

55 d. Consistent and uniform public school course information including
56 course code, name, and description.

57 The Department of Public Instruction shall generate and the local school
58 administrative units shall use standardized transcripts in an automated
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1 format for applicants to higher education institutions. The standardized
 2 transcript shall include grade point average, class rank, end-of-course test
 3 scores, and uniform course information including course code, name, units
 4 earned toward graduation, and credits earned for admission from an
 5 institution of higher education. The grade point average and class rank shall
 6 be calculated by a standard method to be devised by the institutions of
 7 higher education.

8 The Board of Governors shall coordinate a joint progress report on the
 9 implementation of the system to provide an exchange of information among
 10 the public and independent colleges and universities, the community
 11 colleges, and the public schools. The report shall be made to the Joint
 12 Legislative Education Oversight Committee no later than February 15, 1993,
 13 and annually thereafter."

14 **SECTION 9.18.(h)** G.S. 143-49(6) reads as rewritten:

15 "(6) To make available to nonprofit corporations operating charitable hospitals,
 16 to local nonprofit community sheltered workshops or centers that meet
 17 standards established by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the
 18 Department of Health and Human Services, to private nonprofit agencies
 19 licensed or approved by the Department of Health and Human Services as
 20 child placing agencies, residential child-care facilities, private nonprofit
 21 rural, community, and migrant health centers designated by the Office of
 22 Rural Health and Resource Development, to private higher education
 23 institutions that are ~~defined as "institutions" in G.S. 116-22(1),~~ described as
 24 nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions in G.S. 116-80 that are not
 25 seminaries, Bible schools, Bible colleges, or similar religious institutions and
 26 to counties, cities, towns, local school administrative units, governmental
 27 entities and other subdivisions of the State and public agencies thereof in the
 28 expenditure of public funds, the services of the Department of
 29 Administration in the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment under
 30 such rules, regulations and procedures as the Secretary of Administration
 31 may adopt. In adopting rules and regulations any or all provisions of this
 32 Article may be made applicable to such purchases and contracts made
 33 through the Department of Administration, and in addition the rules and
 34 regulations shall contain a requirement that payment for all such purchases
 35 be made in accordance with the terms of the contract."

36 **SECTION 9.18.(i)** Subsections (a), (d), and (i) of this section become effective
 37 July 1, 2011. Article 34 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes, as enacted by subsection (a) of
 38 this section, applies to the 2012-2013 academic year and each subsequent academic year,
 39 except that the rule-making authority for the State Education Assistance Authority under
 40 G.S. 116-83(a) becomes effective immediately on July 1, 2011. Subsections (b), (c), (e), (f),
 41 (g), and (h) of this section become effective July 1, 2012.

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 43 **CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS MAY PURCHASE MOTOR VEHICLES**
 44 **INDEPENDENT OF MOTOR FLEET MANAGEMENT**

45 **SECTION 9.19.** G.S. 143-341(8)i.3. reads as rewritten:

46 **"§ 143-341. Powers and duties of Department.**

47 The Department of Administration has the following powers and duties:

- 48 ...
 49 (8) General Services:
 50 ...
 51 i. To establish and operate a central motor pool and such subsidiary
 52 related facilities as the Secretary may deem necessary, and to that
 53 end:
 54 ...
 55 3. To require on a schedule determined by the Department all
 56 State agencies to transfer ownership, custody or control of
 57 any or all passenger motor vehicles within the ownership,
 58 custody or control of that agency to the Department, except
 59 those motor vehicles under the ownership, custody or control

of the Highway Patrol or Patrol, the State Bureau of Investigation Investigation, or the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina which are used primarily for law-enforcement purposes, and except those motor vehicles under the ownership, custody or control of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety for Butner Public Safety which are used primarily for law-enforcement, fire, or emergency purposes."

PART X. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES

SECTION 10.1.(a) The maximum gross annual income for initial eligibility, adjusted biennially, for subsidized child care services shall be seventy-five percent (75%) of the State median income, adjusted for family size.

SECTION 10.1.(b) Fees for families who are required to share in the cost of care shall be established based on a percent of gross family income and adjusted for family size. Fees shall be determined as follows:

FAMILY SIZE	PERCENT OF GROSS FAMILY INCOME
1-3	10%
4-5	9%
6 or more	8%.

SECTION 10.1.(c) Payments for the purchase of child care services for low-income children shall be in accordance with the following requirements:

- (1) Religious-sponsored child care facilities operating pursuant to G.S. 110-106 and licensed child care centers and homes that meet the minimum licensing standards that are participating in the subsidized child care program shall be paid the one-star county market rate or the rate they charge privately paying parents, whichever is lower, unless prohibited by Section 10.7(g) of this act.
- (2) Licensed child care centers and homes with two or more stars shall receive the market rate for that rated license level for that age group or the rate they charge privately paying parents, whichever is lower, unless prohibited by Section 10.7(g) of this act.
- (3) Nonlicensed homes shall receive fifty percent (50%) of the county market rate or the rate they charge privately paying parents, whichever is lower.
- (4) No payments shall be made for transportation services or registration fees charged by child care facilities.
- (5) Payments for subsidized child care services for postsecondary education shall be limited to a maximum of 20 months of enrollment.
- (6) The Department of Health and Human Services shall implement necessary rule changes to restructure services, including, but not limited to, targeting benefits to employment.

SECTION 10.1.(d) Provisions of payment rates for child care providers in counties that do not have at least 50 children in each age group for center-based and home-based care are as follows:

- (1) Except as applicable in subdivision (2) of this subsection, payment rates shall be set at the statewide or regional market rate for licensed child care centers and homes.
- (2) If it can be demonstrated that the application of the statewide or regional market rate to a county with fewer than 50 children in each age group is lower than the county market rate and would inhibit the ability of the county to purchase child care for low-income children, then the county market rate may be applied.

SECTION 10.1.(e) A market rate shall be calculated for child care centers and homes at each rated license level for each county and for each age group or age category of enrollees and shall be representative of fees charged to parents for each age group of enrollees within the county. The Division of Child Development shall also calculate a statewide rate and regional market rates for each rated license level for each age category.

1 **SECTION 10.1.(f)** Facilities licensed pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 110 of the
2 General Statutes and facilities operated pursuant to G.S. 110-106 may participate in the
3 program that provides for the purchase of care in child care facilities for minor children of
4 needy families. Except as authorized by Section 10.7(g) of this act, no separate licensing
5 requirements shall be used to select facilities to participate. In addition, child care facilities
6 shall be required to meet any additional applicable requirements of federal law or regulations.
7 Child care arrangements exempt from State regulation pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 110 of
8 the General Statutes shall meet the requirements established by other State law and by the
9 Social Services Commission.

10 County departments of social services or other local contracting agencies shall not
11 use a provider's failure to comply with requirements in addition to those specified in this
12 subsection as a condition for reducing the provider's subsidized child care rate.

13 **SECTION 10.1.(g)** Payment for subsidized child care services provided with Work
14 First Block Grant funds shall comply with all regulations and policies issued by the Division of
15 Child Development for the subsidized child care program.

16 **SECTION 10.1.(h)** Noncitizen families who reside in this State legally shall be
17 eligible for child care subsidies if all other conditions of eligibility are met. If all other
18 conditions of eligibility are met, noncitizen families who reside in this State illegally shall be
19 eligible for child care subsidies only if at least one of the following conditions is met:

- 20 (1) The child for whom a child care subsidy is sought is receiving child
21 protective services or foster care services.
- 22 (2) The child for whom a child care subsidy is sought is developmentally
23 delayed or at risk of being developmentally delayed.
- 24 (3) The child for whom a child care subsidy is sought is a citizen of the United
25 States.

26 27 **CHILD CARE ALLOCATION FORMULA**

28 **SECTION 10.2.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall allocate
29 child care subsidy voucher funds to pay the costs of necessary child care for minor children of
30 needy families. The mandatory thirty percent (30%) Smart Start subsidy allocation under
31 G.S. 143B-168.15(g) shall constitute the base amount for each county's child care subsidy
32 allocation. The Department of Health and Human Services shall use the following method
33 when allocating federal and State child care funds, not including the aggregate mandatory thirty
34 percent (30%) Smart Start subsidy allocation:

- 35 (1) Funds shall be allocated to a county based upon the projected cost of serving
36 children under age 11 in families with all parents working who earn less than
37 seventy-five percent (75%) of the State median income.
- 38 (2) No county's allocation shall be less than ninety percent (90%) of its State
39 fiscal year 2001-2002 initial child care subsidy allocation.

40 **SECTION 10.2.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services may reallocate
41 unused child care subsidy voucher funds in order to meet the child care needs of low-income
42 families. Any reallocation of funds shall be based upon the expenditures of all child care
43 subsidy voucher funding, including Smart Start funds, within a county.

44 **SECTION 10.2.(c)** Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the Department
45 of Health and Human Services shall allocate up to twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) in
46 federal block grant funds and State funds appropriated for fiscal years 2011-2012 and
47 2012-2013 for child care services. These funds shall be allocated to prevent termination of
48 child care services. Funds appropriated for specific purposes, including targeted market rate
49 adjustments given in the past, may also be allocated by the Department separately from the
50 allocation formula described in subsection (a) of this section.

51 52 **CHILD CARE FUNDS MATCHING REQUIREMENT**

53 **SECTION 10.3.** No local matching funds may be required by the Department of
54 Health and Human Services as a condition of any locality's receiving its initial allocation of
55 child care funds appropriated by this act unless federal law requires a match. If the Department
56 reallocates additional funds above twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to local purchasing
57 agencies beyond their initial allocation, local purchasing agencies must provide a twenty
58 percent (20%) local match to receive the reallocated funds. Matching requirements shall not
59 apply when funds are allocated because of a disaster as defined in G.S. 166A-4(1).

CHILD CARE REVOLVING LOAN

SECTION 10.4. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, funds budgeted for the Child Care Revolving Loan Fund may be transferred to and invested by the financial institution contracted to operate the Fund. The principal and any income to the Fund may be used to make loans, reduce loan interest to borrowers, serve as collateral for borrowers, pay the contractor's cost of operating the Fund, or pay the Department's cost of administering the program.

EXPIRATION OF EARLY EDUCATION CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

SECTION 10.4A. Section 2 of S.L. 2010-178 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes ~~law-law~~ and expires July 1, 2011."

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES ENHANCEMENTS

SECTION 10.5.(a) Effective July 1, 2011, the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., is dissolved, and the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development, shall administer the local partnerships' funding. The Division of Child Development shall do the following:

- (1) Develop a plan to allocate the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., funds to local partnerships.
- (2) Establish guidelines for the use of funds.
- (3) Review and approve local partnerships' plans for use of funds.
- (4) Create a reporting and evaluation system regarding use of the funds.

The Department shall report on the plan to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division no later than December 1, 2011.

SECTION 10.5.(a1) G.S. 120-123(69) reads as rewritten:

"**§ 120-123. Service by members of the General Assembly on certain boards and commissions.**

No member of the General Assembly may serve on any of the following boards or commissions:

- ...
- (69) ~~The North Carolina Partnership for children, Inc., Any local partnerships established pursuant to Part 10B of Article 3 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, and all local partnerships established pursuant to this Part. Statutes.~~
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SECTION 10.5.(b) G.S. 143B-168.11 reads as rewritten:

"**§ 143B-168.11. Early childhood initiatives; purpose; definitions.**

(a) The purpose of this Part is to establish a framework whereby the General Assembly, upon consultation with the Governor, may support through financial and other ~~means, the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. and comparable~~ means local partnerships, which have as their missions the development of a comprehensive, long-range strategic plan for early childhood development and the provision, through public and private means, of high-quality early childhood education and development services for children and families. It is the intent of the General Assembly that communities be given the maximum flexibility and discretion practicable in developing their plans while remaining subject to the approval of the ~~North Carolina Partnership~~ Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development, and accountable to the ~~North Carolina Partnership~~ Division and to the General Assembly for their plans and for the programmatic and fiscal integrity of the programs and services provided to implement them.

(b) The following definitions apply in this Part:

- (1) ~~Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.~~
- (2) Department. – The Department of Health and Human Services.
- (2a) Division. – The Division of Child Development within the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (2a)(2b) Early Childhood. – Birth through five years of age.
- (3) Local Partnership. – A county or regional private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established to coordinate a local demonstration project, to

1 provide ongoing analyses of their local needs that must be met to ensure that
 2 the developmental needs of children are met in order to prepare them to
 3 begin school healthy and ready to succeed, and, in consultation with the
 4 ~~North Carolina Partnership Division~~ and subject to the approval of the North
 5 ~~Carolina Partnership, Division,~~ to provide programs and services to meet
 6 these needs under this Part, while remaining accountable for the
 7 programmatic and fiscal integrity of their programs and services to the North
 8 ~~Carolina Partnership, Division.~~

9 (4) ~~North Carolina Partnership.~~ The North Carolina Partnership for Children,
 10 Inc.

11 (5) Secretary. – The Secretary of Health and Human Services."

12 **SECTION 10.5.(c)** G.S. 143B-168.12 reads as rewritten:

13 **"§ 143B-168.12. North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.; conditions. Conditions for**
 14 **receipt of State funds.**

15 (a) In order to receive State funds, the following conditions shall be met:

16 (1) ~~The North Carolina Partnership shall have a Board of Directors consisting of~~
 17 ~~the following 26 members:~~

18 a. ~~The Secretary of Health and Human Services, ex officio, or the~~
 19 ~~Secretary's designee;~~

20 b. ~~Repealed by Session Laws 1997, c. 443, s. 11A.105.~~

21 c. ~~The Superintendent of Public Instruction, ex officio, or the~~
 22 ~~Superintendent's designee;~~

23 d. ~~The President of the Community Colleges System, ex officio, or the~~
 24 ~~President's designee;~~

25 e. ~~Three members of the public, including one child care provider, one~~
 26 ~~other who is a parent, and one other who is a board chair of a local~~
 27 ~~partnership serving on the North Carolina Partnership local~~
 28 ~~partnership advisory committee, appointed by the General Assembly~~
 29 ~~upon recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;~~

30 f. ~~Three members of the public, including one who is a parent, one~~
 31 ~~other who is a representative of the faith community, and one other~~
 32 ~~who is a board chair of a local partnership serving on the North~~
 33 ~~Carolina Partnership local partnership advisory committee, appointed~~
 34 ~~by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker of~~
 35 ~~the House of Representatives;~~

36 g. ~~Twelve members, appointed by the Governor. Three of these 12~~
 37 ~~members shall be members of the party other than the Governor's~~
 38 ~~party, appointed by the Governor. Seven of these 12 members shall~~
 39 ~~be appointed as follows: one who is a child care provider, one other~~
 40 ~~who is a pediatrician, one other who is a health care provider, one~~
 41 ~~other who is a parent, one other who is a member of the business~~
 42 ~~community, one other who is a member representing a philanthropic~~
 43 ~~agency, and one other who is an early childhood educator;~~

44 h. ~~Repealed by Session Laws 1998-212, s. 12.37B(a), effective October~~
 45 ~~30, 1998.~~

46 h1. ~~The Chair of the North Carolina Partnership Board shall be appointed~~
 47 ~~by the Governor;~~

48 i. ~~Repealed by Session Laws 1998-212, s. 12.37B(a), effective October~~
 49 ~~30, 1998.~~

50 j. ~~One member of the public appointed by the General Assembly upon~~
 51 ~~recommendation of the Majority Leader of the Senate;~~

52 k. ~~One member of the public appointed by the General Assembly upon~~
 53 ~~recommendation of the Majority Leader of the House of~~
 54 ~~Representatives;~~

55 l. ~~One member of the public appointed by the General Assembly upon~~
 56 ~~recommendation of the Minority Leader of the Senate;~~

57 m. ~~One member of the public appointed by the General Assembly upon~~
 58 ~~recommendation of the Minority Leader of the House of~~
 59 ~~Representatives; and~~

n. ~~The Director of the More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program, or the Director's designee.~~

~~All members appointed to succeed the initial members and members appointed thereafter shall be appointed for three-year terms. Members may succeed themselves.~~

~~All appointed board members shall avoid conflicts of interests and the appearance of impropriety. Should instances arise when a conflict may be perceived, any individual who may benefit directly or indirectly from the North Carolina Partnership's disbursement of funds shall abstain from participating in any decision or deliberations by the North Carolina Partnership regarding the disbursement of funds.~~

~~All ex officio members are voting members. Each ex officio member may be represented by a designee. These designees shall be voting members. No members of the General Assembly shall serve as members.~~

~~The North Carolina Partnership may establish a nominating committee and, in making their recommendations of members to be appointed by the General Assembly or by the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the Governor shall consult with and consider the recommendations of this nominating committee.~~

~~The North Carolina Partnership may establish a policy on members' attendance, which policy shall include provisions for reporting absences of at least three meetings immediately to the appropriate appointing authority.~~

~~Members who miss more than three consecutive meetings without excuse or members who vacate their membership shall be replaced by the appropriate appointing authority, and the replacing member shall serve either until the General Assembly and the Governor can appoint a successor or until the replaced member's term expires, whichever is earlier.~~

~~The North Carolina Partnership shall establish a policy on membership of the local boards. No member of the General Assembly shall serve as a member of a local board. Within these requirements for local board membership, the North Carolina Partnership shall allow local partnerships that are regional to have flexibility in the composition of their boards so that all counties in the region have adequate representation.~~

~~All appointed local board members shall avoid conflicts of interests and the appearance of impropriety. Should instances arise when a conflict may be perceived, any individual who may benefit directly or indirectly from the partnership's disbursement of funds shall abstain from participating in any decision or deliberations by the partnership regarding the disbursement of funds.~~

(2) ~~The North Carolina Partnership and the local partnerships shall agree to adopt procedures for its ~~their~~ operations that are comparable to those of Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, the Open Meetings Law, and Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, the Public Records Law, and provide for enforcement by the Department. The procedures may provide for the confidentiality of personnel files comparable to Article 7 of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes.~~

(3) ~~The North Carolina Partnership Division shall oversee the development and implementation of the local demonstration projects as they are selected and shall approve the ongoing plans, programs, and services developed and implemented by the local partnerships and hold the local partnerships accountable for the financial and programmatic integrity of the programs and services. The North Carolina Partnership Division may contract at the State level on behalf of local partnerships to obtain services or resources when the North Carolina Partnership Division determines it would be more efficient to do so.~~

1 In the event that the ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division determines that
2 a local partnership is not fulfilling its mandate to provide programs and
3 services designed to meet the developmental needs of children in order to
4 prepare them to begin school healthy and ready to succeed and is not being
5 accountable for the programmatic and fiscal integrity of its programs and
6 services, the ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division may suspend all funds to
7 the partnership until the partnership demonstrates that these defects are
8 corrected. Further, at its discretion, the ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division
9 may assume the managerial responsibilities for the partnership's programs
10 and services until the ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division determines that it
11 is appropriate to return the programs and services to the local partnership.

12 (4) The ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division shall develop and implement a
13 comprehensive standard fiscal accountability plan to ensure the fiscal
14 integrity and accountability of State funds ~~appropriated to it and allocated~~
15 to the local partnerships. The standard fiscal accountability plan shall, at a
16 minimum, include a uniform, standardized system of accounting, internal
17 controls, payroll, fidelity bonding, chart of accounts, and contract
18 management and monitoring. The ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division may
19 contract with outside firms to develop and implement the standard fiscal
20 accountability plan. All local partnerships shall be required to participate in
21 the standard fiscal accountability plan developed and adopted by the ~~North~~
22 ~~Carolina Partnership~~Division pursuant to this subdivision.

23 (5) The ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division shall develop a regional accounting
24 and contract management system which incorporates features of the required
25 standard fiscal accountability plan described in subdivision (4) of ~~subsection~~
26 ~~(a) of this section, this subsection.~~ All local partnerships shall participate in
27 the regional accounting and contract management system.

28 (6) The ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division shall develop a formula for
29 allocating direct services funds appropriated for this purpose to local
30 partnerships.

31 (7) The ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division may adjust its allocations by up to
32 ten percent (10%) on the basis of local partnerships' performance
33 assessments. In determining whether to adjust its allocations to local
34 partnerships, the ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division shall consider whether
35 the local partnerships are meeting the outcome goals and objectives of the
36 ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division and the goals and objectives set forth by
37 the local partnerships in their approved annual program plans.

38 The ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division may use additional factors to
39 determine whether to adjust the local partnerships' allocations. These
40 additional factors shall be developed with input from the local partnerships
41 and shall be communicated to the local partnerships when the additional
42 factors are selected. These additional factors may include board
43 involvement, family and community outreach, collaboration among public
44 and private service agencies, and family involvement.

45 On the basis of performance assessments, local partnerships annually
46 shall be rated "superior", "satisfactory", or "needs improvement".

47 The ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division may contract with outside firms
48 to conduct the performance assessments of local partnerships.

49 (8) The ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division shall establish a local partnership
50 advisory committee comprised of 15 members. Eight of the members shall
51 be chosen from ~~past board chairs or~~ duly elected officers currently serving
52 on local partnerships' board of directors at the time of appointment and shall
53 serve three-year terms. Seven of the members shall be staff of local
54 partnerships. Members shall be chosen by the ~~Chair of the North Carolina~~
55 ~~Partnership~~Secretary from a pool of candidates nominated by their
56 respective boards of directors. The local partnership advisory committee
57 shall serve in an advisory capacity to the ~~North Carolina Partnership~~Division
58 and shall establish a schedule of regular meetings. Members shall be chosen

1 from local partnerships on a rotating basis. The advisory committee shall
2 annually elect a chair from among its members.

3 (9) Repealed by Session Laws 2001-424, s. 21.75(h), effective July 1, 2001.

4 (b) ~~The North Carolina Partnership shall be subject to audit and review by the State~~
5 ~~Auditor under Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes. The State Auditor shall~~
6 ~~conduct annual financial and compliance audits of the North Carolina Partnership.~~

7 (c) ~~The North Carolina Partnership~~Division shall require each local partnership to place
8 in each of its contracts a statement that the contract is subject to monitoring by the local
9 partnership and ~~North Carolina Partnership,~~Division, that contractors and subcontractors shall
10 be fidelity bonded, unless the contractors or subcontractors receive less than one hundred
11 thousand dollars (\$100,000) or unless the contract is for child care subsidy services, that
12 contractors and subcontractors are subject to audit oversight by the State Auditor, and that
13 contractors and subcontractors shall be subject to the requirements of G.S. 143C-6-22.
14 Organizations subject to G.S. 159-34 shall be exempt from this requirement.

15 (d) ~~The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.,~~Division shall make a report no
16 later than December 1 of each year to the General Assembly that shall include the following:

17 (1) A description of the program and significant services and initiatives.

18 (2) A history of Smart Start funding and the previous fiscal year's expenditures.

19 (3) The number of children served by type of service.

20 (4) The type and quantity of services provided.

21 (5) The results of the previous year's evaluations of the Initiatives or related
22 programs and services.

23 (6) A description of significant policy and program changes.

24 (7) Any recommendations for legislative action.

25 (e) ~~The North Carolina Partnership~~Division shall develop guidelines for local
26 partnerships to follow in selecting capital projects to fund. The guidelines shall include
27 assessing the community needs in relation to the quantity of child care centers, assessing the
28 cost of purchasing or constructing new facilities as opposed to renovating existing facilities,
29 and prioritizing capital needs such as construction, renovations, and playground equipment and
30 other amenities.

31 (f) ~~The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.,~~Division shall establish uniform
32 guidelines and a reporting format for local partnerships to document the qualifying expenses
33 occurring at the contractor level. Local partnerships shall monitor qualifying expenses to ensure
34 they have occurred and meet the requirements prescribed in this subsection."

35 **SECTION 10.5.(d)** G.S. 143B-168.13 reads as rewritten:

36 "**§ 143B-168.13. Implementation of program; duties of ~~Department~~Division and**
37 **Secretary.**

38 (a) ~~The Department~~Division shall:

39 (1) Repealed by Session Laws 1998-212, s. 12.37B(a), effective October 30,
40 1998.

41 (1a) Develop and conduct a statewide needs and resource assessment every third
42 year, beginning in the 1997-98 fiscal year. This needs assessment shall be
43 conducted in cooperation ~~with the North Carolina Partnership and~~ with the
44 local partnerships. This needs assessment shall include a statewide
45 assessment of capital needs. The data and findings of this needs assessment
46 shall form the basis for annual program plans developed by local
47 partnerships and approved by the ~~North Carolina Partnership,~~Division.

48 (2) Recodified as (a)(1a) by Session Laws 1998-212, s. 12.37B(a).

49 (2a) Repealed by Session Laws 1998-212, s. 12.37B(l), effective October 30,
50 1998.

51 (3) Provide technical and administrative ~~assitance~~assistance to local
52 partnerships, particularly during the first year after they are selected under
53 this Part to receive State funds. The ~~Department,~~Division, at any time, may
54 authorize ~~the North Carolina Partnership or~~ a governmental or public entity
55 to do the contracting for one or more local partnerships. After a local
56 partnership's first year, the ~~Department~~Division may allow the partnership
57 to contract for itself.

58 (4) ~~Adopt, in cooperation with the North Carolina Partnership,~~Adopt any rules
59 necessary to implement this Part, including rules to ensure that State leave

1 policy is not applied to ~~the North Carolina Partnership~~ and the local
2 partnerships. In order to allow local partnerships to focus on the
3 development of long-range plans in their initial year of funding, the
4 ~~Department~~ ~~Division~~ may adopt rules that limit the categories of direct
5 services for young children and their families for which funds are made
6 available during the initial year.

7 (5) Repealed by Session Laws 1996, Second Extra Session, c. 18, s. 24.29(c).

8 (6) Annually update its funding formula, ~~in collaboration with the North~~
9 ~~Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.,~~ ~~formula~~ using the most recent data
10 available. These amounts shall serve as the basis for determining "full
11 funding" amounts for each local partnership.

12 (b) Repealed by Session Laws 1998-212, s. 12.37B(a), effective October 30, 1998."

13 **SECTION 10.5.(e)** G.S. 143B-168.14 reads as rewritten:

14 **"§ 143B-168.14. Local partnerships; conditions.**

15 (a) In order to receive State funds, the following conditions shall be met:

16 (1) Each local partnership shall develop a comprehensive, collaborative,
17 long-range plan of services to children and families in the service-delivery
18 area. No existing local, private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, other than
19 one established on or after July 1, 1993, and that meets the guidelines for
20 local partnerships as established under this Part, shall be eligible to apply to
21 serve as the local partnership for the purpose of this Part. The ~~Board of the~~
22 ~~North Carolina Partnership~~ ~~Division~~ may authorize exceptions to this
23 eligibility requirement.

24 (2) Each local partnership shall agree to adopt procedures for its operations that
25 are comparable to those of Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the General
26 Statutes, the Open Meetings Law, and Chapter 132 of the General Statutes,
27 the Public Records Law, and provide for enforcement by the Department.
28 The procedures may provide for the confidentiality of personnel files
29 comparable to Article 7 of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes.

30 (3) Each local partnership shall adopt procedures to ensure that all personnel
31 who provide services to young children and their families under this Part
32 know and understand their responsibility to report suspected child abuse,
33 neglect, or dependency, as defined in G.S. 7B-101.

34 (4) Each local partnership shall participate in the uniform, standard fiscal
35 accountability plan developed and adopted by the ~~North Carolina~~
36 ~~Partnership~~ ~~Division~~.

37 (b) Each local partnership shall be subject to audit and review by the ~~North Carolina~~
38 ~~Partnership~~ ~~Division~~. The ~~North Carolina Partnership~~ ~~Division~~ shall contract for annual
39 financial and compliance audits of local partnerships that are rated "needs improvement" in
40 performance assessments authorized in G.S. 143B-168.12(a)(7). Local partnerships that are
41 rated "superior" or "satisfactory" in performance assessments authorized in
42 G.S. 143B-168.12(a)(7) shall undergo biennial financial and compliance audits as contracted
43 for by the ~~North Carolina Partnership~~ ~~Division~~. The ~~North Carolina Partnership~~ ~~Division~~ shall
44 provide the State Auditor with a copy of each audit conducted pursuant to this subsection."

45 **SECTION 10.5.(f)** G.S. 143B-168.15 reads as rewritten:

46 **"§ 143B-168.15. Use of State funds.**

47 (a) State funds allocated to local projects for services to children and families shall be
48 used to meet assessed needs, expand coverage, and improve the quality of these services. The
49 local plan shall address the assessed needs of all children to the extent feasible. It is the intent
50 of the General Assembly that the needs of both young children below poverty who remain in
51 the home, as well as the needs of young children below poverty who require services beyond
52 those offered in child care settings, be addressed. Therefore, as local partnerships address the
53 assessed needs of all children, they should devote an appropriate amount of their State
54 allocations, considering these needs and other available resources, to meet the needs of children
55 below poverty and their families.

56 (b) Depending on local, regional, or statewide needs, funds may be used to support
57 activities and services that shall be made available and accessible to providers, children, and
58 families on a voluntary basis. Of the funds allocated to local partnerships for direct services,
59 seventy percent (70%) of the funds spent in each year shall be used in child care related

1 activities and early childhood education programs that improve access to child care and early
2 childhood education services, develop new child care and early childhood education services,
3 and improve the quality of child care and early childhood education services in all settings.

4 (c) Long-term plans for local projects that do not receive their full allocation in the first
5 year, other than those selected in 1993, should consider how to meet the assessed needs of
6 low-income children and families within their neighborhoods or communities. These plans also
7 should reflect a process to meet these needs as additional allocations and other resources are
8 received.

9 (d) State funds designated for start-up and related activities may be used for capital
10 expenses or to support activities and services for children, families, and providers. State funds
11 designated to support direct services for children, families, and providers shall not be used for
12 major capital expenses unless the ~~North Carolina Partnership~~ Division approves this use of State
13 funds based upon a finding that a local partnership has demonstrated that (i) this use is a clear
14 priority need for the local plan, (ii) it is necessary to enable the local partnership to provide
15 services and activities to underserved children and families, and (iii) the local partnership will
16 not otherwise be able to meet this priority need by using State or federal funds available to that
17 local partnership. The funds approved for capital projects in any two consecutive fiscal years
18 may not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total funds for direct services allocated to a local
19 partnership in those two consecutive fiscal years.

20 (e) State funds allocated to local partnerships shall not supplant current expenditures by
21 counties on behalf of young children and their families, and maintenance of current efforts on
22 behalf of these children and families shall be sustained. State funds shall not be applied without
23 the Secretary's approval where State or federal funding sources, such as Head Start, are
24 available or could be made available to that county.

25 (f) Repealed by Session Laws 2001-424, s. 21.75(g), effective July 1, 2001.

26 (g) Not less than thirty percent (30%) of the funds spent in each year of each local
27 partnership's direct services allocation shall be used to expand child care subsidies. To the
28 extent practicable, these funds shall be used to enhance the affordability, availability, and
29 quality of child care services as described in this section. The ~~North Carolina~~
30 ~~Partnership~~ Division may increase this percentage requirement up to a maximum of fifty percent
31 (50%) when, based upon a significant local waiting list for subsidized child care, the ~~North~~
32 ~~Carolina Partnership~~ Division determines a higher percentage is justified.

33 (h) State funds allocated to local partnerships that are unexpended at the end of a fiscal
34 year shall remain available to the ~~North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.,~~ Division
35 to reallocate to local partnerships."

36 **SECTION 10.5.(g)** Administrative costs shall be equivalent to, on an average
37 statewide basis for all local partnerships, not more than four percent (4%) of the total statewide
38 allocation to all local partnerships. For purposes of this subsection, administrative costs shall
39 include costs associated with partnership oversight, business and financial management,
40 general accounting, human resources, budgeting, purchasing, contracting, and information
41 systems management.

42 **SECTION 10.5.(h)** The Division of Child Development shall impose an annual
43 salary cap limiting the amount of salary that an individual employee of a local partnership may
44 be paid from State funds in accordance with the following schedule:

- 45 (1) For amounts received that are over ten million dollars (\$10,000,000)
46 annually in total State funds, the annual salary cap limitation is one hundred
47 thousand dollars (\$100,000).
- 48 (2) For amounts received that are over or equal to five million dollars
49 (\$5,000,000) but less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) annually in total
50 State funds, the annual salary cap limitation is ninety thousand dollars
51 (\$90,000).
- 52 (3) For amounts received that are over or equal to three million dollars
53 (\$3,000,000) but less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) annually in total
54 State funds, the annual salary cap limitation is eighty thousand dollars
55 (\$80,000).
- 56 (4) For amounts received that are over or equal to one million dollars
57 (\$1,000,000) but less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000) annually in
58 total State funds, the annual salary cap limitation is seventy thousand dollars
59 (\$70,000).

- 1 (5) For amounts received that are less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000)
2 annually in total State funds, the annual salary cap limitation is sixty
3 thousand dollars (\$60,000).

4 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit a local partnership from
5 using non-State funds to supplement the salary of an individual employee employed by the
6 local partnership.

7 **SECTION 10.5.(i)** Local partnerships shall use competitive bidding practices in
8 contracting for goods and services on contract amounts as follows:

- 9 (1) For amounts of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less, the procedures
10 specified by a written policy to be developed by the Division of Child
11 Development.
12 (2) For amounts greater than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), but less than fifteen
13 thousand dollars (\$15,000), three written quotes.
14 (3) For amounts of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or more, but less than
15 forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), a request for proposal process.
16 (4) For amounts of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) or more, a request for
17 proposal process and advertising in a major newspaper.

18 **SECTION 10.5.(j)** All local partnerships shall, in the aggregate, be required to
19 match one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount budgeted for the program in each fiscal
20 year of the biennium. Of the funds the local partnerships are required to match, contributions
21 of cash shall equal at least ten percent (10%) and in-kind donated resources shall equal no more
22 than three percent (3%), for a total match requirement of thirteen percent (13%) for each fiscal
23 year. Only in-kind contributions that are quantifiable shall be applied to the in-kind match
24 requirement. Volunteer services may be treated as an in-kind contribution for the purpose of the
25 match requirement of this subsection. Volunteer services that qualify as professional services
26 shall be valued at the fair market value of those services. All other volunteer service hours shall
27 be valued at the statewide average wage rate as calculated from data compiled by the
28 Employment Security Commission in the Employment and Wages in North Carolina Annual
29 Report for the most recent period for which data are available. Expenses, including both those
30 paid by cash and in-kind contributions, incurred by other participating non-State entities
31 contracting with local partnerships also may be considered resources available to meet the
32 required private match. In order to qualify to meet the required private match, the expenses
33 shall:

- 34 (1) Be verifiable from the contractor's records.
35 (2) If in-kind, other than volunteer services, be quantifiable in accordance with
36 generally accepted accounting principles for nonprofit organizations.
37 (3) Not include expenses funded by State funds.
38 (4) Be supplemental to and not supplant preexisting resources for related
39 program activities.
40 (5) Be incurred as a direct result of the Early Childhood Initiatives Program and
41 be necessary and reasonable for the proper and efficient accomplishment of
42 the Program's objectives.
43 (6) Be otherwise allowable under federal or State law.
44 (7) Be required and described in the contractual agreements approved by the
45 local partnership.
46 (8) Be reported to the local partnership by the contractor in the same manner as
47 reimbursable expenses.

48 Failure to obtain a thirteen percent (13%) match by June 30 of each fiscal year shall
49 result in a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the appropriation for the Program for a subsequent
50 fiscal year. The Division of Child Development shall be responsible for compiling information
51 on the private cash and in-kind contributions into a report that is submitted to the Joint
52 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations in a format that allows verification by
53 the Department of Revenue. The same match requirements shall apply to any expansion funds
54 appropriated by the General Assembly.

55 **SECTION 10.5.(k)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall continue
56 to implement the performance-based evaluation system.

57 **SECTION 10.5.(l)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
58 Child Development, shall ensure that the allocation of funds for Early Childhood Education and

1 Development Initiatives for State fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 shall be administered
2 and distributed in the following manner:

- 3 (1) Capital expenditures are prohibited for fiscal years 2011-2012 and
4 2012-2013. For the purposes of this section, "capital expenditures" means
5 expenditures for capital improvements as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1(d)(5).
- 6 (2) Expenditures of State funds for advertising and promotional activities are
7 prohibited for fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

8 **SECTION 10.5.(m)** A county may use the county's allocation of State and federal
9 child care funds to subsidize child care according to the county's Early Childhood Education
10 and Development Initiatives Plan. The use of federal funds shall be consistent with the
11 appropriate federal regulations. Child care providers shall, at a minimum, comply with the
12 applicable requirements for State licensure pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 110 of the General
13 Statutes.

14 **SECTION 10.5.(n)** For fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, the local
15 partnerships shall spend at least seventy-two million dollars (\$72,000,000) for child care
16 subsidies, of which twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) is expected to be used to reduce the
17 number of children on the waiting list for child care subsidy.

18 **SECTION 10.5.(o)** For fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, local partnerships
19 shall not spend any State funds on lobbying, marketing campaigns, advertising, or any
20 associated materials. Local partnerships may spend any private funds the local partnerships
21 receive on those activities.

22 **SECTION 10.5.(p)** Local partnership-funded activities shall include assisting child
23 care facilities with (i) improving quality, including helping one- and two-star-rated facilities
24 increase their star ratings and (ii) implementing prekindergarten programs. State funding for
25 local partnerships shall also be used for evidence-based or evidence-informed programs for
26 children from birth to five years of age that do the following:

- 27 (1) Increase children's literacy.
- 28 (2) Increase the parents' ability to raise healthy, successful children.
- 29 (3) Improve children's health.
- 30 (4) Assist four- and five-star-rated facilities in improving and maintaining
31 quality.

32 **SECTION 10.5.(q)** The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study
33 the cost, quality, consumer education, and outcomes of the local partnerships' activities funded
34 to (i) increase early literacy, (ii) measurably improve families' abilities to raise healthy,
35 productive, and successful children, and (iii) increase access to preventative health care for
36 children from birth to five years of age. The Legislative Research Commission shall evaluate
37 and report on the following:

- 38 (1) The types of activities, goals, and intended outcomes of evidence-based
39 early literacy activities that promote phonemic awareness, letter recognition,
40 segmenting words into sounds, and decoding print text.
- 41 (2) The types of family support and health activities supported with local
42 partnership funds.
- 43 (3) The goal and intended outcome of the family support and health activities.
- 44 (4) The numbers served and results of the family support and health activities.
- 45 (5) Study the match requirements and what constitutes the match requirements.
- 46 (6) Any other matter the Commission deems relevant to its charge.

47 **SECTION 10.5.(r)** On or before October 1, 2012, the Legislative Research
48 Commission shall make a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
49 legislation, to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly, the House of
50 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate
51 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

52 53 **ADMINISTRATIVE ALLOWANCE FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL** 54 **SERVICES**

55 **SECTION 10.6.** The Division of Child Development of the Department of Health
56 and Human Services shall fund the allowance that county departments of social services may
57 use for administrative costs at four percent (4%) of the county's total child care subsidy funds
58 allocated in the Child Care Development Fund Block Grant plan.
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CONSOLIDATE MORE AT FOUR PROGRAM INTO DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT

SECTION 10.7.(a) The Department of Public Instruction, Office of Early Learning, and the Department of Health and Human Services are directed to consolidate the More At Four program into the Division of Child Development. The Division of Child Development is renamed the Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE). The DCDEE is directed to maintain the More At Four program's high programmatic standards. The Department of Health and Human Services shall assume the functions of the regulation and monitoring system and payment and reimbursement system for the More At Four program.

All regulation and monitoring functions shall begin July 1, 2011. The More At Four program shall be designated as "prekindergarten" on the five-star rating scale. All references to "prekindergarten" in this section shall refer to the program previously titled the "More At Four" program. All references to "non-prekindergarten" shall refer to all four- and five-star rated facilities.

The Office of State Budget and Management shall transfer positions to the Department of Health and Human Services to assume the regulation, monitoring, and accounting functions within the Division of Child Development's Regulatory Services Section. This transfer shall have all the elements of a Type I transfer as defined in G.S. 143A-6. All funds transferred pursuant to this section shall be used for the funding of prekindergarten slots for four-year-olds and for the management of the program. The Department of Health and Human Services shall incorporate eight consultant positions into the regulation and accounting sections of DCDEE, eliminate the remaining positions, and use position elimination savings for the purpose of funding prekindergarten students. DCDEE may use funds from the transfer of the More At Four program for continuing the teacher mentoring program and contracting for the environmental rating scale assessments.

SECTION 10.7.(b) The Childcare Commission shall adopt rules for programmatic standards for regulation of prekindergarten classrooms. The Commission shall review and approve comprehensive, evidenced-based early childhood curricula with a reading component. These curricula shall be added to the currently approved "More At Four" curricula.

SECTION 10.7.(c) G.S. 143B-168.4(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Child Care Commission of the Department of Health and Human Services shall consist of ~~15-17~~ members. Seven of the members shall be appointed by the Governor and ~~eight~~ 10 by the General Assembly, ~~four-five~~ upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and ~~four-five~~ upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Four of the members appointed by the Governor, two by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and two by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall be members of the public who are not employed in, or providing, child care and who have no financial interest in a child care facility. Two of the foregoing public members appointed by the Governor, one of the foregoing public members recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and one of the foregoing public members recommended by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be parents of children receiving child care services. Of the remaining two public members appointed by the Governor, one shall be a pediatrician currently licensed to practice in North Carolina. Three of the members appointed by the Governor shall be child care providers, one of whom shall be affiliated with a for profit child care center, one of whom shall be affiliated with a for profit family child care home, and one of whom shall be affiliated with a nonprofit facility. Two of the members appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and two by the General Assembly on recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall be child care providers, one affiliated with a for profit child care facility, and one affiliated with a nonprofit child care facility. The General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint two early childhood education specialists. None may be employees of the State."

SECTION 10.7.(d) The additional curricula approved and taught in prekindergarten classrooms shall also be taught in four- and five-star rated facilities in the non-prekindergarten four-year-old classrooms. The Child Care Commission shall increase standards in the four- and five-star-rated facilities for the purpose of placing an emphasis on early reading. The Commission shall require the four- and five-star-rated facilities to teach

1 from the Commission's approved curricula. The Division of Child Development may use funds
 2 from the Child Care Development Fund Block Grant to assist with the purchase of curricula or
 3 adjust rates of reimbursements to cover increased costs.

4 **SECTION 10.7.(e)** The Division of Child Development and Early Education shall
 5 adopt a policy to encourage all prekindergarten classrooms to blend private pay families with
 6 prekindergarten subsidized children in the same manner that regular subsidy children are
 7 blended with private pay children. The Division may implement a waiver or transition period
 8 for the public classrooms.

9 **SECTION 10.7.(f)** The prekindergarten program may continue to serve at-risk
 10 children identified through the existing "child find" methods in which at-risk children are
 11 currently served within the Division of Child Development. The Division of Child
 12 Development shall serve at-risk children regardless of income. However, the total number of
 13 at-risk children served shall constitute no more than twenty percent (20%) of the four-year-olds
 14 served within the prekindergarten program. Any age-eligible child who is a child of either of
 15 the following shall be eligible for the program: (i) an active duty member of the Armed Forces
 16 of the United States, including the North Carolina National Guard, State military forces, or a
 17 reserve component of the Armed Forces, who was ordered to active duty by the proper
 18 authority within the last 18 months or is expected to be ordered within the next 18 months or
 19 (ii) a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the North Carolina National
 20 Guard, State military forces, or a reserve component of the Armed Forces, who was injured or
 21 killed while serving on active duty. Eligibility determinations for prekindergarten participants
 22 may continue through local education agencies and local North Carolina Partnership for
 23 Children, Inc., partnerships.

24 **SECTION 10.7.(g)** The Division of Child Development and Early Education
 25 (DCDEE) shall adopt policies that improve the quality of childcare for subsidized children.
 26 The DCDEE shall phase in a new policy in which child care subsidies will be paid, to the
 27 extent possible, for child care in the higher quality centers and homes only. The DCDEE shall
 28 define higher quality, and subsidy funds shall not be paid for one- or two-star-rated facilities.
 29 For those counties with an inadequate number of three-, four-, and five-star-rated facilities, the
 30 DCDEE shall establish a transition period that allows the facilities to continue to receive
 31 subsidy funds while the facilities work on the increased star ratings. The DCDEE may allow
 32 exemptions in counties where there is an inadequate number of three-, four-, and five-star-rated
 33 facilities for nonstar-rated programs, such as religious programs.

34 **SECTION 10.7.(h)** The Division of Child Development and Early Education shall
 35 implement a parent co-payment requirement for prekindergarten classrooms the same as what
 36 is required of parents subject to regular child care subsidy payments. All at-risk children and
 37 age-eligible children of military personnel as described in subsection (g) of this section are
 38 exempt from the co-payment requirements of this subsection.

39 Fees for families who are required to share in the cost of care shall be established
 40 based on a percent of gross family income and adjusted for family size. Fees shall be
 41 determined as follows:

FAMILY SIZE	PERCENT OF GROSS FAMILY INCOME
1-3	10%
4-5	9%
6 or more	8%.

42 **SECTION 10.7.(i)** All prekindergarten classrooms regulated pursuant to this
 43 section shall be required to participate in the Subsidized Early Education for Kids (SEEK)
 44 accounting system to streamline the payment function for these classrooms with a goal of
 45 eliminating duplicative systems and streamlining the accounting and payment processes among
 46 the subsidy reimbursement systems. Prekindergarten funds transferred may be used to add
 47 these programs to SEEK.

48 **SECTION 10.7.(j)** Based on market analysis and within funds available, the
 49 Division of Child Development and Early Education shall establish reimbursement rates based
 50 on newly increased requirements of four- and five-star-rated facilities and the higher teacher
 51 standards within the prekindergarten class rooms, specifically More At Four teacher standards,
 52 when establishing the rates of reimbursements. Additionally, the prekindergarten curriculum
 53 day shall cover six and one-half to 10 hours daily and no less than 10 months per year. The
 54 public classrooms will have a one-year transition period to become licensed through the
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1 Division of Child Development and may continue to operate prekindergarten, formerly "More
2 At Four," classrooms during the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

3 4 **MENTAL HEALTH CHANGES**

5 **SECTION 10.8.(a)** For the purpose of mitigating cash flow problems that many
6 nonsingle-stream local management entities (LMEs) experience at the beginning of each fiscal
7 year, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health,
8 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, shall adjust the timing and method
9 by which allocations of service dollars are distributed to each nonsingle-stream LME. To this
10 end, the allocations shall be adjusted such that at the beginning of the fiscal year the
11 Department shall distribute not less than one-twelfth of the LME's continuation allocation and
12 subtract the amount of the adjusted distribution from the LME's total reimbursements for the
13 fiscal year.

14 **SECTION 10.8.(b)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
15 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
16 Substance Abuse Services, the sum of twenty-nine million one hundred twenty-one thousand
17 six hundred forty-four dollars (\$29,121,644) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the sum of
18 twenty-nine million one hundred twenty-one thousand six hundred forty-four dollars
19 (\$29,121,644) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year shall be allocated for the purchase of local
20 inpatient psychiatric beds or bed days. In addition, at the discretion of the Secretary of Health
21 and Human Services, existing funds allocated to LMEs for community-based mental health,
22 developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services may be used to purchase additional
23 local inpatient psychiatric beds or bed days. These beds or bed days shall be distributed across
24 the State in LME catchment areas and according to need as determined by the Department. The
25 Department shall enter into contracts with the LMEs and community hospitals for the
26 management of these beds or bed days. The Department shall work to ensure that these
27 contracts are awarded equitably around all regions of the State. Local inpatient psychiatric beds
28 or bed days shall be managed and controlled by the LME, including the determination of which
29 local or State hospital the individual should be admitted to pursuant to an involuntary
30 commitment order. Funds shall not be allocated to LMEs but shall be held in a statewide
31 reserve at the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse
32 Services to pay for services authorized by the LMEs and billed by the hospitals through the
33 LMEs. LMEs shall remit claims for payment to the Division within 15 working days of receipt
34 of a clean claim from the hospital and shall pay the hospital within 30 working days of receipt
35 of payment from the Division. If the Department determines (i) that an LME is not effectively
36 managing the beds or bed days for which it has responsibility, as evidenced by beds or bed days
37 in the local hospital not being utilized while demand for services at the State psychiatric
38 hospitals has not reduced, or (ii) the LME has failed to comply with the prompt payment
39 provisions of this subsection, the Department may contract with another LME to manage the
40 beds or bed days, or, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, may pay the
41 hospital directly. The Department shall develop reporting requirements for LMEs regarding the
42 utilization of the beds or bed days. Funds appropriated in this section for the purchase of local
43 inpatient psychiatric beds or bed days shall be used to purchase additional beds or bed days not
44 currently funded by or through LMEs and shall not be used to supplant other funds available or
45 otherwise appropriated for the purchase of psychiatric inpatient services under contract with
46 community hospitals, including beds or bed days being purchased through Hospital Utilization
47 Pilot funds appropriated in S.L. 2007-323. Not later than March 1, 2012, the Department shall
48 report to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human
49 Services, the Senate, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health,
50 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, and the Fiscal Research Division
51 on a uniform system for beds or bed days purchased (i) with local funds, (ii) from existing State
52 appropriations, (iii) under the Hospital Utilization Pilot, and (iv) purchased using funds
53 appropriated under this subsection.

54 **SECTION 10.8.(c)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
55 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
56 Substance Abuse Services, for mobile crisis teams, the sum of five million seven hundred
57 thousand dollars (\$5,700,000) shall be distributed to LMEs to support 30 mobile crisis teams.
58 The new mobile crisis units shall be distributed over the State according to need as determined
59 by the Department.

1 **SECTION 10.8.(d)** The Department of Health and Human Services may create a
2 midyear process by which it can reallocate State service dollars away from LMEs that do not
3 appear to be on track to spend the LMEs' full appropriation and toward LMEs that appear able
4 to spend the additional funds.
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6 **MH/DD/SAS HEALTH CARE INFORMATION SYSTEM PROJECT**

7 **SECTION 10.9.** Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and
8 Human Services for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the Department may use a portion of these
9 funds to continue to develop and implement a health care information system for State
10 institutions operated by the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
11 Substance Abuse Services. G.S. 143C-6-5 does not apply to this section.
12

13 **LME FUNDS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

14 **SECTION 10.10.(a)** Consistent with G.S. 122C-2, the General Assembly strongly
15 encourages Local Management Entities (LMEs) to use a portion of the funds appropriated for
16 substance abuse treatment services to support prevention and education activities.

17 **SECTION 10.10.(b)** An LME may use up to one percent (1%) of funds allocated
18 to it for substance abuse treatment services to provide nominal incentives for consumers who
19 achieve specified treatment benchmarks, in accordance with the federal substance abuse and
20 mental health services administration best practice model entitled Contingency Management.

21 **SECTION 10.10.(c)** In providing treatment and services for adult offenders and
22 increasing the number of Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) case
23 managers, local management entities shall consult with TASC to improve offender access to
24 substance abuse treatment and match evidence-based interventions to individual needs at each
25 stage of substance abuse treatment. Special emphasis should be placed on intermediate
26 punishment offenders, community punishment offenders at risk for revocation, and Department
27 of Correction releaseses who have completed substance abuse treatment while in custody.

28 In addition to the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and
29 Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse
30 Services, to provide substance abuse services for adult offenders and to increase the number of
31 TASC case managers, the Department shall allocate up to three hundred thousand dollars
32 (\$300,000) to TASC. These funds shall be allocated to TASC before funds are allocated to
33 LMEs for mental health services, substance abuse services, and crisis services.

34 **SECTION 10.10.(d)** In providing drug treatment court services, LMEs shall
35 consult with the local drug treatment court team and shall select a treatment provider that meets
36 all provider qualification requirements and the drug treatment court's needs. A single treatment
37 provider may be chosen for non-Medicaid-eligible participants only. A single provider may be
38 chosen who can work with all of the non-Medicaid-eligible drug treatment court participants in
39 a single group. During the 52-week drug treatment court program, participants shall receive an
40 array of treatment and aftercare services that meets the participant's level of need, including
41 step-down services that support continued recovery.
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43 **MH/DD/SAS COMMUNITY SERVICE FUNDS**

44 **SECTION 10.11.(a)** The Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities,
45 and Substance Abuse Services (as used in this section "the Division") is directed to reduce the
46 Community Service Fund by thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000).

47 **SECTION 10.11.(b)** The Division is directed, through consultation with LME
48 representatives and stakeholders, to develop a set of standardized covered benefits for
49 recipients of LME Service Funds that shall become the only services paid for by community
50 service funds through LMEs. These services shall be best practices for developmental
51 disabilities, mental illness, and substance abuse.

52 **SECTION 10.11.(c)** Effective January 1, 2012, the Division shall implement a
53 co-payment for all mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services
54 based upon the Medicaid co-payment rates.

55 **SECTION 10.11.(d)** The Division is directed to reduce the Community Service
56 Fund by twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year based on
57 available fund balance reported by the LMEs' 2010 fiscal audit and estimated unspent reserves
58 held by counties of single county LMEs. The Division shall review the designation of reserved
59 or designated fund balance accounts to determine whether accounts may be moved to

1 unreserved, undesignated, in essence increasing the unreserved, undesignated fund balance
2 available for purchase of services. The Division is directed to allocate the reduction among
3 LMEs based on unreserved, undesignated fund balance totals, as of June 30, 2010. This
4 includes an estimate of unspent reserves held by counties of single county LMEs or as
5 necessary to fairly achieve budget reductions in this act for this purpose giving consideration of
6 the LME's unrestricted fund balance and the LME's ability to supplement funding of services
7 without impairing its fiscal stability. LMEs are directed to spend their unreserved, undesignated
8 fund balance on services, commensurate with the reduction directed by the Division pursuant to
9 this subsection.

10 **SECTION 10.11.(e)** Quarterly reports shall be submitted to the Division by LMEs
11 to ensure expenditures from fund balance occur at the level required by this law. Additionally,
12 the Division shall review the designation of reserved or designated fund balance accounts to
13 determine whether accounts may be moved to unreserved, undesignated, in essence increasing
14 the unreserved, undesignated fund balance available for purchase of services. If categories of
15 funds are moved into the unreserved/undesignated categories, the affected LMEs are
16 encouraged to spend these funds to minimize their share of the thirty million dollars
17 (\$30,000,000) in reductions to services as required in subsection (a) of this section.

18 **SECTION 10.11.(f)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall report to
19 the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees by December 12, 2011, on the status of
20 implementing this section.

21 **CONSOLIDATION OF FORENSIC HEALTH CARE AT DOROTHEA DIX** 22 **COMPLEX**

23 **SECTION 10.12.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
24 State Operated Facilities, shall issue a Request for Proposal for the consolidation of forensic
25 hospital care. The operation shall initially be located at the Dorothea Dix complex. The
26 Secretary of Health and Human Services is authorized to proceed with contracting with a
27 private entity if the Secretary can justify savings through the contract. The Secretary shall
28 compare the Department's total cost to provide forensic care to proposals received and
29 determine whether it is cost-effective to contract for this service. The Secretary may only
30 proceed if the Secretary determines the Department will save money and ensure appropriate
31 safety and quality of care for patients.

32 The Secretary shall report to the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for Health and
33 Human Services by October 30, 2011, with cost detail and savings identified from the
34 proposals.

35 **TRANSITION OF UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY-BASED** 36 **SERVICES TO LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES**

37 **SECTION 10.13.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall collaborate
38 with LMEs to enhance their administrative capabilities to assume utilization management
39 responsibilities for the provision of community-based mental health, developmental disabilities,
40 and substance abuse services. The Department may, with approval of the Office of State
41 Budget and Management, use funds available to implement this section.

42 **THIRD-PARTY BILLING FOR STATE FACILITIES**

43 **SECTION 10.14.** G.S. 122C-55 reads as rewritten:

44 **"§ 122C-55. Exceptions; care and treatment.**

45 ...
46 (g) Whenever there is reason to believe that the client is eligible for financial benefits
47 through a governmental agency, a facility may disclose confidential information to State, local,
48 or federal government agencies. Except as provided in ~~G.S. 122C-55(a3)~~, G.S. 122C-55(a3) and
49 G.S. 122C-55(g1), disclosure is limited to that confidential information necessary to establish
50 financial benefits for a client. ~~After—Except as provided in G.S. 122C-55(g1), after~~
51 establishment of these benefits, the consent of the client or his legally responsible person is
52 required for further release of confidential information under this subsection.

53 (g1) A facility may disclose confidential information for the purpose of collecting
54 payment due the facility for the cost of care, treatment, or habilitation.

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1 **COLLABORATION AMONG DEPARTMENTS OF ADMINISTRATION, HEALTH**
2 **AND HUMAN SERVICES, JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY**
3 **PREVENTION, AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ON SCHOOL-BASED CHILD AND**
4 **FAMILY TEAM INITIATIVE**

5 **SECTION 10.15.(a)** School-Based Child and Family Team Initiative Established.

6 (1) Purpose and duties. – There is established the School-Based Child and
7 Family Team Initiative. The purpose of the Initiative is to identify and
8 coordinate appropriate community services and supports for children at risk
9 of school failure or out-of-home placement in order to address the physical,
10 social, legal, emotional, and developmental factors that affect academic
11 performance. The Department of Health and Human Services, the
12 Department of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education, the
13 Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the
14 Administrative Office of the Courts, and other State agencies that provide
15 services for children shall share responsibility and accountability to improve
16 outcomes for these children and their families. The Initiative shall be based
17 on the following principles:

- 18 a. The development of a strong infrastructure of interagency
19 collaboration.
- 20 b. One child, one team, one plan.
- 21 c. Individualized, strengths-based care.
- 22 d. Accountability.
- 23 e. Cultural competence.
- 24 f. Children at risk of school failure or out-of-home placement may
25 enter the system through any participating agency.
- 26 g. Services shall be specified, delivered, and monitored through a
27 unified Child and Family Plan that is outcome-oriented and
28 evaluation-based.
- 29 h. Services shall be the most efficient in terms of cost and effectiveness
30 and shall be delivered in the most natural settings possible.
- 31 i. Out-of-home placements for children shall be a last resort and shall
32 include concrete plans to bring the children back to a stable
33 permanent home, their schools, and their community.
- 34 j. Families and consumers shall be involved in decision making
35 throughout service planning, delivery, and monitoring.

36 (2) Program goals and services. – In order to ensure that children receiving
37 services are appropriately served, the affected State and local agencies shall
38 do the following:

- 39 a. Increase capacity in the school setting to address the academic,
40 health, mental health, social, and legal needs of children.
- 41 b. Ensure that children receiving services are screened initially to
42 identify needs and assessed periodically to determine progress and
43 sustained improvement in educational, health, safety, behavioral, and
44 social outcomes.
- 45 c. Develop uniform screening mechanisms and a set of outcomes that
46 are shared across affected agencies to measure children's progress in
47 home, school, and community settings.
- 48 d. Promote practices that are known to be effective based upon research
49 or national best practice standards.
- 50 e. Review services provided across affected State agencies to ensure
51 that children's needs are met.
- 52 f. Eliminate cost-shifting and facilitate cost-sharing among
53 governmental agencies with respect to service development, service
54 delivery, and monitoring for participating children and their families.
- 55 g. Participate in a local memorandum of agreement signed annually by
56 the participating superintendent of the local LEA, directors of the
57 county departments of social services and health, director of the local
58 management entity, the chief district court judge, and the chief
59 district court counselor.

- 1 (3) Local level responsibilities. – In coordination with the North Carolina Child
2 and Family Leadership Council (Council), established in subsection (b) of
3 this section, the local board of education shall establish the School-Based
4 Child and Family Team Initiative at designated schools and shall appoint the
5 Child and Family Team Leaders, who shall be a school nurse and a school
6 social worker. Each local management entity that has any selected schools in
7 its catchment area shall appoint a Care Coordinator, and any department of
8 social services that has a selected school in its catchment area shall appoint a
9 Child and Family Teams Facilitator. The Care Coordinators and Child and
10 Family Team Facilitators shall have as their sole responsibility working with
11 the selected schools in their catchment areas and shall provide training to
12 school-based personnel, as required. The Child and Family Team Leaders
13 shall identify and screen children who are potentially at risk of academic
14 failure or out-of-home placement due to physical, social, legal, emotional, or
15 developmental factors. Based on the screening results, responsibility for
16 developing, convening, and implementing the Child and Family Team
17 Initiative is as follows:
- 18 a. School personnel shall take the lead role for those children and their
19 families whose primary unmet needs are related to academic
20 achievement.
 - 21 b. The local management entity shall take the lead role for those
22 children and their families whose primary unmet needs are related to
23 mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disabilities and
24 who meet the criteria for the target population established by the
25 Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
26 Substance Abuse Services.
 - 27 c. The local department of public health shall take the lead role for
28 those children and their families whose primary unmet needs are
29 health-related.
 - 30 d. Local departments of social services shall take the lead for those
31 children and their families whose primary unmet needs are related to
32 child welfare, abuse, or neglect.
 - 33 e. The chief district court counselor shall take the lead for those
34 children and their families whose primary unmet needs are related to
35 juvenile justice issues. A representative from each named or
36 otherwise identified publicly supported children's agency shall
37 participate as a member of the Team as needed. Team members shall
38 coordinate, monitor, and assure the successful implementation of a
39 unified Child and Family Plan.
- 40 (4) Reporting requirements. – School-Based Child and Family Team Leaders
41 shall provide data to the Council for inclusion in their report to the North
42 Carolina General Assembly. The report shall include the following:
- 43 a. The number of and other demographic information on children
44 screened and assigned to a team and a description of the services
45 needed by and provided to these children.
 - 46 b. The number of and information about children assigned to a team
47 who are placed in programs or facilities outside the child's home or
48 outside the child's county and the average length of stay in residential
49 treatment.
 - 50 c. The amount and source of funds expended to implement the
51 Initiative.
 - 52 d. Information on how families and consumers are involved in decision
53 making throughout service planning, delivery, and monitoring.
 - 54 e. Other information as required by the Council to evaluate success in
55 local programs and ensure appropriate outcomes.
 - 56 f. Recommendations on needed improvements.
- 57 (5) Local advisory committee. – In each county with a participating school, the
58 superintendent of the local LEA shall either identify an existing
59 cross-agency collaborative or council or shall form a new group to serve as a

1 local advisory committee to work with the Initiative. Newly formed
2 committees shall be chaired by the superintendent and one other member of
3 the committee to be elected by the committee. The local advisory committee
4 shall include the directors of the county departments of social services and
5 health; the directors of the local management entity; the chief district court
6 judge; the chief district court counselor; the director of a school-based or
7 school-linked health center, if a center is located within the catchment area
8 of the School-Based Child and Family Team Initiative; and representatives
9 of other agencies providing services to children, as designated by the
10 Committee. The members of the Committee shall meet as needed to monitor
11 and support the successful implementation of the School-Based Child and
12 Family Team Initiative. The Local Child and Family Team Advisory
13 Committee may designate existing cross-agency collaboratives or councils
14 as working groups or to provide assistance in accomplishing established
15 goals.

16 **SECTION 10.15.(b)** North Carolina Child and Family Leadership Council. –

- 17 (1) Leadership Council established; location. – There is established the North
18 Carolina Child and Family Leadership Council (Council). The Council shall
19 be located within the Department of Administration for organizational and
20 budgetary purposes.
- 21 (2) Purpose. – The purpose of the Council is to review and advise the Governor
22 in the development of the School-Based Child and Family Team Initiative
23 and to ensure the active participation and collaboration in the Initiative by all
24 State agencies and their local counterparts providing services to children in
25 participating counties in order to increase the academic success of and
26 reduce out-of-home and out-of-county placements of children at risk of
27 academic failure.
- 28 (3) Membership. – The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Secretary
29 of Health and Human Services shall serve as cochairs of the Council.
30 Council membership shall include the Secretary of the Department of
31 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Chair of the State Board of
32 Education, the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, and other
33 members as appointed by the Governor.
- 34 (4) The Council shall do the following:
- 35 a. Sign an annual memorandum of agreement (MOA) among the named
36 State agencies to define the purposes of the program and to ensure
37 that program goals are accomplished.
- 38 b. Resolve State policy issues, as identified at the local level, which
39 interfere with effective implementation of the School-Based Child
40 and Family Team Initiative.
- 41 c. Direct the integration of resources, as needed, to meet goals and
42 ensure that the Initiative promotes the most effective and efficient
43 use of resources and eliminates duplication of effort.
- 44 d. Establish criteria for defining success in local programs and ensure
45 appropriate outcomes.
- 46 e. Develop an evaluation process, based on expected outcomes, to
47 ensure the goals and objectives of this Initiative are achieved.
- 48 f. Review progress made on integrating policies and resources across
49 State agencies, reaching expected outcomes, and accomplishing other
50 goals.
- 51 g. Report semiannually, on January 1 and July 1, on progress made and
52 goals achieved to the Office of the Governor, the Joint
53 Appropriations Committees and Subcommittees on Education,
54 Justice and Public Safety, and Health and Human Services, and the
55 Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative Services Office. The
56 Council may designate existing cross-agency collaboratives or
57 councils as working groups or to provide assistance in accomplishing
58 established goals.

1 **SECTION 10.15.(c)** Department of Health and Human Services. – The Secretary
2 of the Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that all agencies within the
3 Department collaborate in the development and implementation of the School-Based Child and
4 Family Team Initiative and provide all required support to ensure that the Initiative is
5 successful.

6 **SECTION 10.15.(d)** Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
7 – The Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall ensure
8 that all agencies within the Department collaborate in the development and implementation of
9 the School-Based Child and Family Team Initiative and provide all required support to ensure
10 that the Initiative is successful.

11 **SECTION 10.15.(e)** Administrative Office of the Courts. – The Director of the
12 Administrative Office of the Courts shall ensure that the Office collaborates in the development
13 and implementation of the School-Based Child and Family Team Initiative and shall provide all
14 required support to ensure that the Initiative is successful.

15 **SECTION 10.15.(f)** Department of Public Instruction. – The Superintendent of
16 Public Instruction shall ensure that the Department collaborates in the development and
17 implementation of the School-Based Child and Family Team Initiative and shall provide all
18 required support to ensure that the Initiative is successful.

19 **DHHS POSITION ELIMINATIONS**

20 **SECTION 10.16.** The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services
21 is directed to eliminate up to 250 full-time equivalent positions that have been continuously
22 vacant since July 1, 2010, in order to accomplish a total savings of seven million seven hundred
23 seventy-one thousand nine hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$7,771,997) in State funds. To the
24 extent possible, the Secretary shall not eliminate positions assigned to the Division of State
25 Operated Healthcare Facilities or the Division of Medical Assistance. In the event that
26 eliminating up to 250 full-time equivalent positions that have been continuously vacant since
27 July 1, 2010, does not achieve the savings specified in this section, the Secretary may eliminate
28 other positions within the Department or achieve the designated savings through other
29 administrative and operational reductions or efficiencies. By September 30, 2011, the
30 Secretary shall submit a report to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and
31 Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the
32 Fiscal Research Division on the positions eliminated and any other reductions or efficiencies
33 implemented in order to achieve the savings required by this section. The report shall include
34 the total number of positions eliminated, savings generated by each eliminated position, the
35 impact on any federal funds previously received for the eliminated positions, and any other
36 reductions or efficiencies implemented to achieve the savings required by this section.
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39 **REDUCE FUNDING FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

40 **SECTION 10.18.** For fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, the Department of
41 Health and Human Services shall reduce the amount of funds allocated to nonprofit
42 organizations by ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) on a recurring basis. In achieving the
43 reductions required by this section, the Department shall not reduce funds allocated to the
44 North Carolina High School Athletic Association by more than ten percent (10%).
45

46 **PROHIBIT USE OF ALL FUNDS FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD** 47 **ORGANIZATIONS**

48 **SECTION 10.19.** For fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, the Department of
49 Health and Human Services may not provide State funds or other funds administered by the
50 Department for contracts or grants to Planned Parenthood, Inc., and affiliated organizations.
51

52 **LIABILITY INSURANCE**

53 **SECTION 10.20.(a)** The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human
54 Services, the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the
55 Secretary of the Department of Correction may provide medical liability coverage not to
56 exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per incident on behalf of employees of the
57 Departments licensed to practice medicine or dentistry, on behalf of all licensed physicians who
58 are faculty members of The University of North Carolina who work on contract for the
59 Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services for

1 incidents that occur in Division programs, and on behalf of physicians in all residency training
2 programs from The University of North Carolina who are in training at institutions operated by
3 the Department of Health and Human Services. This coverage may include commercial
4 insurance or self-insurance and shall cover these individuals for their acts or omissions only
5 while they are engaged in providing medical and dental services pursuant to their State
6 employment or training.

7 **SECTION 10.20.(b)** The coverage provided under this section shall not cover any
8 individual for any act or omission that the individual knows or reasonably should know
9 constitutes a violation of the applicable criminal laws of any state or the United States or that
10 arises out of any sexual, fraudulent, criminal, or malicious act or out of any act amounting to
11 willful or wanton negligence.

12 **SECTION 10.20.(c)** The coverage provided pursuant to this section shall not
13 require any additional appropriations and shall not apply to any individual providing
14 contractual service to the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of
15 Environment and Natural Resources, or the Department of Correction, with the exception that
16 coverage may include physicians in all residency training programs from The University of
17 North Carolina who are in training at institutions operated by the Department of Health and
18 Human Services and licensed physicians who are faculty members of The University of North
19 Carolina who work for the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
20 Substance Abuse Services.

21 **CHANGES TO COMMUNITY-FOCUSED ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES** 22 **INITIATIVE**

23 **SECTION 10.21.(a)** Funds appropriated in this act from the General Fund to the
24 Department of Health and Human Services (Department) for the Community-Focused
25 Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (CFEHDI) shall be used to provide a maximum of 12
26 grants-in-aid to close the gap in the health status of African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and
27 American Indians as compared to the health status of white persons. These grants-in-aid shall
28 focus on the use of measures to eliminate or reduce health disparities among minority
29 populations in this State with respect to heart disease, stroke, diabetes, obesity, asthma,
30 HIV/AIDS, and cancer. The Office of Minority Health shall coordinate and implement the
31 grants-in-aid program authorized by this section.

32 **SECTION 10.21.(b)** In implementing the grants-in-aid program authorized by
33 subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall ensure all of the following:

- 34 (1) The amount of any grant-in-aid is limited to three hundred thousand dollars
35 (\$300,000).
- 36 (2) Only community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, local health
37 departments, hospitals, and CCNC networks located in urban and rural areas
38 of the western, eastern, and Piedmont areas of this State are eligible to apply
39 for these grants-in-aid. No more than four grants-in-aid shall be awarded to
40 applicants located in any one of the three areas specified in this subdivision.
- 41 (3) Each eligible applicant shall be required to demonstrate substantial
42 participation and involvement with all other categories of eligible applicants,
43 in order to ensure an evidence-based medical home model that will affect
44 change in health and geographic disparities.
- 45 (4) Eligible applicants shall select one or more of the following chronic illnesses
46 or conditions specific to the applicant's geographic area as the basis for
47 applying for a grant-in-aid under this section to affect change in the health
48 status of African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, or American Indians:
 - 49 a. Heart Disease
 - 50 b. Stroke
 - 51 c. Diabetes
 - 52 d. Obesity
 - 53 e. Asthma
 - 54 f. HIV/AIDS
 - 55 g. Cancer
- 56 (5) The minimum duration of the grant period for any grant-in-aid is two years.
- 57 (6) The maximum duration of the grant period for any grant-in-aid is three
58 years.
59

- 1 (7) If approved for a grant-in-aid, the grantee (i) shall not use more than eight
2 percent (8%) of the grant funds for overhead costs and (ii) shall be required
3 at the end of the grant period to demonstrate significant gains in addressing
4 one or more of the health disparity focus areas identified in subsection (a) of
5 this section.
6 (8) An independent panel with expertise in the delivery of services to minority
7 populations, health disparities, chronic illnesses and conditions, and
8 HIV/AIDS shall conduct the review of applications for grants-in-aid. The
9 Department shall establish the independent panel required by this section.

10 **SECTION 10.21.(c)** The grants-in-aid awarded under this section shall be awarded
11 in honor of the memory of the following recently deceased members of the General Assembly:
12 Bernard Allen, John Hall, Robert Holloman, Howard Hunter, Jeanne Lucas, Vernon Malone,
13 William Martin, and Pete Cunningham. These funds shall be used for concerted efforts to
14 address large gaps in health status among North Carolinians who are African-American, as well
15 as disparities among other minority populations in North Carolina.

16 **SECTION 10.21.(d)** By October 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, the Department
17 shall submit a report to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health
18 and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services,
19 and the Fiscal Research Division on funds appropriated to the CFEHDI. The report shall
20 include specific activities undertaken pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to address large
21 gaps in health status among North Carolinians who are African-American and other minority
22 populations in this State, and shall also address all of the following:

- 23 (1) Which community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, local
24 health departments, hospitals, and CCNC networks received CFEHDI
25 grants-in-aid.
26 (2) The amount of funding awarded to each grantee.
27 (3) Which of the minority populations were served by each grantee.
28 (4) Which community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, local
29 health departments, hospitals, and CCNC networks were involved in
30 fulfilling the goals and activities of each grant-in-aid awarded under this
31 section and what activities were planned and implemented by the grantee to
32 fulfill the community focus of the CFEHDI program.
33 (5) How the activities implemented by the grantee fulfilled the goal of reducing
34 health disparities among minority populations, and the specific success in
35 reducing particular incidences.
36

37 FUNDS FOR SCHOOL NURSES

38 **SECTION 10.22.(a)** All funds appropriated in this act for the School Nurse
39 Funding Initiative shall be used to supplement and not supplant other State, local, or federal
40 funds appropriated or allocated for this purpose. Communities shall maintain their current level
41 of effort and funding for school nurses. These funds shall not be used to fund nurses for State
42 agencies. These funds shall be distributed to local health departments according to a formula
43 that includes all of the following:

- 44 (1) School nurse-to-student ratio.
45 (2) Percentage of students eligible for free or reduced meals.
46 (3) Percentage of children in poverty.
47 (4) Per capita income.
48 (5) Eligibility as a low-wealth county.
49 (6) Mortality rates for children between 1 and 19 years of age.
50 (7) Percentage of students with chronic illnesses.
51 (8) Percentage of county population consisting of minority persons.

52 **SECTION 10.22.(b)** The Division of Public Health shall ensure that school nurses
53 funded with State funds (i) do not assist in any instructional or administrative duties associated
54 with a school's curriculum and (ii) perform all of the following with respect to school health
55 programs:

- 56 (1) Serve as the coordinator of the health services program and provide nursing
57 care.
58 (2) Provide health education to students, staff, and parents.

- (3) Identify health and safety concerns in the school environment and promote a nurturing school environment.
- (4) Support healthy food services programs.
- (5) Promote healthy physical education, sports policies, and practices.
- (6) Provide health counseling, assess mental health needs, provide interventions, and refer students to appropriate school staff or community agencies.
- (7) Promote community involvement in assuring a healthy school and serve as school liaison to a health advisory committee.
- (8) Provide health education and counseling and promote healthy activities and a healthy environment for school staff.
- (9) Be available to assist the county health department during a public health emergency.

REPLACEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE AGENCIES

SECTION 10.23. Receipts earned by the Child Development Service Agencies (CDSAs) from any public or private third-party payer shall be budgeted on a recurring basis to replace reductions in State appropriations to CDSAs.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SECTION 10.24.(a) The Department of Health and Human Services, in cooperation with the State Chief Information Officer, shall coordinate health information technology (HIT) policies and programs within the State of North Carolina. The Department's goal in coordinating State HIT policy and programs shall be to avoid duplication of efforts and to ensure that each State agency, public entity, and private entity that undertakes health information technology activities does so within the area of its greatest expertise and technical capability and in a manner that supports coordinated State and national goals, which shall include at least all of the following:

- (1) Ensuring that patient health information is secure and protected, in accordance with applicable law.
- (2) Improving health care quality, reducing medical errors, reducing health disparities, and advancing the delivery of patient-centered medical care.
- (3) Providing appropriate information to guide medical decisions at the time and place of care.
- (4) Ensuring meaningful public input into HIT infrastructure development.
- (5) Improving the coordination of information among hospitals, laboratories, physicians' offices, and other entities through an effective infrastructure for the secure and authorized exchange of health care information.
- (6) Improving public health services and facilitating early identification and rapid response to public health threats and emergencies, including bioterrorist events and infectious disease outbreaks.
- (7) Facilitating health and clinical research.
- (8) Promoting early detection, prevention, and management of chronic diseases.

SECTION 10.24.(b) The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish and direct a HIT management structure that is efficient and transparent and that is compatible with the Office of the National Health Coordinator for Information Technology (National Coordinator) governance mechanism. The HIT management structure shall be responsible for all of the following:

- (1) Developing a State plan for implementing and ensuring compliance with national HIT standards and for the most efficient, effective, and widespread adoption of HIT.
- (2) Ensuring that (i) specific populations are effectively integrated into the State plan, including aging populations, populations requiring mental health services, and populations utilizing the public health system; and (ii) unserved and underserved populations receive priority consideration for HIT support.
- (3) Identifying all HIT stakeholders and soliciting feedback and participation from each stakeholder in the development of the State plan.

- (4) Ensuring that existing HIT capabilities are considered and incorporated into the State plan.
- (5) Identifying and eliminating conflicting HIT efforts where necessary.
- (6) Identifying available resources for the implementation, operation, and maintenance of health information technology, including identifying resources and available opportunities for North Carolina institutions of higher education.
- (7) Ensuring that potential State plan participants are aware of HIT policies and programs and the opportunity for improved health information technology.
- (8) Monitoring HIT efforts and initiatives in other states and replicating successful efforts and initiatives in North Carolina.
- (9) Monitoring the development of the National Coordinator's strategic plan and ensuring that all stakeholders are aware of and in compliance with its requirements.
- (10) Monitoring the progress and recommendations of the HIT Policy and Standards Committee and ensuring that all stakeholders remain informed of the Committee's recommendations.
- (11) Monitoring all studies and reports provided to the United States Congress and reporting to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division on the impact of report recommendations on State efforts to implement coordinated HIT.

SECTION 10.24.(c) Beginning October 1, 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide quarterly written reports on the status of HIT efforts to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division. The reports due each January 1 and July 1 shall consist of updates to substantial initiatives or challenges that have occurred since the most recent comprehensive report. The reports due each October 1 and April 1 shall be comprehensive and shall include all of the following:

- (1) Current status of federal HIT initiatives.
- (2) Current status of State HIT efforts and initiatives among both public and private entities.
- (3) A breakdown of current public and private funding sources and dollar amounts for State HIT initiatives.
- (4) Department efforts to coordinate HIT initiatives within the State and any obstacles or impediments to coordination.
- (5) HIT research efforts being conducted within the State and sources of funding for research efforts.
- (6) Opportunities for stakeholders to participate in HIT funding and other efforts and initiatives during the next quarter.
- (7) Issues associated with the implementation of HIT in North Carolina and recommended solutions to these issues.

FUNDS FOR STROKE PREVENTION

SECTION 10.25.(a) Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2012-2013 fiscal year is allocated to the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Branch for continuation of community education campaigns and communication strategies, in partnership with the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, on stroke signs and symptoms and the importance of immediate response.

SECTION 10.25.(b) Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2012-2013 fiscal year is allocated for continued operations of the Stroke Advisory Council.

AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1 **SECTION 10.26.** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall
2 work with the Department of Correction (DOC) to use DOC funds to purchase pharmaceuticals
3 for the treatment of DOC inmates with HIV/AIDS in a manner that allows these funds to be
4 accounted for as State matching funds in DHHS' drawdown of federal Ryan White funds.
5

6 **MEN'S HEALTH**

7 **SECTION 10.26A.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
8 Public Health, shall delegate to the Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Office the
9 responsibility for ensuring attention to the prevention of disease and improvement in the quality
10 of life for men over their entire lifespan. The Department shall develop strategies for achieving
11 these goals, which shall include (i) developing a strategic plan to improve health care services,
12 (ii) building public health awareness, (iii) developing initiatives within existing programs, and
13 (iv) pursuing federal and State funding for the screening, early detection, and treatment of
14 prostate cancer and other diseases affecting men's health.
15

16 **NC HEALTH CHOICE MEDICAL POLICY**

17 **SECTION 10.27.** Unless required for compliance with federal law, the Department
18 shall not change medical policy affecting the amount, sufficiency, duration, and scope of NC
19 Health Choice health care services and who may provide services until the Division of Medical
20 Assistance has prepared a five-year fiscal analysis documenting the increased cost of the
21 proposed change in medical policy and submitted it for departmental review. If the fiscal
22 impact indicated by the fiscal analysis for any proposed medical policy change exceeds one
23 million dollars (\$1,000,000) in total requirements for a given fiscal year, then the Department
24 shall submit the proposed medical policy change with the fiscal analysis to the Office of State
25 Budget and Management and the Fiscal Research Division. The Department shall not
26 implement any proposed medical policy change exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in
27 total requirements for a given fiscal year unless the source of State funding is identified and
28 approved by the Office of State Budget and Management. For medical policy changes
29 exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in total requirements for a given fiscal year that are
30 required for compliance with federal law, the Department shall submit the proposed medical
31 policy or policy interpretation change with a five-year fiscal analysis to the Office of State
32 Budget and Management prior to implementing the change. The Department shall provide the
33 Office of State Budget and Management and the Fiscal Research Division a quarterly report
34 itemizing all medical policy changes with total requirements of less than one million dollars
35 (\$1,000,000).
36

37 **COMMUNITY CARE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

38 **SECTION 10.28.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services (Department)
39 shall submit a report annually from a qualified entity with proven experience in conducting
40 actuarial and health care studies on the Medicaid cost-savings achieved by the CCNC networks,
41 which shall include children, adults, and the aged, blind, and disabled, to the House of
42 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate
43 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

44 **SECTION 10.28.(b)** The Department and the Division of Medical Assistance
45 (DMA) shall enter into a three-party contract between North Carolina Community Care
46 Networks, Inc., (NCCCN, Inc.) and each of the 14 participating local CCNC networks and shall
47 require NCCCN, Inc., to provide standardized clinical and budgetary coordination, oversight,
48 and reporting for a statewide Enhanced Primary Care Case Management System for Medicaid
49 enrollees. The contracts shall require NCCCN, Inc., to build upon and expand the existing
50 successful CCNC primary care case management model to include comprehensive statewide
51 quantitative performance goals and deliverables which shall include all of the following areas:
52 (i) service utilization management, (ii) budget analytics, (iii) budget forecasting methodologies,
53 (iv) quality of care analytics, (v) participant access measures, and (vi) predictable cost
54 containment methodologies.

55 **SECTION 10.28.(c)** NCCCN, Inc., shall report quarterly to the Department and to
56 the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) on the development of the statewide
57 Enhanced Primary Care Case Management System and its defined goals and deliverables as
58 agreed upon in the contract. NCCCN, Inc., shall submit biannual reports to the Secretary of
59 Health and Human Services, OSBM, the House of Representatives Appropriations

1 Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health
2 and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division on the progress and results of
3 implementing the quantitative, analytical, utilization, quality, cost containment, and access
4 goals and deliverables set out in the contract. NCCCN, Inc., shall conduct its own analysis of
5 the CCNC system to identify any variations from the development plan for the Enhanced
6 Primary Care Case Management System and its defined goals and deliverables set out in the
7 contract between DMA and NCCCN, Inc. Upon identifying any variations, NCCCN, Inc., shall
8 develop and implement a plan to address the variations. NCCCN, Inc., shall report the plan to
9 DMA within 30 days after taking any action to implement the plan.

10 **SECTION 10.28.(d)** By January 1, 2012, the Department and OSBM shall assess
11 the performance of NCCCN, Inc., and CCNC regarding the goals and deliverables established
12 in the contract. Based on this assessment, the Department and DMA shall expand, cancel, or
13 alter the contract with NCCCN, Inc., and CCNC effective April 1, 2012. Expansion or
14 alteration of the contract may reflect refinements based on clearly identified goals and
15 deliverables in the areas of quality of care, participant access, cost containment, and service
16 delivery.

17 **SECTION 10.28.(e)** By July 1, 2012, the Department, DMA, and NCCCN, Inc.,
18 shall finalize a comprehensive plan that establishes management methodologies which include
19 all of the following: (i) quality of care measures, (ii) utilization measures, (iii) recipient access
20 measures, (iv) performance incentive models in which past experience indicates a benefit from
21 financial incentives, (v) accountable budget models, (vi) shared savings budget models, and
22 (vii) budget forecasting analytics as agreed upon by the Department, DMA, and NCCCN, Inc.
23 In the development of these methodologies, the Department, DMA, and NCCCN, Inc., shall
24 consider options for shared risk. The Department and DMA shall provide assistance to
25 NCCCN, Inc., in meeting the objectives of this section.

26
27 **MEDICAID MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MMIS)**
28 **FUNDS/IMPLEMENTATION OF MMIS**

29 **SECTION 10.29.(a)** By August 1, 2011, the Secretary of the Department of Health
30 and Human Services shall provide detailed cost information on the replacement Medicaid
31 Management Information System (MMIS) to the Chairs of the House of Representatives
32 Committee on Appropriations and the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Health and
33 Human Services, the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Senate
34 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight
35 Committee on Information Technology, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Office of State
36 Budget and Management. This information shall include the following:

- 37 (1) The original total cost of MMIS, by year, to include five years of operations
38 and maintenance.
- 39 (2) The current total cost of MMIS, to include five years of operations and
40 maintenance.
- 41 (3) Detailed information on costs associated with each MMIS project, to include
42 the original cost, the current cost, and the reasons for any changes.
- 43 (4) A list of change requests and amendments to the original contract, and the
44 costs associated with each.
- 45 (5) Costs for continuing the legacy MMIS beyond the original completion date
46 for the new MMIS, with detailed information on funding sources for those
47 costs.
- 48 (6) Original costs for each vendor associated with the contract, the current costs
49 for each, and the reasons for any increases in cost.

50 **SECTION 10.29.(b)** The Secretary may utilize prior year earned revenue received
51 for the replacement MMIS in the amount of three million two hundred thirty-two thousand
52 three hundred four dollars (\$3,232,304) in fiscal year 2011-2012 and twelve million dollars
53 (\$12,000,000) in fiscal year 2012-2013. The Department shall utilize prior year earned
54 revenues received for the procurement, design, development, and implementation of the
55 replacement MMIS. In the event the Department does not receive prior year earned revenues in
56 the amounts authorized by this section, or funds are insufficient to advance the project, the
57 Department is authorized, with approval of the Office of State Budget and Management
58 (OSBM), and after consulting with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
59 Operations, to utilize overrealized receipts and funds appropriated to the Department to achieve

1 the level of funding specified in this section for the replacement MMIS. If the department
2 requires funding beyond the prior year earned revenue specified in this section, the Department
3 shall immediately report to the Chairs of the House of Representatives Committee on
4 Appropriations and the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Health and Human
5 Services, the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Appropriations
6 Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
7 Information Technology, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Office of State Budget and
8 Management. The report shall include the following:

- 9 (1) The amount of the shortfall.
- 10 (2) The sources of funding the Department plans to use to make up for the
11 shortfall.
- 12 (3) The impact on the programs or operations from which the funding is to be
13 taken.

14 **SECTION 10.29.(c)** The Department shall make full development of the
15 replacement MMIS a top priority. During the development and implementation of the
16 replacement MMIS, the Department shall develop plans to ensure the timely and effective
17 implementation of enhancements to the system to provide the following capabilities:

- 18 (1) Receiving and tracking premiums or other payments required by law.
- 19 (2) Compatibility with the Health Information System.

20 **SECTION 10.29.(d)** The Department shall make every effort to expedite the
21 implementation of the enhancements. The contract between the Department and each contract
22 vendor shall contain an explicit provision requiring the replacement MMIS to have the
23 capability to fully implement the administration of NC Health Choice, NC Kids' Care, Ticket to
24 Work, Families Pay Part of the Cost of Services under the CAP-MR/CC, CAP Children's
25 Program, and all relevant Medicaid waivers and the Medicare 646 waiver as it applies to
26 Medicaid eligibles. The Department must have detailed cost information for each requirement
27 before signing the contract and must immediately provide that cost information to the Chairs of
28 the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations and the House of Representatives
29 Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Chairs of the Senate Committee on
30 Appropriations and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the
31 Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Fiscal Research
32 Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management. Any sole source contract must meet
33 all State requirements and must have the written approval of the State CIO. Any decision to
34 sole source any portion of the contract shall immediately be reported to the Chairs of the House
35 of Representatives Committee on Appropriations and the House of Representatives
36 Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Chairs of the Senate Committee on
37 Appropriations and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the
38 Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Fiscal Research
39 Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management.

40 **SECTION 10.29.(e)** The Office of the State Chief Information Officer (SCIO) and
41 the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) shall work in cooperation with the
42 Department to ensure the timely and effective implementation of the replacement MMIS and
43 enhancements. The SCIO shall ensure that the replacement MMIS meets all State requirements
44 for project management and shall immediately report any failure to meet State project
45 management requirements to the Chairs of the House of Representatives Committee on
46 Appropriations and the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Health and Human
47 Services, the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Appropriations
48 Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
49 Information Technology, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Office of State Budget and
50 Management. The SCIO shall also immediately report if any replacement MMIS project, or
51 portion of a project, is listed as red in the project portfolio management tool.

52 **SECTION 10.29.(f)** Notwithstanding G.S. 114-2.3, the Department shall engage
53 the services of private counsel with pertinent information technology and computer law
54 expertise to review requests for proposals and to negotiate and review contracts associated with
55 the replacement MMIS. This shall include amendments exceeding ten million dollars
56 (\$10,000,000). The counsel engaged by the Department shall review the replacement MMIS
57 contracts and amendments between the Department and the vendor to ensure that the
58 requirements of subsection (d) of this section are met in their entirety, and that the terms of the
59 contract are in the State's best interest.

1 **SECTION 10.29.(g)** By August 1, 2011, the Department shall develop a revised
2 comprehensive schedule for the development and implementation of the replacement MMIS
3 that fully incorporates federal and State project management and review standards. The
4 Department shall ensure that the schedule is accurate. Any changes to the design,
5 development, and implementation schedule shall be reported as part of the Department's
6 monthly MMIS reporting requirements. The Department shall submit the schedule to the
7 Chairs of the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations and the House of
8 Representatives Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Chairs of the Senate
9 Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human
10 Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Fiscal
11 Research Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management. This submission shall
12 include a detailed explanation of schedule changes that have occurred since the initiation of the
13 project, and the cost associated with each change. Any changes to key milestones shall be
14 immediately reported to the Chairs of the House of Representatives Committee on
15 Appropriations and the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Health and Human
16 Services, the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Appropriations
17 Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
18 Information Technology, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Office of State Budget and
19 Management, with a full explanation of the reason for the change and any associated costs.

20 **SECTION 10.29.(h)** Beginning July 1, 2011, the Department shall make quarterly
21 reports on the progress of the development and implementation of the replacement MMIS.
22 This report shall include any changes, or anticipated changes, in the scope, functionality, or
23 projected costs. This report shall include any changes to any replacement MMIS vendor
24 contracts and shall provide a detailed explanation of those changes and the associated cost
25 increases. Each report shall be made to the Chairs of the House of Representatives Committee
26 on Appropriations and the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Health and Human
27 Services, the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Appropriations
28 Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
29 Information Technology, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Office of State Budget and
30 Management. A copy of the final report on each contract or amendment award shall also be
31 submitted to the Joint Legislative Oversight Commission on Governmental Operations.

32 **SECTION 10.29.(i)** Upon initiation of the NC MMIS Program Reporting and
33 Analytics Project, and the Division of Health Services Regulation Project, the Department shall
34 submit all reports regarding functionality, schedule, and cost in the next regular cycle of reports
35 identified in this section. The Department shall ensure that the solution developed in the
36 Reporting and Analytics Project supports the capability, in its initial implementation, to
37 interface with the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees. The costs for this
38 capability shall be negotiated prior to the award of the Reporting and Analytics Project
39 contract. The Reporting and Analytics Project solution must be completed simultaneously with
40 the replacement MMIS.

41 42 **NORTH CAROLINA FAMILIES ACCESSING SERVICES THROUGH** 43 **TECHNOLOGY (NC FAST) FUNDS**

44 **SECTION 10.30.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
45 and Human Services (Department), the nonrecurring sum of nine million five hundred
46 ninety-two thousand three hundred thirty-two dollars (\$9,592,332) for fiscal year 2011-2012
47 and the nonrecurring sum of nine million five hundred ninety-two thousand three hundred
48 thirty-two dollars (\$9,592,332) for fiscal year 2012-2013 shall be used to support the NC FAST
49 project. These funds shall be (i) deposited to the Department's information technology budget
50 code and (ii) used to match federal funds for the project. In addition, the Department shall
51 utilize prior year earned revenues received in the amount of eight million seven hundred
52 sixty-seven thousand six hundred ninety-six dollars (\$8,767,696) in fiscal year 2011-2012 for
53 the NC FAST project. Funds appropriated to the Department by this act shall be used to
54 expedite the development and implementation of the Global Case Management and Food and
55 Nutrition Services and the Eligibility Information System (EIS) components of the North
56 Carolina Families Accessing Services through Technology (NC FAST) project. In the event
57 that the Department does not receive prior year earned revenues in the amount authorized by
58 this section, the Department is authorized, with approval of the Office of State Budget and
59 Management, to utilize other overrealized receipts and funds appropriated to the Department to

1 achieve the level of funding specified in this section for the NC FAST project. The Department
2 shall not obligate any of its overrealized receipts or funds for this purpose without (i) prior
3 written approval from the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service,
4 the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and
5 Families, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and any other federal partner
6 responsible for approving changes to the annual Advance Planning Document update (APDu)
7 for the NC FAST Program and (ii) prior review and approval from the Office of Information
8 Technology Services (ITS) and the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM). The
9 Department shall report any changes to the NC FAST Program to the Joint Legislative
10 Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Joint Legislative Commission on
11 Governmental Operations, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human
12 Services, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the
13 Fiscal Research Division not later than 30 days after receiving all the approvals required by this
14 section.
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16 MEDICAID

17 SECTION 10.31.(a) Use of Funds, Allocation of Costs, Other Authorizations. –

- 18 (1) Use of funds. – Funds appropriated in this act for services provided in
19 accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid) are for both
20 the categorically needy and the medically needy.
- 21 (2) Allocation of nonfederal cost of Medicaid. – The State shall pay one
22 hundred percent (100%) of the nonfederal costs of all applicable services
23 listed in this section. In addition, the State shall pay one hundred percent
24 (100%) of the federal Medicare Part D clawback payments under the
25 Medicare Modernization Act of 2004.
- 26 (3) Use of funds for development and acquisition of equipment and software. –
27 If first approved by the Office of State Budget and Management, the
28 Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Human Services,
29 may use funds that are identified to support the cost of development and
30 acquisition of equipment and software and related operational costs through
31 contractual means to improve and enhance information systems that provide
32 management information and claims processing. The Department of Health
33 and Human Services shall identify adequate funds to support the
34 implementation and first year's operational costs that exceed funds allocated
35 for the new contract for the fiscal agent for the Medicaid Management
36 Information System.
- 37 (4) Reports. – Unless otherwise provided, whenever the Department of Health
38 and Human Services is required by this section to report to the General
39 Assembly, the report shall be submitted to the House of Representatives
40 Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate
41 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal
42 Research Division of the Legislative Services Office. Reports shall be
43 submitted on the date provided in the reporting requirement.
- 44 (5) Medicaid as secondary payor claims. – The Department shall apply
45 Medicaid medical policy to recipients who have primary insurance other
46 than Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid. The Department shall
47 pay an amount up to the actual coinsurance or deductible or both, in
48 accordance with the State Plan, as approved by the Department of Health
49 and Human Services. The Department may disregard application of this
50 policy in cases where application of the policy would adversely affect
51 patient care.

52 SECTION 10.31.(b) Policy. –

- 53 (1) Volume purchase plans and single source procurement. – The Department of
54 Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, may, subject to
55 the approval of a change in the State Medicaid Plan, contract for services,
56 medical equipment, supplies, and appliances by implementation of volume
57 purchase plans, single source procurement, or other contracting processes in
58 order to improve cost containment.

- 1 (2) Cost-containment programs. – The Department of Health and Human
2 Services, Division of Medical Assistance, may undertake cost-containment
3 programs, including contracting for services, preadmissions to hospitals, and
4 prior approval for certain outpatient surgeries before they may be performed
5 in an inpatient setting.
- 6 (3) Fraud and abuse. – The Division of Medical Assistance, Department of
7 Health and Human Services, shall provide incentives to counties that
8 successfully recover fraudulently spent Medicaid funds by sharing State
9 savings with counties responsible for the recovery of the fraudulently spent
10 funds.
- 11 (4) Medical policy. – Unless required for compliance with federal law, the
12 Department shall not change medical policy affecting the amount,
13 sufficiency, duration, and scope of health care services and who may provide
14 services until the Division of Medical Assistance has prepared a five-year
15 fiscal analysis documenting the increased cost of the proposed change in
16 medical policy and submitted it for departmental review. If the fiscal impact
17 indicated by the fiscal analysis for any proposed medical policy change
18 exceeds three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in total requirements for a given
19 fiscal year, then the Department shall submit the proposed medical policy
20 change with the fiscal analysis to the Office of State Budget and
21 Management and the Fiscal Research Division. The Department shall not
22 implement any proposed medical policy change exceeding three million
23 dollars (\$3,000,000) in total requirements for a given fiscal year unless the
24 source of State funding is identified and approved by the Office of State
25 Budget and Management. For medical policy changes exceeding three
26 million dollars (\$3,000,000) in total requirements for a given fiscal year that
27 are required for compliance with federal law, the Department shall submit
28 the proposed medical policy or policy interpretation change with the
29 five-year fiscal analysis to the Office of State Budget and Management prior
30 to implementing the change. The Department shall provide the Office of
31 State Budget and Management and the Fiscal Research Division a quarterly
32 report itemizing all medical policy changes with total requirements of less
33 than three million dollars (\$3,000,000).
- 34 (5) Posting of notices of changes on Department Web site. – For any public
35 notice of change required pursuant to the provisions of 42 C.F.R. § 447.205,
36 the Department shall, no later than seven business days after the date of
37 publication, publish the same notice on its Web site on the same Web page
38 as it publishes State Plan amendments, and the notice shall remain on the
39 Web site continuously for 90 days.
- 40 (6) Electronic transactions. – Medicaid providers shall follow the Department's
41 established procedures for securing electronic payments and the Department
42 shall not provide routine provider payments by check. Medicaid providers
43 shall file claims electronically, except that nonelectronic claims submission
44 may be required when it is in the best interest of the Department. Medicaid
45 providers shall submit Preadmission Screening and Annual Resident
46 Reviews (PASARR) through the Department's Web-based tool or through a
47 vendor with interface capability to submit data into the Web-based
48 PASARR.

49 Providers shall submit requests for prior authorizations electronically via
50 the vendor's Web site. Providers shall access their authorizations via online
51 portals rather than receiving hard copies by mail. Recipients shall continue
52 to receive adverse decisions via certified mail. Providers shall receive copies
53 electronically. Once Web portal is live for provider enrollment, providers
54 shall submit their provider enrollment applications online. Thereafter, the
55 Department shall accept electronic signatures, rather than require receipt of
56 signed hard copies.

57 **SECTION 10.31.(c)** Eligibility. – Eligibility for Medicaid shall be determined in
58 accordance with the following:

- 59 (1) Medicaid and Work First Family Assistance. –

- 1 a. Income eligibility standards. – The maximum net family annual
 2 income eligibility standards for Medicaid and Work First Family
 3 Assistance and the Standard of Need for Work First Family
 4 Assistance shall be as follows:

	CATEGORICALLY NEEDY – WFFA*	MEDICALLY NEEDY
	Standard of Need &	
	Families and Families and Children	Children & AA, AB, AD*
Family Size	Income Level	Income Level
1	\$4,344	\$2,900
2	5,664	3,800
3	6,528	4,400
4	7,128	4,800
5	7,776	5,200
6	8,376	5,600
7	8,952	6,000
8	9,256	6,300

*Work First Family Assistance (WFFA); Aid to the Aged (AA); Aid to the Blind (AB); and Aid to the Disabled (AD).

- 26 b. The payment level for Work First Family Assistance shall be fifty
 27 percent (50%) of the standard of need. These standards may be
 28 changed with the approval of the Director of the Budget.
- 29 c. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide
 30 Medicaid coverage to 19- and 20-year-olds in accordance with
 31 federal rules and regulations.
- 32 d. Medicaid enrollment of categorically needy families with children
 33 shall be continuous for one year without regard to changes in income
 34 or assets.
- 35 (2) For the following Medicaid eligibility classifications for which the federal
 36 poverty guidelines are used as income limits for eligibility determinations,
 37 the income limits will be updated each April 1 immediately following
 38 publication of federal poverty guidelines. The Department of Health and
 39 Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall provide Medicaid
 40 coverage to the following:
- 41 a. All elderly, blind, and disabled people who have incomes equal to or
 42 less than one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty
 43 guidelines.
- 44 b. Pregnant women with incomes equal to or less than one hundred
 45 eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty guidelines and
 46 without regard to resources. Services to pregnant women eligible
 47 under this subsection continue throughout the pregnancy but include
 48 only those related to pregnancy and to those other conditions
 49 determined by the Department as conditions that may complicate
 50 pregnancy.
- 51 c. Infants under the age of one with family incomes equal to or less
 52 than two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty guidelines
 53 and without regard to resources.
- 54 d. Children aged one through five with family incomes equal to or less
 55 than two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty guidelines
 56 and without regard to resources.
- 57 e. Children aged six through 18 with family incomes equal to or less
 58 than one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty guidelines
 59 and without regard to resources.

- f. Family planning services to men and women of childbearing age with family incomes equal to or less than one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty guidelines and without regard to resources.
 - g. Workers with disabilities described in G.S. 108A-54.1 with unearned income equal to or less than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty guidelines.
- (3) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall provide Medicaid coverage to adoptive children with special or rehabilitative needs regardless of the adoptive family's income.
- (4) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall provide Medicaid coverage to "independent foster care adolescents," ages 18, 19, and 20, as defined in section 1905(w)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396d(w)(1)), without regard to the adolescent's assets, resources, or income levels.
- (5) ICF and ICF/MR work incentive allowances. – The Department of Health and Human Services may provide an incentive allowance to Medicaid-eligible recipients of ICF and ICF/MR services, who are regularly engaged in work activities as part of their developmental plan, and for whom retention of additional income contributes to their achievement of independence. The State funds required to match the federal funds that are required by these allowances shall be provided from savings within the Medicaid budget or from other unbudgeted funds available to the Department. The incentive allowances may be as follows:
- | Monthly Net Wages | Monthly Incentive Allowance |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| \$1.00 to \$100.99 | Up to \$50.00 |
| \$101.00 to \$200.99 | \$80.00 |
| \$201.00 to \$300.99 | \$130.00 |
| \$301.00 and greater | \$212.00 |
- (6) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall provide Medicaid coverage to women who need treatment for breast or cervical cancer and who are defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1396a.(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII).

SECTION 10.31.(d) Services and Payment Bases. – The Department shall spend funds appropriated for Medicaid services in accordance with the following schedule of services and payment bases. Unless otherwise provided, services and payment bases will be as prescribed in the State Plan as established by the Department of Health and Human Services and may be changed with the approval of the Director of the Budget.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall operate and manage the Medicaid program within the annual State appropriation. DHHS shall establish policies, practices, rates, and expenditure procedures that are in compliance with CMS regulations and approved State Plans, State laws, and regulations.

Additionally, the Department shall be required to use the Physician's Advisory Group for review and will collaborate with other stakeholder groups in the adoption and implementation of all clinical and payment policies, including all public notice and posting provisions in use as of the effective date of this provision.

- (1) **Mandatory Services.** – In order to manage the Medicaid program within the annual State appropriation, the Secretary shall have the authority to submit State Plan amendments and establish temporary rules affecting the amount of service and payment rate for the following mandatory services:
- a. Hospital inpatient. – Payment for hospital inpatient services will be prescribed by the State Plan as established by the Department of Health and Human Services.
 - b. Hospital outpatient. – Eighty percent (80%) of allowable costs or a prospective reimbursement plan as established by the Department of Health and Human Services.
 - c. Nursing facilities. – Nursing facilities providing services to Medicaid recipients who also qualify for Medicare must be enrolled in the Medicare program as a condition of participation in the Medicaid

- 1 program. State facilities are not subject to the requirement to enroll in
2 the Medicare program. Residents of nursing facilities who are
3 eligible for Medicare coverage of nursing facility services must be
4 placed in a Medicare-certified bed. Medicaid shall cover facility
5 services only after the appropriate services have been billed to
6 Medicare.
- 7 d. Physicians, certified nurse midwife services, nurse practitioners,
8 physician assistants. – Fee schedules as developed by the Department
9 of Health and Human Services.
- 10 e. EPSDT screens. – Payments in accordance with rate schedule
11 developed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 12 f. Home health and related services, durable medical equipment. –
13 Payments according to reimbursement plans developed by the
14 Department of Health and Human Services.
- 15 g. Rural health clinical services. – Provider-based, reasonable cost,
16 nonprovider-based, single-cost reimbursement rate per clinic visit.
- 17 h. Family planning. – Negotiated rate for local health departments. For
18 other providers see specific services, e.g., hospitals, physicians.
- 19 i. Independent laboratory and X-ray services. – Uniform fee schedules
20 as developed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 21 j. Medicare Buy-In. – Social Security Administration premium.
- 22 k. Ambulance services. – Uniform fee schedules as developed by the
23 Department of Health and Human Services. Public ambulance
24 providers will be reimbursed at cost.
- 25 l. Medicare crossover claims. – The Department shall apply Medicaid
26 medical policy to Medicare claims for dually eligible recipients. The
27 Department shall pay an amount up to the actual coinsurance or
28 deductible or both, in accordance with the State Plan, as approved by
29 the Department of Health and Human Services. The Department may
30 disregard application of this policy in cases where application of the
31 policy would adversely affect patient care.
- 32 m. Pregnancy-related services. – Covered services for pregnant women
33 shall include nutritional counseling, psychosocial counseling, and
34 predelivery and postpartum home visits as described in clinical
35 policy.
- 36 n. Mental health services. – Coverage is limited to children eligible for
37 EPSDT services provided by:
- 38 1. Licensed or certified psychologists, licensed clinical social
39 workers, certified clinical nurse specialists in psychiatric
40 mental health advanced practice, nurse practitioners certified
41 as clinical nurse specialists in psychiatric mental health
42 advanced practice, licensed psychological associates, licensed
43 professional counselors, licensed marriage and family
44 therapists, licensed clinical addictions specialists, and
45 certified clinical supervisors, when Medicaid-eligible children
46 are referred by the Community Care of North Carolina
47 primary care physician, a Medicaid-enrolled psychiatrist, or
48 the area mental health program or local management entity,
49 and
- 50 2. Institutional providers of residential services as defined by the
51 Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
52 Substance Abuse Services and approved by the Centers for
53 Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for children and
54 Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility services that meet
55 federal and State requirements as defined by the Department.
- 56 (2) **Optional Services.** – In order to manage the Medicaid program within the
57 annual State appropriation, the Secretary shall have the authority to submit
58 State Plan amendments and establish temporary rules affecting the amount
59 of service, payment rate, or elimination of the following optional services:

- 1 a. Certified registered nurse anesthetists.
- 2 b. Community Alternative Programs.
- 3 c. Hearing aids. – Wholesale cost plus dispensing fee to provider.
- 4 d. Ambulatory surgical centers.
- 5 e. Private duty nursing, clinic services, prepaid health plans.
- 6 f. Intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded.
- 7 g. Chiropractors, podiatrists, optometrists, dentists.
- 8 h. Dental coverage. – Dental services shall be provided on a restricted
- 9 basis in accordance with criteria adopted by the Department to
- 10 implement this subsection.
- 11 i. Optical supplies. – Payment for materials is made to a contractor in
- 12 accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 431.54(d). Fees paid to dispensing
- 13 providers are negotiated fees established by the State agency based
- 14 on industry charges.
- 15 j. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. –
- 16 Services for adults. Payments are to be made only to qualified
- 17 providers at rates negotiated by the Department of Health and Human
- 18 Services.
- 19 k. Personal care services. – Payment in accordance with the State Plan
- 20 developed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 21 l. Case management services. – Reimbursement in accordance with the
- 22 availability of funds to be transferred within the Department of
- 23 Health and Human Services.
- 24 m. Hospice and palliative care.
- 25 n. Medically necessary prosthetics or orthotics. – In order to be eligible
- 26 for reimbursement, providers must be licensed or certified by the
- 27 occupational licensing board or the certification authority having
- 28 authority over the provider's license or certification. Medically
- 29 necessary prosthetics and orthotics are subject to prior approval and
- 30 utilization review.
- 31 o. Health insurance premiums.
- 32 p. Medical care/other remedial care. – Services not covered elsewhere
- 33 in this section include related services in schools; health professional
- 34 services provided outside the clinic setting to meet maternal and
- 35 infant health goals.
- 36 q. Bariatric surgeries. – Covered as described in clinical policy 1A-15,
- 37 Surgery for Clinically Severe Obesity. In order to raise the standard
- 38 of bariatric care in North Carolina, approval for these procedures
- 39 shall only be granted to those providers (facilities and surgeons) who
- 40 are designated as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence (BSCOE)
- 41 by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
- 42 (ASMBS). Providers must then submit to NC Medicaid
- 43 documentation of their designation as a BSCOE as well as verify
- 44 their continued annual participation.
- 45 r. Drugs. –
- 46 1. Reimbursements. – Reimbursements shall be available for
- 47 prescription drugs as allowed by federal regulations plus a
- 48 professional services fee per month, excluding refills for the
- 49 same drug or generic equivalent during the same month.
- 50 Payments for drugs are subject to the provisions of this
- 51 subdivision or in accordance with the State Plan adopted by
- 52 the Department of Health and Human Services, consistent
- 53 with federal reimbursement regulations. Payment of the
- 54 professional services fee shall be made in accordance with the
- 55 State Plan adopted by the Department of Health and Human
- 56 Services, consistent with federal reimbursement regulations.
- 57 The professional services fee shall be established by the
- 58 Department. In addition to the professional services fee, the
- 59 Department may pay an enhanced fee for pharmacy services.

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2. Limitations on quantity. – The Department of Health and Human Services may establish authorizations, limitations, and reviews for specific drugs, drug classes, brands, or quantities in order to manage effectively the Medicaid program. The Department may impose prior authorization requirements on brand-name drugs for which the phrase "medically necessary" is written on the prescription.
3. Dispensing of generic drugs. – Notwithstanding G.S. 90-85.27 through G.S. 90-85.31, or any other law to the contrary, under the Medical Assistance Program (Title XIX of the Social Security Act), and except as otherwise provided in this subsection for drugs listed in the narrow therapeutic index, a prescription order for a drug designated by a trade or brand name shall be considered to be an order for the drug by its established or generic name, except when the prescriber has determined, at the time the drug is prescribed, that the brand-name drug is medically necessary and has written on the prescription order the phrase "medically necessary." An initial prescription order for a drug listed in the narrow therapeutic drug index that does not contain the phrase "medically necessary" shall be considered an order for the drug by its established or generic name, except that a pharmacy shall not substitute a generic or established name prescription drug for subsequent brand or trade name prescription orders of the same prescription drug without explicit oral or written approval of the prescriber given at the time the order is filled. Generic drugs shall be dispensed at a lower cost to the Medical Assistance Program rather than trade or brand-name drugs. Notwithstanding this subdivision to the contrary, the Secretary of Health and Human Services may prevent substitution of a generic equivalent drug, including a generic equivalent that is on the State maximum allowable cost list, when the net cost to the State of the brand-name drug, after consideration of all rebates, is less than the cost of the generic equivalent. As used in this subsection, "brand name" means the proprietary name the manufacturer places upon a drug product or on its container, label, or wrapping at the time of packaging; and "established name" has the same meaning as in section 502(e)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended, 21 U.S.C. § 352(e)(3).
4. Specialty drug provider network. – The Department of Health and Human Services shall work with specialty drug providers, manufacturers of specialty drugs, Medicaid recipients who are prescribed specialty drugs, and the medical professionals that treat Medicaid recipients who are prescribed specialty drugs to develop ways to ensure that best practices and the prevention of overutilization are maintained in the delivery and utilization of specialty drugs.
5. Lock controlled substances prescriptions into single pharmacy/provider. – The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall lock Medicaid enrollees into a single pharmacy and provider when the Medicaid enrollee's utilization of selected controlled substance medications meets the lock-in criteria approved by the NC Physicians Advisory Group, as follows:
 - I. Enrollees may be prescribed selected controlled substance medications by only one prescribing physician and may not change the prescribing

- 1 physician at any time without prior approval or
2 authorization by the Division.
- 3 II. Enrollees may have prescriptions for selected
4 controlled substance medications filled at only one
5 pharmacy and may not change to another pharmacy at
6 any time without prior approval or authorization by
7 the Division.
- 8 5A. Prior authorization. – The Department of Health and Human
9 Services, Division of Medical Assistance, may initiate prior
10 authorization for the prescribing of drugs specified for the
11 treatment of mental illness by providers who fail to prescribe
12 those drugs in accordance with indications and dosage levels
13 approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration. The
14 Department may require retrospective clinical justification for
15 the use of multiple psychotropic drugs for a Medicaid patient.
16 For individuals 18 years of age and under who are prescribed
17 three or more psychotropic medications, the Department shall
18 implement clinical edits that target inefficient, ineffective, or
19 potentially harmful prescribing patterns. When such patterns
20 are identified, the Medical Director for the Division of
21 Medical Assistance and the Chief of Clinical Policy for the
22 Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
23 Substance Abuse Services shall require a peer-to-peer
24 consultation with the target prescribers. Alternatives
25 discussed during the peer-to-peer consultations shall be based
26 upon:
- 27 I. Evidence-based criteria available regarding efficacy
28 or safety of the covered treatments; and
- 29 II. Policy approval by a majority vote of the North
30 Carolina Physicians Advisory Group (NCPAG).
- 31 The target prescriber has final decision-making authority to
32 determine which prescription drug to prescribe or refill.
- 33 6. Preferred Drug List. – The Department of Health and Human
34 Services shall establish and implement a preferred drug list
35 program under the Division of Medical Assistance.
36 Medications prescribed for the treatment of mental illness
37 shall be included on the Preferred Drug List (PDL).
- 38 The pharmaceutical and therapeutics committee of the
39 Physician's Advisory Group (PAG) shall provide ongoing
40 review of the preferred drug list, including the
41 implementation of prior authorization on identified drugs.
42 Members of the committee shall submit conflict of interest
43 disclosure statements to the Department and shall have an
44 ongoing duty to disclose conflicts of interest not included in
45 the original disclosure.
- 46 The Department, in consultation with the PAG, shall
47 adopt and publish policies and procedures relating to the
48 preferred drug list, including the following:
- 49 I. Guidelines for the presentation and review of drugs
50 for inclusion on the preferred drug list.
- 51 II. The manner and frequency of audits of the preferred
52 drug list for appropriateness of patient care and
53 cost-effectiveness.
- 54 III. An appeals process for the resolution of disputes.
- 55 IV. Such other policies and procedures as the Department
56 deems necessary and appropriate.
- 57 The Department and the pharmaceutical and therapeutics
58 committee shall consider all therapeutic classes of
59 prescription drugs for inclusion on the preferred drug list,

1 except medications for treatment of human
2 immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency
3 syndrome shall not be subject to consideration for inclusion
4 on the preferred drug list.

5 The Department shall maintain an updated preferred drug
6 list in electronic format and shall make the list available to
7 the public on the Department's Internet Web site.

8 The Department shall (i) enter into a multistate
9 purchasing pool; (ii) negotiate directly with manufacturers or
10 labelers; (iii) contract with a pharmacy benefit manager for
11 negotiated discounts or rebates for all prescription drugs
12 under the medical assistance program; or (iv) effectuate any
13 combination of these options in order to achieve the lowest
14 available price for such drugs under such program.

15 The Department may negotiate supplemental rebates from
16 manufacturers that are in addition to those required by Title
17 XIX of the Social Security Act. The committee shall consider
18 a product for inclusion on the preferred drug list if the
19 manufacturer provides a supplemental rebate. The
20 Department may procure a sole source contract with an
21 outside entity or contractor to conduct negotiations for
22 supplemental rebates.

23 The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human
24 Services shall establish a Preferred Drug List (PDL) Policy
25 Review Panel within 60 days after the effective date of this
26 section. The purpose of the PDL Policy Review Panel is to
27 review the Medicaid PDL recommendations from the
28 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
29 Medical Assistance, and the Physician Advisory Group
30 Pharmacy and Therapeutics (PAG P&T) Committee.

31 The Secretary shall appoint the following individuals to
32 the review panel: (i) the Director of Pharmacy for the
33 Division of Medical Assistance, (ii) a representative from the
34 PAG P&T Committee, (iii) a representative from the Old
35 North State Medical Society, (iv) a representative from the
36 North Carolina Association of Pharmacists, (v) a
37 representative from Community Care of North Carolina, (vi)
38 A representative from the North Carolina Psychiatric
39 Association, (vii) A representative from the North Carolina
40 Pediatric Society, (viii) A representative from the North
41 Carolina Academy of Family Physicians, (ix) a representative
42 from the North Carolina Chapter of the American College of
43 Physicians, (x) a representative from a research-based
44 pharmaceutical company, (xi) a representative from a
45 hospital-based pharmacy.

46 Individuals appointed to the Review Panel, except for the
47 Division's Director of Pharmacy, shall only serve a two-year
48 term.

49 After the Department, in consultation with the PAG P&T
50 Committee, publishes a proposed policy or procedure related
51 to the Medicaid PDL, the Review Panel shall hold an open
52 meeting to review the recommended policy or procedure
53 along with any written public comments received as a result
54 of the posting. The Review Panel shall provide an opportunity
55 for public comment at the meeting. After the conclusion of
56 the meeting, the Review Panel shall submit policy
57 recommendations about the proposed Medicaid PDL policy
58 or procedure to the Secretary.

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The Department may establish a Preferred Drug List for the North Carolina Health Choice for Children program and pursue negotiated discounts or rebates for all prescription drugs under the program in order to achieve the lowest available price for such drugs under such program. The Department may procure a sole source contract with an outside entity or contractor to conduct negotiations for these discounts or rebates. The PAG P&T Committee and Preferred Drug List Policy Review Panel will provide recommendations on policies and procedures for the NC Health Choice Preferred Drug List.

s. Incentive Payments as outlined in the State Medicaid Health Information Plan for Electronic Health Records.

t. Other mental health services. – Unless otherwise covered by this section, coverage is limited to the following:

1. Services as established by the Division of Medical Assistance in consultation with the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) when provided in agencies meeting the requirements and reimbursement is made in accordance with a State Plan developed by the Department of Health and Human Services not to exceed the upper limits established in federal regulations.

2. For Medicaid-eligible adults, services provided by licensed or certified psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, certified clinical nurse specialists in psychiatric mental health advanced practice, and nurse practitioners certified as clinical nurse specialists in psychiatric mental health advanced practice, licensed psychological associates, licensed professional counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, certified clinical addictions specialists, and licensed clinical supervisors, Medicaid-eligible adults may be self-referred.

3. Payments made for services rendered in accordance with this subdivision shall be qualified providers in accordance with approved policies and the State Plan. Nothing in sub-sub-subdivisions 1. or 2. of this sub-subdivision shall be interpreted to modify the scope of practice of any service provider, practitioner, or licensee, nor to modify or attenuate any collaboration or supervision requirement related to the professional activities of any service provider, practitioner, or licensee. Nothing in sub-sub-subdivisions 1. or 2. of this sub-subdivision shall be interpreted to require any private health insurer or health plan to make direct third-party reimbursements or payments to any service provider, practitioner, or licensee.

Notwithstanding G.S. 150B-21.1(a), the Department of Health and Human Services may adopt temporary rules in accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes further defining the qualifications of providers and referral procedures in order to implement this subdivision. Coverage policy for services established by the Division of Medical Assistance in consultation with the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services under sub-subdivisions a. and b.2. of this subdivision shall be established by the Division of Medical Assistance.

u. Experimental/investigational medical procedures. – Coverage is limited to services, supplies, drugs, or devices recognized as standard

1 medical care for the condition, disease, illness, or injury being treated
 2 as determined by nationally recognized scientific professional
 3 organizations or scientifically based federal organizations such as the
 4 Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health, the
 5 Centers for Disease Control, or the Agency for Health Care Research
 6 and Quality.

7 v. Clinical trials. – The Division of Medical Assistance shall develop
 8 clinical policy for the coverage of routine costs in clinical trial
 9 services for life-threatening conditions using resources such as
 10 coverage criteria from Medicare, NC State Health Plan, and the input
 11 of the Physician Advisory Group.

12 w. Organ transplants.

13 (3) Never Events and Hospital Acquired Conditions (HACs) shall not be
 14 reimbursed. Medicaid will adhere to Medicare requirements for definition of
 15 events and conditions.

16 **SECTION 10.31.(e) Provider Performance Bonds and Visits. –**

17 (1) Subject to the provisions of this subdivision, the Department may require
 18 Medicaid-enrolled providers to purchase a performance bond in an amount
 19 not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) naming as
 20 beneficiary the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
 21 Medical Assistance, or provide to the Department a validly executed letter of
 22 credit or other financial instrument issued by a financial institution or agency
 23 honoring a demand for payment in an equivalent amount. The Department
 24 may require the purchase of a performance bond or the submission of an
 25 executed letter of credit or financial instrument as a condition of initial
 26 enrollment, reenrollment, or reinstatement if:

27 a. The provider fails to demonstrate financial viability.

28 b. The Department determines there is significant potential for fraud
 29 and abuse.

30 c. The Department otherwise finds it is in the best interest of the
 31 Medicaid program to do so.

32 The Department shall specify the circumstances under which a performance
 33 bond or executed letter of credit will be required.

34 (1a) The Department may waive or limit the requirements of this subsection for
 35 individual Medicaid-enrolled providers or for one or more classes of
 36 Medicaid-enrolled providers based on the following:

37 a. The provider's or provider class's dollar amount of monthly billings
 38 to Medicaid.

39 b. The length of time an individual provider has been licensed,
 40 endorsed, certified, or accredited in this State to provide services.

41 c. The length of time an individual provider has been enrolled to
 42 provide Medicaid services in this State.

43 d. The provider's demonstrated ability to ensure adequate record
 44 keeping, staffing, and services.

45 e. The need to ensure adequate access to care.

46 In waiving or limiting requirements of this subsection, the Department shall
 47 take into consideration the potential fiscal impact of the waiver or limitation
 48 on the State Medicaid Program. The Department shall provide to the affected
 49 provider written notice of the findings upon which its action is based and
 50 shall include the performance bond requirements and the conditions under
 51 which a waiver or limitation apply. The Department may adopt temporary
 52 rules in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.1 as necessary to implement this
 53 provision.

54 (2) Reimbursement is available for up to 30 visits per recipient per fiscal year
 55 for the following professional services: physicians, nurse practitioners, nurse
 56 midwives, physician assistants, clinics, health departments, optometrists,
 57 chiropractors, and podiatrists. The Department of Health and Human
 58 Services shall adopt medical policies in accordance with G.S. 108A-54.2 to
 59 distribute the allowable number of visits for each service or each group of

1 services consistent with federal law. In addition, the Department shall
2 establish a threshold of some number of visits for these services. The
3 Department shall ensure that primary care providers or the appropriate
4 CCNC network are notified when a patient is nearing the established
5 threshold to facilitate care coordination and intervention as needed.

6 Prenatal services, all EPSDT children, emergency room visits, and
7 mental health visits subject to independent utilization review are exempt
8 from the visit limitations contained in this subdivision. Subject to
9 appropriate medical review, the Department may authorize exceptions when
10 additional care is medically necessary. Routine or maintenance visits above
11 the established visit limit will not be covered unless necessary to actively
12 manage a life threatening disorder or as an alternative to more costly care
13 options.

14 **SECTION 10.31.(f)** Exceptions and Limitations on Services; Authorization of
15 Co-Payments and Other Services. –

- 16 (1) Exceptions to service limitations, eligibility requirements, and payments. –
17 Service limitations, eligibility requirements, and payment bases in this
18 section may be waived by the Department of Health and Human Services,
19 with the approval of the Director of the Budget, to allow the Department to
20 carry out pilot programs for prepaid health plans, contracting for services,
21 managed care plans, or community-based services programs in accordance
22 with plans approved by the United States Department of Health and Human
23 Services or when the Department determines that such a waiver or
24 innovation projects will result in a reduction in the total Medicaid costs.
- 25 (2) Co-payment for Medicaid services. – The Department of Health and Human
26 Services may establish co-payments up to the maximum permitted by federal
27 law and regulation.
- 28 (3) Provider enrollment fee. – Effective September 1, 2009, the Department of
29 Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall charge an
30 enrollment fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or the amount federally
31 required, to each provider enrolling in the Medicaid program for the first
32 time. The fee shall be charged to all providers at recertification every three
33 years.

34 **SECTION 10.31.(g)** Rules, Reports, and Other Matters. –

35 Rules. – The Department of Health and Human Services may adopt temporary or
36 emergency rules according to the procedures established in G.S. 150B-21.1 and
37 G.S. 150B-21.1A when it finds that these rules are necessary to maximize receipt of federal
38 funds within existing State appropriations, to reduce Medicaid expenditures, and to reduce
39 fraud and abuse. The Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules requiring
40 providers to attend training as a condition of enrollment and may adopt temporary or
41 emergency rules to implement the training requirement.

42 Prior to the filing of the temporary or emergency rules authorized under this
43 subsection with the Rules Review Commission and the Office of Administrative Hearings, the
44 Department shall consult with the Office of State Budget and Management on the possible
45 fiscal impact of the temporary or emergency rule and its effect on State appropriations and
46 local governments.

47 **MEDICAID PROVIDER ASSESSMENTS**

48 **SECTION 10.31A.** The Secretary of Health and Human Services may implement a
49 Medicaid assessment program for any willing provider category allowed under federal
50 regulations up to the maximum percentage allowed by federal regulation. The Department may
51 retain up to sixty-five percent (65%) of the amount from an assessment program implemented
52 after December 31, 2010, that can be used by the Department to support Medicaid
53 expenditures. Any assessment funds not retained by the Department shall be used to draw
54 federal Medicaid matching funds for implementing increased rates or new reimbursement plans
55 for each provider category being assessed.

56 Receipts from the assessment program are hereby appropriated for the 2011-2012
57 fiscal year and the 2012-2013 fiscal year for the purposes set out in this section.
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DMA CONTRACT SHORTFALL

SECTION 10.32.(a) Budget approval is required by the Office of State Budget and Management prior to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, entering into any new contract or the renewal or amendment of existing contracts that exceed the current contract amounts.

SECTION 10.32.(b) The Division of Medical Assistance shall make every effort to effect savings within its operational budget and use those savings to offset its contract shortfall. Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-4(b)(3), the Department may use funds appropriated in this act to cover the contract shortfall in the Division of Medical Assistance if insufficient funds exist within the Division.

MEDICAID COST CONTAINMENT ACTIVITIES

SECTION 10.33.(a) The Department of Health and Human Services may use up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in the 2011-2012 fiscal year and up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in the 2012-2013 fiscal year in Medicaid funds budgeted for program services to support the cost of administrative activities when cost-effectiveness and savings are demonstrated. The funds shall be used to support activities that will contain the cost of the Medicaid Program, including contracting for services, hiring additional staff, funding pilot programs, Health Information Exchange and Health Information Technology (HIE/HIT) administrative activities, or providing grants through the Office of Rural Health and Community Care to plan, develop, and implement cost containment programs.

Medicaid cost containment activities may include prospective reimbursement methods, incentive-based reimbursement methods, service limits, prior authorization of services, periodic medical necessity reviews, revised medical necessity criteria, service provision in the least costly settings, plastic magnetic-stripped Medicaid identification cards for issuance to Medicaid enrollees, fraud detection software or other fraud detection activities, technology that improves clinical decision making, credit balance recovery and data mining services, and other cost containment activities. Funds may be expended under this section only after the Office of State Budget and Management has approved a proposal for the expenditure submitted by the Department. Proposals for expenditure of funds under this section shall include the cost of implementing the cost containment activity and documentation of the amount of savings expected to be realized from the cost containment activity.

SECTION 10.33.(b) The Department shall report annually on the expenditures under this section to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division. The report shall include the methods used to achieve savings and the amount saved by these methods. The report is due to the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division not later than December 1 of each year for the activities of the previous State fiscal year.

MEDICAID SPECIAL FUND TRANSFER

SECTION 10.34. Of the funds transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services for Medicaid programs pursuant to G.S. 143C-9-1, there is appropriated from the Medicaid Special Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of forty-three million dollars (\$43,000,000) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the sum of forty-three million dollars (\$43,000,000) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated as prescribed by G.S. 143C-9-1(b) for Medicaid programs. Notwithstanding the prescription in G.S. 143C-9-1(b) that these funds not reduce State general revenue funding, these funds shall replace the reduction in general revenue funding effected in this act. The Department may also use funds in the Medicaid Special Fund to fund the settlement of the Disproportionate Share Hospital payment audit issues between the Department of Health and Human Services and the federal government related to fiscal years 1997-2002, and funds are appropriated from the Fund for the 2011-2012 fiscal year for this purpose.

ACCOUNTING FOR MEDICAID RECEIVABLES AS NONTAX REVENUE

SECTION 10.35.(a) Receivables reserved at the end of the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal years shall, when received, be accounted for as nontax revenue for each of those fiscal years.

1 **SECTION 10.35.(b)** For the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Department of Health and
2 Human Services shall deposit from its revenues one hundred fifteen million dollars
3 (\$115,000,000) with the Department of State Treasurer to be accounted for as nontax revenue.
4 For the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the Department of Health and Human Services shall deposit
5 from its revenues one hundred fifteen million dollars (\$115,000,000) with the Department of
6 State Treasurer to be accounted for as nontax revenue. These deposits shall represent the return
7 of General Fund appropriations, nonfederal revenue, fund balances or other resources from
8 State ~~owned and operated~~ hospitals which are used to provide indigent and non-indigent care
9 services. The return from State ~~owned and operated~~ hospitals to DHHS will be made from
10 nonfederal resources in an amount equal to the amount of the payments from the Division of
11 Medical Assistance for uncompensated care. The treatment of any revenue derived from federal
12 programs shall be in accordance with the requirements specified in the Code of Federal
13 Regulations, Title 2, Part 225.

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15 **FAMILIES PAY PART OF THE COST OF SERVICES UNDER THE CAP-MR/DD**
16 **PROGRAM AND THE CAP-CHILDREN'S PROGRAM BASED ON FAMILY**
17 **INCOME**

18 **SECTION 10.36.(a)** Subject to approval from the Centers for Medicare and
19 Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical
20 Assistance, shall, in consultation with the Division of Mental Health, Developmental
21 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and Community Alternatives Program (CAP)
22 stakeholders, develop a schedule of cost-sharing requirements for families of children with
23 incomes above the Medicaid allowable limit to share in the costs of their child's Medicaid
24 expenses under the CAP-MR/DD (Community Alternatives Program for Mental Retardation
25 and Developmentally Disabled) and the CAP-C (Community Alternatives Program for
26 Children). The cost-sharing amounts shall be based on a sliding scale of family income and
27 shall take into account the impact on families with more than one child in the CAP programs.
28 In developing the schedule, the Department shall also take into consideration how other states
29 have implemented cost-sharing in their CAP programs. The Division of Medical Assistance
30 may establish monthly deductibles as a means of implementing this cost-sharing. The
31 Department shall provide for at least one public hearing and other opportunities for individuals
32 to comment on the imposition of cost-sharing under the CAP program schedule.

33 **SECTION 10.36.(b)** The Division of Medical Assistance shall also, in
34 collaboration with the Controller's Office of the Department of Health and Human Services, the
35 Division of Information Resource Management (DIRM), and the new vendor of the
36 replacement Medicaid Management Information System, develop business rules, program
37 policies, and procedures and define relevant technical requirements.

38 **SECTION 10.36.(c)** Implementation of this provision shall be delayed until the
39 implementation of the new Medicaid Management Information System.

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41 **AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO TAKE CERTAIN**
42 **STEPS TO EFFECTUATE COMPLIANCE WITH BUDGET REDUCTIONS IN**
43 **THE MEDICAID PROGRAM**

44 **SECTION 10.37.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
45 Medical Assistance, may take the following actions, notwithstanding any other provision of this
46 act or other State law or rule to the contrary:

47 (1) In-Home Care provision. – In order to enhance in-home aide services to
48 Medicaid recipients, the Department of Health and Human Services,
49 Division of Medical Assistance, shall:

50 a. No longer provide services under PCS and PCS-Plus the later of
51 January 1, 2012, or whenever CMS approves the elimination of the
52 PCS and PCS-Plus programs and the implementation of the
53 following two new services:

54 1. In-Home Care for Children (IHCC). – Services to assist
55 families to meet the in-home care needs of children, including
56 those individuals under the age of 21 receiving
57 comprehensive and preventive child health services through
58 the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
59 (EPSDT) program.

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2. In-Home Care for Adults (IHCA). – Services to meet the eating, dressing, bathing, toileting, and mobility needs of individuals 21 years of age or older who, because of a medical condition, disability, or cognitive impairment, demonstrate unmet needs for, at a minimum (i) three of the five qualifying activities of daily living (ADLs) with limited hands-on assistance; (ii) two ADLs, one of which requires extensive assistance; or (iii) two ADLs, one of which requires assistance at the full dependence level. The five qualifying ADLs are eating, dressing, bathing, toileting, and mobility. IHCA shall serve individuals at the highest level of need for in-home care who are able to remain safely in the home.
- b. Establish, in accordance with G.S. 108A-54.2, a Medical Coverage Policy for each of these programs to include:
1. For IHCC, up to 60 hours per month in accordance with an assessment conducted by DMA or its designee and a plan of care developed by the service provider and approved by DMA or its designee. Additional hours may be authorized when the services are required to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions in this age group, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(r)(5), in accordance with a plan of care approved by DMA or its designee.
 2. For IHCA, up to 80 hours per month in accordance with an assessment conducted by DMA or its designee and a plan of care developed by the service provider and approved by DMA or its designee.
- c. Implement the following program limitations and restrictions to apply to both IHCC and IHCA:
1. Additional services to children required under federal EPSDT requirements shall be provided to qualified recipients in the IHCC Program.
 2. Services shall be provided in a manner that supplements, rather than supplants, family roles and responsibilities.
 3. Services shall be authorized in amounts based on assessed need of each recipient, taking into account care and services provided by the family, other public and private agencies, and other informal caregivers who may be available to assist the family. All available resources shall be utilized fully, and services provided by such agencies and individuals shall be disclosed to the DMA assessor.
 4. Services shall be directly related to the hands-on assistance and related tasks to complete each qualifying ADL in accordance with the IHCC or IHCA assessment and plan of care, as applicable.
 5. Services provided under IHCC and IHCA shall not include household chores not directly related to the qualifying ADLs, nonmedical transportation, financial management, and non-hands-on assistance such as cueing, prompting, guiding, coaching, or babysitting.
 6. Essential errands that are critical to maintaining the health and welfare of the recipient may be approved on a case-by-case basis by the DMA assessor when there is no family member, other individual, program, or service available to meet this need. Approval, including the amount of time required to perform this task, shall be documented on the recipient's assessment form and plan of care.
- d. Utilize the following process for admission to the IHCC and IHCA programs:

1. The recipient shall be seen by his or her primary or attending physician, who shall provide written authorization for referral for the service and written attestation to the medical necessity for the service.
 2. All assessments for admission to IHCC and IHCA, continuation of these services, and change of status reviews for these services shall be performed by DMA or its designee. The DMA designee may not be an owner of a provider business or provider of in-home or personal care services of any type.
 3. DMA or its designee shall determine and authorize the amount of service to be provided on a "needs basis," as determined by its review and findings of each recipient's degree of functional disability and level of unmet needs for hands-on personal assistance in the five qualifying ADLs.
- e. Take all appropriate actions to manage the cost, quality, program compliance, and utilization of services provided under the IHCC and IHCA programs, including, but not limited to:
1. Priority independent reassessment of recipients before the anniversary date of their initial admission or reassessment for those recipients likely to qualify for the restructured IHCC and IHCA programs.
 2. Priority independent reassessment of recipients requesting a change of service provider.
 3. Targeted reassessments of recipients prior to their anniversary dates when the current provider assessment indicates they may not qualify for the program or for the amount of services they are currently receiving.
 4. Targeted reassessment of recipients receiving services from providers with a history of program noncompliance.
 5. Provider desk and on-site reviews and recoupment of all identified overpayments or improper payments.
 6. Recipient reviews, interviews, and surveys.
 7. The use of mandated electronic transmission of referral forms, plans of care, and reporting forms.
 8. The use of mandated electronic transmission of uniform reporting forms for recipient complaints and critical incidents.
 9. The use of automated systems to monitor, evaluate, and profile provider performance against established performance indicators.
 10. Establishment of rules that implement the requirements of 42 C.F.R. § 441.16.
- f. Time line for implementation of new IHCC and IHCA programs.
1. Subject to approvals from CMS, DMA shall make every effort to implement the new IHCC and IHCA programs by January 1, 2013.
 2. DMA shall ensure that individuals who qualify for the IHCC and IHCA programs shall not experience a lapse in service and, if necessary, shall be admitted on the basis of their current provider assessment when an independent reassessment has not yet been performed and the current assessment documents that the medical necessity requirements for the IHCC or IHCA program, as applicable, have been met.
 3. Prior to the implementation date of the new IHCC and IHCA programs, all recipients in the PCS and PCS-Plus programs shall be notified pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 431.220(b) and discharged, and the Department shall no longer provide services under the PCS and PCS-Plus programs, which shall

- 1 terminate. Recipients who qualify for the new IHCC and
2 IHCA programs shall be admitted and shall be eligible to
3 receive services immediately.
- 4 (2) Clinical coverage. – The Department of Health and Human Services,
5 Division of Medical Assistance, shall amend applicable clinical policies and
6 submit applicable State Plan amendments to Centers for Medicare and
7 Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement the budget reductions authorized in
8 the following clinical coverage areas in this act:
- 9 a. Eliminate or limit adult physical therapy, occupational therapy, and
10 speech therapy visits to three visits per calendar year.
- 11 (3) MH/DD/SAS personal care and personal assistance services provision. – A
12 denial, reduction, or termination of Medicaid-funded personal care services
13 or in-home care services shall result in a similar denial, reduction, or
14 termination of State-funded MH/DD/SAS personal care and personal
15 assistance services.
- 16 (4) Community Support Team. – Authorization for a Community Support Team
17 shall be based upon medical necessity as defined by the Department and
18 shall not exceed 18 hours per week.
- 19 (5) MH residential. – The Department of Health and Human Services shall
20 restructure the Medicaid child mental health, developmental disabilities, and
21 substance abuse residential services to ensure that total expenditures are
22 within budgeted levels. All restructuring activities shall be in compliance
23 with federal and State law or rule. The Divisions of Medical Assistance and
24 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services
25 shall establish a team inclusive of providers, LMEs, and other stakeholders
26 to assure effective transition of recipients to appropriate treatment options.
27 The restructuring shall address all of the following:
- 28 a. Submission of the therapeutic family service definition to CMS.
- 29 b. The Department shall reexamine the entrance and continued stay
30 criteria for all residential services. The revised criteria shall promote
31 least restrictive services in the home prior to residential placement.
32 During treatment, there must be inclusion in community activities
33 and parent or legal guardian participation in treatment.
- 34 c. Require all existing residential providers or agencies to be nationally
35 accredited within one year of enactment of this act. Any providers
36 enrolled after the enactment of this act shall be subject to existing
37 endorsement and nationally accrediting requirements. In the interim,
38 providers who are nationally accredited will be preferred providers
39 for placement considerations.
- 40 d. Before a child can be admitted to Level III or Level IV placement, an
41 assessment shall be completed to ensure the appropriateness of
42 placement, and one or more of the following shall apply:
- 43 1. Placement shall be a step down from a higher level placement
44 such as a psychiatric residential treatment facility or inpatient
45 facility.
- 46 2. Multisystemic therapy or intensive in-home therapy services
47 have been unsuccessful.
- 48 3. The Child and Family Team has reviewed all other
49 alternatives and recommendations and recommends Level III
50 or Level IV placement due to maintaining health and safety.
- 51 4. Transition or discharge plan shall be submitted as part of the
52 initial or concurrent request.
- 53 e. Length of stay is limited to no more than 120 days. Any exceptions
54 granted will require (i) for non-CABHAs, an independent
55 psychological or psychiatric assessment, (ii) for CABHAs, a
56 psychological or psychiatric assessment that may be completed by
57 the CABHA, and (iii) for both, a Child and Family Team review of
58 goals and treatment progress, that family or discharge placement

- 1 setting are actively engaged in treatment goals and objectives, and
2 active participation of the prior authorization of vendor.
- 3 f. Submission of discharge plan is required in order for the request for
4 authorization for Level III or Level IV services to be considered
5 complete, but the authorization approval is not conditional upon the
6 receipt of the signature of the system of care coordinator. The LME
7 will designate appropriate individuals who can sign the discharge
8 plan within 24 hours of receipt of the discharge plan. Failure to
9 submit a complete discharge plan will result in the request being
10 returned as unable to process.
- 11 g. Any residential provider that ceases to function as a provider shall
12 provide written notification to DMA, the Local Management Entity,
13 recipients, and the prior authorization vendor 30 days prior to closing
14 of the business.
- 15 h. Record maintenance is the responsibility of the provider and must be
16 in compliance with record retention requirements. Records shall also
17 be available to State, federal, and local agencies.
- 18 i. Failure to comply with notification, recipient transition planning, or
19 record maintenance shall be grounds for withholding payment until
20 such activity is concluded. In addition, failure to comply shall be
21 conditions that prevent enrollment for any Medicaid or State-funded
22 service. A provider (including its officers, directors, agents, or
23 managing employees or individuals or entities having a direct or
24 indirect ownership interest or control interest of five percent (5%) or
25 more as set forth in Title XI of the Social Security Act) that fails to
26 comply with the required record retention may be subject to
27 sanctions, including exclusion from further participation in the
28 Medicaid program, as set forth in Title XI.
- 29 (6) Reduce Medicaid rates. – Subject to the prior approval of the Office of State
30 Budget and Management, the Secretary shall reduce Medicaid provider rates
31 to accomplish the reduction in funds for this purpose enacted in this act. The
32 reductions authorized by this subdivision are subject to the following
33 additional limitations:
- 34 a. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall reduce Medicaid
35 provider rates for all Medicaid providers by an annualized three
36 percent (3%) except as follows:
- 37 1. Physician services. – The provider rate for physicians shall
38 not be reduced.
- 39 2. Hospital inpatient services. – The provider rate for inpatient
40 hospital services shall be reduced in the aggregate by an
41 annualized amount not to exceed nine and six-tenths percent
42 (9.6%). The provider rates for non-State-owned free standing
43 psychiatric and rehabilitation hospitals are not included in this
44 exception.
- 45 3. The Secretary shall consider the impact on access to care
46 through primary care providers and critical access hospitals
47 and may adjust the rates accordingly. Medicaid rates
48 predicated on Medicare fee schedules shall follow Medicare
49 reductions but not Medicare increases unless federally
50 required.
- 51 4. Exceptions for certain providers. – The rate reduction applies
52 to all Medicaid private and public providers with the
53 following exceptions:
- 54 I. Federally qualified health centers.
55 II. Rural health centers.
56 III. State institutions.
57 IV. Hospital outpatient.
58 V. Pharmacies.
59 VI. The State Public Health Laboratory.

- 1 VII. The noninflationary components of the case-mix
2 reimbursement system for nursing facilities.
- 3 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no inflationary
4 increases shall be made to Medicaid provider rates during the
5 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, except that inflationary increases
6 for health care providers paying provider fees or assessments
7 may occur if the State share of the increases can be funded
8 with provider fees or assessments.
- 9 b. The rate reductions required by this section shall take effect in
10 accordance with the following schedule:
- 11 1. On or Before October 1, 2011. – The provider rate reductions
12 required by sub-subdivision a. of this sub-subdivision shall
13 take effect on or before October 1, 2011. However, the
14 reductions shall be adjusted by a percentage sufficient to
15 yield savings as if the reductions had taken effect on July 1,
16 2011.
- 17 2. July 1, 2012. – On July 1, 2012, the provider rate reductions
18 required by sub-sub-subdivision a.2. of this sub-subdivision
19 and any other rate reductions implemented pursuant to
20 sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision, but not implemented
21 by July 1, 2011, shall be adjusted to the level at which they
22 would have been without the adjustment required by
23 sub-sub-subdivision 1. of this sub-subdivision.
- 24 c. No other adjustments to the provider rates or payment methodologies
25 shall be made for physician services, critical access hospital services,
26 hospital inpatient services or hospital outpatient services,
27 non-State-owned free standing psychiatric and rehabilitation
28 hospitals, and adult care homes except as provided in sub-subdivision
29 a. of this subdivision and except as authorized by Section 10.47(d) of
30 this act.
- 31 (7) Medicaid identification cards. – The Department shall issue Medicaid
32 identification cards to recipients on an annual basis with updates as needed.
- 33 (8) The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a plan for the
34 consolidation of case management services utilizing CCNC. The plan shall
35 address the time line and process for implementation, the identification of
36 savings, and the Medicaid recipients affected by the consolidation.
37 Consolidation under this subdivision does not apply to HIV case
38 management. By December 1, 2012, the Department shall report on the plan
39 to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health
40 and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and
41 Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.
- 42 (9) For the purpose of promoting cost-effective utilization of outpatient mental
43 health services for children, DMA shall require prior authorization for
44 services following the 16th visit.
- 45 (10) Provision of Medicaid Private Duty Nursing (PDN). – DMA shall change
46 the Medicaid Private Duty Nursing program provided under the State
47 Medicaid Plan, as follows:
- 48 a. Restructure the current PDN program to provide services that are:
- 49 1. Provided only to qualified recipients under the age of 21.
- 50 2. Authorized by the recipient's primary care or attending
51 physician.
- 52 3. Limited to 16 hours of service per day, unless additional
53 services are required to correct or ameliorate defects and
54 physical and mental illnesses and conditions as defined in 42
55 U.S.C. § 1396d(r)(5).
- 56 4. Approved, based on an initial assessment and continuing need
57 reassessments performed by an Independent Assessment
58 Entity (IAE) that does not provide PDN services, and
59 authorized in amounts that are medically necessary based on

- 1 the recipient's medical condition, amount of family assistance
2 available, and other relevant conditions and circumstances, as
3 defined by the Medicaid Clinical Coverage Policy for this
4 service.
- 5 5. Provided in accordance with a plan of care approved by DMA
6 or its designee.
- 7 b. Develop and submit to CMS a 1915(c) Home and Community Based
8 Services Waiver for individuals dependent on technology to
9 substitute for a vital body function.
- 10 c. Once approved by CMS and upon approval of the Medicaid Clinical
11 Coverage Policy, transition all qualified recipients age 21 and older
12 currently receiving PDN to waiver services provided under the
13 Technology Dependent Waiver.
- 14 (11) Medicaid service modifications and eliminations. – Subject to the prior
15 approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services where required,
16 the Division of Medical Assistance shall make the following eliminations of
17 or modifications to Medicaid services:
- 18 a. Optical. –
- 19 1. Eliminate adult routine eye exams. Eye exams shall be
20 restricted to cases in which a specific optical problem exists.
- 21 2. Eliminate optical services and supplies.
- 22 b. Durable medical equipment. – The Department may adjust the rate
23 paid for incontinence supplies or reduce cost through a negotiated
24 single source contract with a manufacturer for incontinence supply
25 procurement, notwithstanding any other provision of law. The
26 contract shall provide that suppliers may use the contract but are also
27 free to take advantage of better prices available elsewhere. The
28 Department may effectuate any combination of these options in order
29 to achieve the lowest available cost for incontinence supply
30 procurement.
- 31 c. Specialized therapies. – For evaluations, reevaluations, as well as
32 physical, occupational, speech, respiratory, and audiological services,
33 reduce the maximum number of allowable services by one per year.
- 34 d. Home health. – Restrict usage of the miscellaneous T199 code. All
35 billing must be for a specific service.
- 36 e. Pregnancy Home Model Initiative.
- 37 f. Dental. –
- 38 1. Eliminate composite fillings for back teeth fillings.
- 39 2. Limit the number of surfaces that can be filled to four per
40 tooth.
- 41 3. Limit frequency of scaling and replanning to once every two
42 years.
- 43 4. Raise the threshold for eligibility for replanning to 5mm from
44 4mm.
- 45 5. Eliminate cast dentures for partial dentures only and replace
46 with acrylic dentures. Change the frequency of replacement
47 from every 10 years to every eight years.
- 48 6. Require prior authorization for oral excision of gum tissue.
- 49 7. Beginning the 2012-2013 fiscal year, limit adult dental to
50 emergency and pregnant women only.
- 51 g. Miscellaneous. –
- 52 1. Restrict usage of evaluation and management billing as well
53 as of unlisted codes and strengthen supporting documentation
54 requirements. Billing shall use specific service codes for
55 specific services as a prerequisite to reimbursement.
- 56 2. Restrict circumcision coverage to medically necessary
57 procedures.

3. Utilize Bloodhound, Inc., software, or comparable software, to examine billing codes that are duplicative or inconsistent with evidence-based practices.
4. Require prior authorization for back surgery for selective diagnoses and require that all other therapies have been exhausted prior to granting authorization.
5. Require prior authorization for capsule endoscopy but not traditional endoscopy.
6. Require prior authorization for selected medical procedures and services, including elective cardiac procedures, chronic pain management, and related procedures.
7. Negotiate a single source contract for genetic testing, notwithstanding any other provision of law.
8. Limit outpatient specialized therapies to three visits a year.
9. Eliminate H Codes, provisionally licensed MH billing, and reduce service limits.
10. Eliminate podiatry, except for diabetes.
11. Eliminate adult physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy.
12. Reduce nursing homes ceiling to one hundred percent (100%).
13. Eliminate respiratory therapy.
14. Eliminate chiropractic services.
15. Eliminate home infusion therapy.
16. Eliminate over-the-counter drugs.

The modifications and eliminations under sub-sub-subdivisions g.8. through g.14. become effective in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The eliminations under sub-sub-subdivisions g.15. and g.16. become effective in the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

SECTION 10.37.(b) At least 30 days prior to the adoption of new or amended medical coverage policies necessitated by the reductions to the Medicaid program enacted in this act, the Department shall:

- (1) Publish the proposed new or amended medical coverage policies via the Medicaid Bulletin published on the Department's Web site, which shall include an invitation to readers to send written comments on the proposed new or amended policies to the Department's mailing address, including e-mail.
- (2) Notify via direct mail the members of the Physician Advisory Group (PAG) of the proposed policies.
- (3) Update the policies published on the Web site to reflect any changes made as a result of written comments received from the PAG and others.
- (4) Provide written notice to recipients about changes in policy.

SECTION 10.37.(c) The Department of Health and Human Services shall not implement any actions directed by this act if the Department determines that such actions would jeopardize the receipt of federal funds appropriated or allocated to the Department.

MEDICAID WAIVER FOR ASSISTED LIVING

SECTION 10.38.(a) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance (Division), shall develop and implement a home- and community-based services program under Medicaid State Plan 1915(i) authority in order to continue Medicaid funding of personal care services to individuals living in adult care homes. Providers who do not accept reimbursement for residents' personal care services through Medicaid or do not accept reimbursement through the State-County Special Assistance program shall not be subject to the provisions, requirements, or conditions of the Medicaid waiver pursuant to this section.

SECTION 10.38.(b) The Division shall implement the program upon approval of the application by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

SECTION 10.38.(c) On or before April 1, 2012, the Division shall provide a report on the status of approval and implementation of the program to the Joint Legislative

1 Commission on Governmental Operations, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health
2 and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health
3 and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

4 **PROGRAM INTEGRITY**

5 **SECTION 10.39.** In order to ensure all claims presented by a provider for payment
6 by the Department of Health and Human Services meet the Department's medical necessity
7 criteria and all other applicable Medicaid, Health Choice, or other federal or State
8 documentation requirements, a provider may be required to undergo prepayment claims review
9 by DHHS. Claims reviews conducted pursuant to this section shall be in accordance with the
10 provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, and any
11 implementing regulations.

12 **TRANSFER TO OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

13 **SECTION 10.40.** From funds available to the Department of Health and Human
14 Services (Department) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the sum of one million dollars
15 (\$1,000,000), and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000),
16 shall be transferred by the Department of Health and Human Services to the Office of
17 Administrative Hearings (OAH). These funds shall be allocated by the OAH for mediation
18 services provided for Medicaid applicant and recipient appeals and to contract for other
19 services necessary to conduct the appeals process. OAH shall continue the Memorandum of
20 Agreement (MOA) with the Department for mediation services provided for Medicaid recipient
21 appeals and contracted services necessary to conduct the appeals process. The MOA will
22 facilitate the Department's ability to draw down federal Medicaid funds to support this
23 administrative function. Upon receipt of invoices from OAH for covered services rendered in
24 accordance with the MOA, the Department shall transfer the federal share of Medicaid funds
25 drawn down for this purpose.

26 **NC HEALTH CHOICE**

27 **SECTION 10.41.(a)** G.S. 108A-54.3 is amended by adding a new subdivision to
28 read:

29 **"§ 108A-54.3. Procedures for changing medical policy.**

30 The Department shall develop, amend, and adopt medical coverage policy in accordance
31 with the following:

32 ...
33 (5) Any changes in medical policy that require an amendment to the Health
34 Choice State Plan will be submitted by the Department upon approval of the
35 proposed policy."

36 **SECTION 10.41.(b)** G.S. 108A-70.21(b) reads as rewritten:

37 "(b) Benefits. – All health benefits changes of the Program shall meet the coverage
38 requirements set forth in this subsection. Except as otherwise provided for eligibility, fees,
39 deductibles, copayments, and other cost sharing charges, health benefits coverage provided to
40 children eligible under the Program shall be equivalent to coverage provided for dependents
41 under the Predecessor Plan, North Carolina Medicaid Program except for the following:

- 42 (1) No services for long-term care.
43 (2) No nonemergency medical transportation.
44 (3) No EPSDT.
45 (4) Dental services shall be provided on a restricted basis in accordance with
46 criteria adopted by the Department to implement this subsection.

47 In addition to the benefits provided under the ~~Predecessor Plan, North Carolina Medicaid~~
48 Program, the following services and supplies are covered under the Health Insurance Program
49 for Children established under this Part:

- 50 (1) ~~Oral examinations, teeth cleaning, and topical fluoride treatments twice
51 during a 12-month period, full mouth X-rays once every 60 months,
52 supplemental bitewing X-rays showing the back of the teeth once during a
53 12-month period, sealants, extractions, other than impacted teeth or wisdom
54 teeth, therapeutic pulpotomies, space maintainers, root canal therapy for
55 permanent anterior teeth and permanent first molars, prefabricated stainless~~

- 1 steel crowns, and routine fillings of amalgam or other tooth colored filling
 2 material to restore diseased teeth.
- 3 (1a) ~~Orthognathic surgery to correct functionally impairing malocclusions when
 4 orthodonties was approved and initiated while the child was covered by
 5 Medicaid and the need for orthognathic surgery was documented in the
 6 orthodontic treatment plan.~~
- 7 (2) Vision: Scheduled routine eye examinations once every 12 months, eyeglass
 8 lenses or contact lenses once every 12 months, routine replacement of
 9 eyeglass frames once every 24 months, and optical supplies and solutions
 10 when needed. ~~Optical~~ NCHC recipients must obtain optical services,
 11 supplies, and solutions must be obtained from NCHC enrolled, licensed or
 12 certified ophthalmologists, optometrists, or optical dispensing laboratories-
 13 opticians. In accordance with G.S. 148-134, NCHC providers must order
 14 complete eyeglasses, eyeglass lenses, and ophthalmic frames through Nash
 15 Optical Plant. Eyeglass lenses are limited to NCHC-approved single vision,
 16 bifocal, trifocal, or other complex lenses necessary for a Plan enrollee's
 17 visual welfare. Coverage for oversized lenses and frames, designer frames,
 18 photosensitive lenses, tinted contact lenses, blended lenses, progressive
 19 multifocal lenses, coated lenses, and laminated lenses is limited to the
 20 coverage for single vision, bifocal, trifocal, or other complex lenses provided
 21 by this subsection. Eyeglass frames are limited to ~~those~~ NCHC-approved
 22 frames made of zylonite, metal, or a combination of zylonite and metal. All
 23 visual aids covered by this subsection require prior approval. Requests for
 24 medically necessary complete eyeglasses, eyeglass lenses, and ophthalmic
 25 frames outside of the NCHC-approved selection require prior approval.
 26 Requests for medically necessary fabrication of complete eyeglasses or
 27 eyeglass lenses outside of Nash Optical Plant require prior approval. Upon
 28 prior approval refractions may be covered more often than once every 12
 29 months.
- 30 (3) ~~Hearing: Auditory diagnostic testing services and hearing aids and
 31 accessories when provided by a licensed or certified audiologist,
 32 otolaryngologist, or other approved hearing aid specialist. Prior approval is
 33 required for hearing aids, accessories, earmolds, repairs, loaners, and rental
 34 aids. Under the North Carolina Health Choice Program for Children, the
 35 co-payment for nonemergency visits to the emergency room for children
 36 whose family income is at or below one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the
 37 federal poverty level is ten dollars (\$10.00). The co-payment for children
 38 whose family income is between one hundred fifty-one percent (151%) and
 39 two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level is twenty-five
 40 dollars (\$25.00).~~
- 41 (4) Over the counter medications: Selected over the counter medications
 42 provided the medication is covered under the State Medical Assistance Plan.
 43 Coverage shall be subject to the same policies and approvals as required
 44 under the Medicaid program.
- 45 (5) Routine diagnostic examinations and tests: annual routine diagnostic
 46 examinations and tests, including x-rays, blood and blood pressure checks,
 47 urine tests, tuberculosis tests, and general health check-ups that are
 48 medically necessary for the maintenance and improvement of individual
 49 health are covered.

50 No benefits are to be provided for services and materials under this subsection that do not
 51 meet the standards accepted by the American Dental Association.

52 The Department shall provide services to children enrolled in the NC Health Choice
 53 Program through Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) and shall pay Community Care
 54 of North Carolina providers ~~for these services the per member, per month fees as allowed under
 55 Medicaid. The Department shall pay for these services only if sufficient information is
 56 available to the Department for utilization management of the services provided through
 57 CCNC."~~

58 **SECTION 10.41.(c)** G.S. 108A-70.23 is repealed.

59 **SECTION 10.41.(d)** G.S. 108A-70.27(c) reads as rewritten:

1 "~~(c) The Executive Administrator and Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Teachers'~~
2 ~~and State Employees' Major Medical Plan ("Plan")~~ The Division of Medical Assistance shall
3 provide to the Department data required under this section that are collected by the Plan. Data
4 shall be reported by the Plan in sufficient detail to meet federal reporting requirements under
5 Title XXI. The Plan shall report periodically to the Joint Legislative Health Care Oversight
6 Committee claims processing data for the Program and any other information the Plan or the
7 Committee deems appropriate and relevant to assist the Committee in its review of the
8 Program."

9 **SECTION 10.41.(e)** G.S. 108A-70.29 is amended by adding a new subsection to
10 read:

11 "**(f) Additional Rule-Making Authority.** – The Department of Health and Human
12 Services shall have the authority to adopt rules for the transition and operation of the North
13 Carolina Health Choice Program. Notwithstanding G.S. 150B-21.1(a), the Department of
14 Health and Human Services may adopt temporary rules in accordance with Chapter 150B of the
15 General Statutes for enrolling providers to participate in the NC Health Choice Program, for
16 regulating provider participation in the NC Health Choice Program, and for other operational
17 issues regarding the NC Health Choice Program."

18 **SECTION 10.41.(f)** The Department shall begin to transition all health benefit
19 changes of the Program to meet the coverage requirements set forth in subsection (b) of this
20 section.

21 **MEDICATION THERAPY MANAGEMENT PILOT**

22 **SECTION 10.42.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop
23 a two-year medication therapy management pilot program to be administered through
24 Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) in order to determine (i) the best method of
25 adapting the ChecKmedsNC program to the Medicaid program and CCNC's Medical Homes
26 and (ii) the most effective and efficient role for community-based pharmacists as active
27 members of CCNC's care management teams. The pilot program created pursuant to this
28 section shall consist of the following components:

- 29 (1) Identification of at least 20 community-based pharmacies that are
30 geographically distributed and sufficiently representative to generalize pilot
31 findings among pharmacies that dedicate pharmacist time to work with
32 patients, their care team members, and their Medical Home practices to
33 improve patient outcomes. To the extent that available resources allow, other
34 types of community-based pharmacists may be involved, including those
35 working with long-term care residents or their attending physicians.
- 36 (2) Targeting of Medicaid recipients with co-occurring illnesses or conditions
37 that are especially susceptible to poor patient outcomes when medication is
38 underused, misused, or poorly coordinated.
- 39 (3) Allowing pharmacists identified pursuant to subdivision (1) of this section to
40 have access to CCNC's Web-based Pharmacy Portal, which allows CCNC to
41 establish and monitor patients' prescriptions and to communicate with other
42 care team members.

43 **SECTION 10.42.(b)** On January 1, 2012, and every six months thereafter, CCNC
44 shall report to the Department of Health and Human Services, the House and Senate
45 Appropriations Subcommittees on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research
46 Division on the development and implementation of this pilot program. This reporting
47 requirement shall terminate with the filing of the third report on January 1, 2013. In addition to
48 any other information, the reports required by this section shall include the following additional
49 information:

- 50 (1) The July 1, 2012, report shall include an interim evaluation of the
51 pharmacists' demonstrated use of the CCNC Pharmacy Home Model and the
52 pharmacists' role in intervening and successfully managing the medication
53 therapy of Medicaid recipients with chronic illnesses.
- 54 (2) The January 1, 2013, report shall include an evaluation of the pharmacists'
55 role in CCNC's management of Medicaid recipients with mental health
56 diagnoses or who receive Home Health or Nursing Home care, and a
57 determination of the appropriate per member/per month pharmacists should
58 receive for participating in the Medical Home Model of CCNC.

1 **SECTION 10.42.(c)** Funding for this pilot program shall be made available
2 through the Enhanced Federal Funding for Health Homes for the Chronically Ill.
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4 **MEDICAID RECIPIENT APPEALS**

5 **SECTION 10.44.(a)** G.S. 108A-70.9A reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 108A-70.9A. Appeals by Medicaid recipients.**

7 (a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this Part, unless the context clearly
8 requires otherwise.

9 (1) Adverse determination. – A determination by the Department to deny,
10 terminate, suspend, or reduce a Medicaid service or an authorization for a
11 Medicaid service.

12 (2) OAH. – The Office of Administrative Hearings.

13 (3) Recipient. – A recipient ~~and or the recipient's parent, parent or legal guardian,~~
14 ~~or legal representative,~~ unless otherwise specified.

15 (b) General Rule. – Notwithstanding any provision of State law or rules to the contrary,
16 this section shall govern the process used by a Medicaid recipient to appeal an adverse
17 determination made by the Department.

18 (c) Adverse Notice. – Except as otherwise provided by federal law or regulation, at
19 least 10 days before the effective date of an adverse determination, the Department shall notify
20 the recipient, and the provider, if applicable, in writing of the adverse determination and of the
21 recipient's right to appeal the adverse determination. The Department shall not be required to
22 notify a recipient's ~~parent, guardian, or legal representative~~ parent or legal guardian unless the
23 recipient's ~~parent, guardian, or legal representative~~ parent or legal guardian has requested in
24 writing to receive the notice. The notice shall be mailed on the date indicated on the notice as
25 the date of the determination. The notice shall include:

26 (1) An identification of the recipient whose services are being affected by the
27 adverse determination, including the recipient's full name and Medicaid
28 identification number.

29 (2) An explanation of what service is being denied, terminated, suspended, or
30 reduced and the reason for the determination.

31 (3) The specific regulation, statute, or medical policy that supports or requires
32 the adverse determination.

33 (4) The effective date of the adverse determination.

34 (5) An explanation of the recipient's right to appeal the Department's adverse
35 determination in an evidentiary hearing before an administrative law judge.

36 (6) An explanation of how the recipient can request a hearing and a statement
37 that the recipient may represent himself or herself or use legal counsel, a
38 relative, or other spokesperson.

39 (7) A statement that the recipient will continue to receive Medicaid services at
40 the level provided on the day immediately preceding the Department's
41 adverse determination or the amount requested by the recipient, whichever is
42 less, if the recipient requests a hearing before the effective date of the
43 adverse determination. The services shall continue until the hearing is
44 completed and a final decision is rendered.

45 (8) The ~~name and~~ telephone number of a ~~contact person at the Department~~
46 Department's Medicaid Appeals Section and 1-800 number to respond in a
47 timely fashion to the recipient's questions.

48 (9) The telephone number by which the recipient may contact a Legal Aid/Legal
49 Services office.

50 (10) The individualized departmental appeal request form described in subsection
51 (e) of this section that the recipient may use to request a hearing.

52 (d) Appeals. – Except as provided by this section and G.S. 108A-70.9B, a request for a
53 hearing to appeal an adverse determination of the Department under this section is a contested
54 case subject to the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. The
55 recipient shall request a hearing within 30 days of the mailing of the notice required by
56 subsection (c) of this section by ~~sending an properly filing a completed~~ submitting a completed appeal request form to
57 ~~OAH and the Department with OAH.~~ Where a request for hearing concerns the reduction,
58 modification, or termination of Medicaid services, including the failure to act upon a timely
59 request for reauthorization with reasonable promptness, upon the receipt of a ~~timely appeal, an~~

1 appeal filed within 10 days of the date of the adverse notice, the Department shall reinstate or
2 continue the services ~~to~~ at the level or manner prior to action by the Department as permitted
3 by federal law or ~~regulation~~ regulation and as required by subdivision (c)(7) of this section. If
4 the hearing request is submitted more than 10 days from the date of the adverse notice, and
5 regardless of whether OAH accepts the appeal and schedules the case for hearing, the
6 Department shall not authorize payment for services at the level provided on the day
7 immediately preceding the Department's adverse determination or the amount requested by the
8 recipient pending the outcome of the appeal. The Department shall immediately forward a copy
9 of the notice to OAH electronically. The information contained in the notice is confidential
10 unless the recipient appeals. OAH may dispose of the records after one year. The Department
11 may not influence, limit, or interfere with the recipient's decision to request a hearing.

12 (e) Appeal Request Form. – Along with the notice required by subsection (c) of this
13 section, the Department shall also provide the recipient with an appeal request form which shall
14 be no more than one side of one page. Only a completed individualized hearing request form
15 provided by the Department shall be accepted for hearing by OAH. Appeal request forms filed
16 more than 30 days from the date of the adverse notice shall not be accepted for hearing by
17 OAH under any circumstances. Within 24 hours of receipt of a properly filed individualized
18 Departmental appeal request form, OAH shall notify the Department by facsimile or electronic
19 messaging. The form shall include the following:

- 20 (1) A statement that in order to request an appeal, the recipient must send the
21 completed individualized Departmental appeal request form by mail or fax
22 to the address or fax number listed on the form within 30 days of ~~mailing of~~
23 ~~the notice.~~ the date of the adverse notice, which is the date the notice was
24 mailed.
- 25 (1a) A statement that the completed individualized Departmental request form
26 must be properly filed with OAH on or before the effective date of the
27 adverse notice for maintenance of services to continue during the pendency
28 of the appeal.
- 29 (2) The recipient's name, address, ~~telephone number,~~ and Medicaid
30 identification number.
- 31 (3) A preprinted statement that indicates that the recipient would like to appeal
32 the specific adverse determination of which the recipient was notified in the
33 notice.
- 34 (4) A statement informing the recipient that he or she may choose to be
35 represented by a lawyer, a relative, a friend, or other spokesperson.
- 36 (5) A space for the recipient's signature and ~~date~~ date, telephone number, and
37 current address.
- 38 (6) If the recipient designates a personal representative, a space for the personal
39 representative's name, telephone number, and current address.

40 (f) Final Decision. – After a hearing before an administrative law judge, the judge shall
41 return the decision and record to the Department in accordance with G.S. 108A-70.9B. The
42 Department shall make a final decision in the case within 20 days of receipt of the decision and
43 record from the administrative law judge and promptly notify the recipient of the final decision
44 and of the right to judicial review of the decision pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 150B of the
45 General Statutes."

46 **SECTION 10.44.(b)** G.S. 108A-70.9B reads as rewritten:

47 "**§ 108A-70.9B. Contested Medicaid cases.**

48 (a) Application. – This section applies only to contested Medicaid cases commenced by
49 Medicaid recipients under G.S. 108A-70.9A. Except as otherwise provided by
50 G.S. 108A-70.9A and this section governing time lines and procedural steps, a contested
51 Medicaid case commenced by a Medicaid recipient is subject to the provisions of Article 3 of
52 Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. To the extent any provision in this section or
53 G.S. 108A-70.9A conflicts with another provision in Article 3 of Chapter 150B of the General
54 Statutes, this section and G.S. 108A-70.9A control.

55 (b) Simple Procedures. – Notwithstanding any other provision of Article 3 of Chapter
56 150B of the General Statutes, the chief administrative law judge may limit and simplify the
57 procedures that apply to a contested Medicaid case involving a Medicaid recipient in order to
58 complete the case as quickly as possible.

- 1 (1) To the extent possible, OAH shall schedule and hear contested Medicaid
2 cases within 55 days of submission of a ~~request for appeal~~ timely filed
3 completed individualized Departmental appeal request form.
- 4 (2) Hearings shall be conducted telephonically or by video technology with all
5 parties, however the recipient may request that the hearing be conducted in
6 person before the administrative law judge. An in-person hearing shall be
7 conducted in Wake County, however, for good cause shown, the in-person
8 hearing may be conducted in the county of residence of the recipient or a
9 nearby county. Good cause shall ~~include, but is not limited to, be limited to~~
10 the recipient's impairments limiting travel or the unavailability of the
11 recipient's treating professional witnesses. The Department shall provide
12 written notice to the recipient of the use of telephonic hearings, hearings by
13 video conference, and in person hearings before the administrative law
14 judge, and how to request a hearing in the recipient's county of
15 residence, travel.
- 16 (3) The simplified procedure may include requiring that all prehearing motions
17 be considered and ruled on by the administrative law judge in the course of
18 the hearing of the case on the merits. An administrative law judge assigned
19 to a contested Medicaid case shall make reasonable efforts in a case
20 involving a Medicaid recipient who is not represented by an attorney to
21 assure a fair hearing and to maintain a complete record of the hearing.
- 22 (4) The administrative law judge may allow brief extensions of the time limits
23 contained in this section for good cause and to ensure that the record is
24 complete. Good cause includes delays resulting from untimely receipt of
25 documentation needed to render a decision and other unavoidable and
26 unforeseen circumstances. Continuances shall only be granted in accordance
27 with rules adopted by OAH and shall not be granted on the day of the
28 hearing, except for good cause shown. If a petitioner fails to make an
29 appearance at a hearing that has been properly noticed via certified mail by
30 OAH, OAH shall immediately dismiss the contested case, unless the
31 recipient moves to show good cause within three business days of the date of
32 dismissal. Good cause to reopen a contested Medicaid case under these
33 circumstances shall be limited to medical or other documented emergencies
34 involving the recipient or his or her witnesses. A failure to answer the
35 telephone for a properly noticed telephone hearing shall not constitute good
36 cause sufficient to continue the case on the date of the hearing or reopen a
37 previously dismissed contested Medicaid case.
- 38 (5) The notice of hearing provided by OAH to the recipient shall include the
39 following information:
- 40 a. The recipient's right to examine at a reasonable time before the
41 hearing and during the hearing the contents of the recipient's case file
42 and documents to be used by the Department in the hearing before
43 the administrative law judge.
- 44 b. The recipient's right to an interpreter during the appeals process.
- 45 c. Circumstances in which a medical assessment may be obtained at
46 agency expense and be made part of the record. Qualifying
47 circumstances include those in which (i) a hearing involves medical
48 issues, such as a diagnosis, an examining physician's report, or a
49 medical review team's decision; and (ii) the administrative law judge
50 considers it necessary to have a medical assessment other than that
51 performed by the individual involved in making the original decision.
- 52 (c) Mediation. – Upon receipt of an appeal request form as provided by
53 G.S. 108A-70.9A(e) or other clear request for a hearing by a Medicaid recipient, OAH shall
54 immediately notify the Mediation Network of North Carolina, which shall contact the recipient
55 within five days to offer mediation in an attempt to resolve the dispute. If mediation is
56 accepted, the mediation must be completed within 25 days of submission of the request for
57 appeal. Upon completion of the mediation, the mediator shall inform OAH and the Department
58 within 24 hours of the resolution by facsimile or electronic messaging. In cases where the
59 mediator only informs OAH of the mediation results, OAH shall transmit the mediation

1 decision to the Department within 24 hours of receipt from the mediator. If the parties have
2 resolved matters in the mediation, OAH shall dismiss the case. OAH shall not conduct a
3 hearing of any contested Medicaid case until it has received notice from the mediator assigned
4 that either: (i) the mediation was unsuccessful, or (ii) the petitioner has rejected the offer of
5 mediation, or (iii) the petitioner has failed to appear at a scheduled mediation. Nothing in this
6 subsection shall restrict the right to a contested case hearing.

7 (d) ~~Burden of Proof. – The recipient has the burden of proof to show entitlement to a~~
8 ~~requested benefit or the propriety of requested agency action when the agency has denied the~~
9 ~~benefit or refused to take the particular action. The agency has the burden of proof when the~~
10 ~~appeal is from an agency determination to impose a penalty or to reduce, terminate, or suspend~~
11 ~~a previously granted benefit. in all cases heard pursuant to G.S. 108A-70.9A.~~ The party with
12 the burden of proof on any issue has the burden of going forward, and the administrative law
13 judge shall not make any ruling on the preponderance of evidence until the close of all
14 evidence.

15 (e) New Evidence. – The recipient shall be permitted to submit evidence regardless of
16 whether obtained prior to or subsequent to the Department's actions and regardless of whether
17 the Department had an opportunity to consider the evidence in making its adverse
18 determination. When the evidence is received, at the request of the Department, the
19 administrative law judge shall continue the hearing for a minimum of 15 days and a maximum
20 of 30 days to allow for the Department's review of the evidence. Subsequent to review of the
21 evidence, if the Department reverses its original decision, it shall immediately inform the
22 administrative law judge.

23 (f) Issue for Hearing. – For each adverse determination, the hearing shall determine
24 whether the Department substantially prejudiced the rights of the recipient and if the
25 Department, based upon evidence at the hearing:

- 26 (1) Exceeded its authority or jurisdiction.
- 27 (2) Acted erroneously.
- 28 (3) Failed to use proper procedure.
- 29 (4) Acted arbitrarily or capriciously.
- 30 (5) Failed to act as required by law or rule.

31 (g) Decision. – The administrative law judge assigned to a contested Medicaid case
32 shall hear and decide the case without unnecessary delay. OAH shall send a copy of the
33 audiotape or diskette of the hearing to the agency within five days of completion of the hearing.
34 The judge shall prepare a written decision and send it to the parties. The decision shall be sent
35 together with the record to the agency within 20 days of the conclusion of the hearing."
36

37 **DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE COST-SAVINGS FOR MEDICAID THAT WOULD** 38 **RESULT FROM PROVISION OF MUSCULOSKELETAL HEALTH SERVICES**

39 **SECTION 10.45.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall study
40 and determine the cost-savings that would result for Medicaid if the following measures were
41 implemented:

- 42 (1) Healthcare providers who have expertise in musculoskeletal conditions and
43 who are willing to assist emergency departments were identified.
- 44 (2) Evidence-based medical criteria were developed, implemented, and
45 supported for high-cost/high-risk elective musculoskeletal procedures.
- 46 (3) Patient management services were provided to primary care and emergency
47 department physicians who provided musculoskeletal services.

48 **SECTION 10.45.(b)** The Department shall report its findings to the House and
49 Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Health and Human Services and to the Fiscal
50 Research Division on or before October 1, 2011.

51 **DHHS SAVINGS THROUGH CCNC**

52 **SECTION 10.47.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, in
53 conjunction with Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) Networks and North Carolina
54 Community Care, Inc., shall obtain savings totaling eighty-three million seventy-one thousand
55 five hundred eighty-one dollars (\$83,071,581) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and ninety million
56 dollars (\$90,000,000) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year through cooperation and effective cost
57 savings on the part of various health care providers.
58

1 **SECTION 10.47.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall monitor
2 the performance of the CCNC Networks and the expenditures of various health care providers
3 to determine the extent to which the savings required by subsection (a) of this section are being
4 achieved.

5 **SECTION 10.47.(c)** On or before October 1, 2011, and quarterly thereafter, the
6 Department shall report to the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Health and
7 Human Services and to the Fiscal Research Division on the savings being achieved pursuant to
8 this section.

9 **SECTION 10.47.(d)** If, by October 1, 2011, or anytime thereafter, savings are not
10 being achieved at a rate sufficient to yield savings in the amount required by subsection (a) of
11 this section, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, to the extent required in order to
12 achieve savings at the required rate, take whatever actions are necessary, including the
13 following to be effective January 1, 2012:

14 (1) Reduce Medicaid provider rates by up to two percent (2%). This reduction
15 shall be in addition to other provider rate reductions in this act.

16 (2) Eliminate or reduce the level or duration of optional Medicaid services.

17 **SECTION 10.47.(e)** The Department of Health and Human Services, in
18 collaboration with Community Care of North Carolina and Local Management Entities (LMEs)
19 shall ensure the effective integration of behavioral health and physical health services for
20 Medicaid recipients. The Department shall amend the contracts between the Department and
21 LMEs and between the Department and Community Care of North Carolina to include
22 effectiveness measures with regard to data sharing, roles and responsibilities, best practices,
23 and budgetary savings to address integration and collaboration of behavioral and physical
24 health.

25 26 **INCREASE GENERIC DRUG DISPENSING RATE IN MEDICAID BY REVISING** 27 **PHARMACY DISPENSING FEES FOR PHARMACISTS THAT DISPENSE HIGH** 28 **PROPORTIONS OF GENERIC DRUGS**

29 **SECTION 10.48.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall revise
30 its pharmacy dispensing fees under the Medicaid Program in order to encourage a greater
31 proportion of prescriptions dispensed to be generic prescriptions and thereby achieve savings of
32 fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in the 2011-2012 fiscal year and twenty-four million
33 dollars (\$24,000,000) in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

34 **SECTION 10.48.(b)** The Department shall report its progress in achieving the
35 savings required by subsection (a) of this section on November 1, 2011, January 1, 2012, and
36 quarterly thereafter to the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Health and
37 Human Services and to the Fiscal Research Division. If any report required by this subsection
38 reveals that those savings are not being achieved, the Department shall reduce prescription drug
39 rates by an amount sufficient to achieve the savings.

40 41 **NC NOVA**

42 **SECTION 10.49.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
43 Health Service Regulation, may use up to thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000) for fiscal year
44 2011-2012 and up to thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000) for fiscal year 2012-2013 of
45 existing resources to continue the NC New Organizational Vision Award special licensure
46 designation program established under G.S. 131E-154.14. The Division shall use federal civil
47 monetary penalty receipts as a source of support for this initiative, when appropriate.

48 49 **HOME CARE AGENCY LICENSURE MORATORIUM IN HOME AIDE SERVICES**

50 **SECTION 10.49A.** Beginning July 1, 2011, and for a period of three years
51 thereafter, the Department of Health and Human Services shall not issue any licenses for home
52 care agencies as defined in G.S. 131E-136(2) that intend to offer in-home aide services. The
53 prohibition shall not restrict the Department from issuing licenses to certified home health
54 agencies as defined in G.S. 131E-176(12) that intend to offer in-home aide services or to
55 agencies that need a new license for an existing home care agency being acquired. The
56 Secretary may at any time license a new home care agency in any area of the State if access to
57 care becomes an issue during the time frame set forth above. Companion and Sitter services are
58 exempt from this restriction.

INTENSIVE FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES FUNDING AND PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENTS

SECTION 10.50.(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143B-150.6, the Intensive Family Preservation Services (IFPS) Program shall provide intensive services to children and families in cases of abuse, neglect, and dependency where a child is at imminent risk of removal from the home and to children and families in cases of abuse where a child is not at imminent risk of removal. The Program shall be developed and implemented statewide on a regional basis. The IFPS shall ensure the application of standardized assessment criteria for determining imminent risk and clear criteria for determining out-of-home placement.

SECTION 10.50.(b) The Department of Health and Human Services shall require that any program or entity that receives State, federal, or other funding for the purpose of IFPS shall provide information and data that allows for the following:

- (1) An established follow-up system with a minimum of six months of follow-up services.
- (2) Detailed information on the specific interventions applied, including utilization indicators and performance measurement.
- (3) Cost-benefit data.
- (4) Data on long-term benefits associated with IFPS. This data shall be obtained by tracking families through the intervention process.
- (5) The number of families remaining intact and the associated interventions while in IFPS and 12 months thereafter.
- (6) The number and percentage, by race, of children who received IFPS compared to the ratio of their distribution in the general population involved with Child Protective Services.

SECTION 10.50.(c) The Department shall establish a performance-based funding protocol and shall only provide funding to those programs and entities providing the required information specified in subsection (b) of this section. The amount of funding shall be based on the individual performance of each program.

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES

SECTION 10.51. Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new section to read:

"§ 108A-49.1. Foster care and adoption assistance payment rates.

(a) The maximum rates for State participation in the foster care assistance program are established on a graduated scale as follows:

- (1) \$475.00 per child per month for children from birth through five years of age.
- (2) \$581.00 per child per month for children six through 12 years of age.
- (3) \$634.00 per child per month for children 13 through 18 years of age.

(b) The maximum rates for the State adoption assistance program are established consistent with the foster care rates as follows:

- (1) \$475.00 per child per month for children from birth through five years of age.
- (2) \$581.00 per child per month for children six through 12 years of age.
- (3) \$634.00 per child per month for children 13 through 18 years of age.

(c) The maximum rates for the State participation in human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) foster care and adoption assistance are established on a graduated scale as follows:

- (1) \$800.00 per child per month with indeterminate HIV status.
- (2) \$1,000 per child per month with confirmed HIV infection, asymptomatic.
- (3) \$1,200 per child per month with confirmed HIV infection, symptomatic.
- (4) \$1,600 per child per month when the child is terminally ill with complex care needs.

In addition to providing board payments to foster and adoptive families of HIV-infected children, any additional funds remaining that are appropriated for purposes described in this subsection shall be used to provide medical training in avoiding HIV transmission in the home.

(d) The State and a county participating in foster care and adoption assistance shall each contribute fifty percent (50%) of the nonfederal share of the cost of care for a child placed by a county department of social services or child-placing agency in a family foster home or residential child care facility. A county shall be held harmless from contributing fifty percent

1 (50%) of the nonfederal share of the cost for a child placed in a family foster home or
2 residential child care facility under an agreement with that provider as of October 31, 2008,
3 until the child leaves foster care or experiences a placement change."
4

5 **ADOPTION ASSISTANCE VENDOR PAYMENTS**

6 **SECTION 10.51A.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
7 Social Services, is authorized to eliminate the Adoption Assistance Vendor payments for all
8 adoptions finalized on or after July 1, 2011. All agreements entered into prior to July 1, 2011,
9 will remain in effect.

10 **SECTION 10.51A.(b)** Eligibility for Adoption Assistance is clarified to mean that
11 only children who have been in foster care are eligible for Adoption Assistance.
12

13 **CHILD CARING INSTITUTIONS**

14 **SECTION 10.52.** Until the Social Services Commission adopts rules setting
15 standardized rates for child caring institutions as authorized under G.S. 143B-153(8), the
16 maximum reimbursement for child caring institutions shall not exceed the rate established for
17 the specific child caring institution by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of
18 the Controller. In determining the maximum reimbursement, the State shall include county and
19 IV-E reimbursements.
20

21 **REPEAL STATE ABORTION FUND**

22 **SECTION 10.53.** Section 93 of Chapter 479 of the 1985 Session Laws, as
23 amended by Section 75 of Chapter 738 of the 1987 Session Laws, Section 72 of Chapter 500 of
24 the 1989 Session Laws, Section 79 of Chapter 1066 of the 1989 Session Laws, Section 106 of
25 Chapter 689 of the 1991 Session Laws, Section 259.1 of Chapter 321 of the 1993 Session
26 Laws, Section 23.27 of Chapter 324 of the 1995 Session Laws, and Section 23.8A of Chapter
27 507 of the 1995 Session Laws, is repealed.
28

29 **CHILD WELFARE POSTSECONDARY SUPPORT PROGRAM**

30 **SECTION 10.54.(a)** Of the funds appropriated from the General Fund to the
31 Department of Health and Human Services, the sum of one million five hundred eighty-four
32 thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,584,125) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and one
33 million five hundred eighty-four thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,584,125) for the
34 2012-2013 fiscal year shall be used to support the child welfare postsecondary support program
35 for the educational needs of foster youth aging out of the foster care system and special needs
36 children adopted from foster care after age 12 by providing assistance with the "cost of
37 attendance" as that term is defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1087ll.

38 Funds appropriated by this subsection shall be allocated by the State Education
39 Assistance Authority.

40 **SECTION 10.54.(b)** Of the funds appropriated from the General Fund to the
41 Department of Health and Human Services, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the
42 2011-2012 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2012-2013 fiscal
43 year shall be allocated to the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA).
44 The SEAA shall use these funds only to perform administrative functions necessary to manage
45 and distribute scholarship funds under the child welfare postsecondary support program.

46 **SECTION 10.54.(c)** Of the funds appropriated from the General Fund to the
47 Department of Health and Human Services, the sum of three hundred thirty-nine thousand four
48 hundred ninety-three dollars (\$339,493) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the sum of three
49 hundred thirty-nine thousand four hundred ninety-three dollars (\$339,493) for the 2012-2013
50 fiscal year shall be used to contract with an entity to administer the child welfare postsecondary
51 support program described under subsection (a) of this section, which administration shall
52 include the performance of case management services.

53 **SECTION 10.54.(d)** Funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human
54 Services for the child welfare postsecondary support program shall be used only for students
55 attending public institutions of higher education in this State.
56

57 **TANF BENEFIT IMPLEMENTATION**

58 **SECTION 10.55.(a)** The General Assembly approves the plan titled "North
59 Carolina Temporary Assistance for Needy Families State Plan FY 2010-2012," prepared by the

1 Department of Health and Human Services and presented to the General Assembly. The North
2 Carolina Temporary Assistance for Needy Families State Plan covers the period October 1,
3 2010, through September 30, 2012. The Department shall submit the State Plan, as revised in
4 accordance with subsection (b) of this section, to the United States Department of Health and
5 Human Services, as amended by this act or any other act of the 2011 General Assembly.

6 **SECTION 10.55.(b)** The counties approved as Electing Counties in the North
7 Carolina Temporary Assistance for Needy Families State Plan FY 2010-2012, as approved by
8 this section are Beaufort, Caldwell, Catawba, Lenoir, Lincoln, Macon, and Wilson.

9 **SECTION 10.55.(c)** Counties that submitted the letter of intent to remain as an
10 Electing County or to be redesignated as an Electing County and the accompanying county plan
11 for fiscal year 2011 through 2012, pursuant to G.S. 108A-27(e), shall operate under the
12 Electing County budget requirements effective July 1, 2009. For programmatic purposes, all
13 counties referred to in this subsection shall remain under their current county designation
14 through September 30, 2012.

15 **SECTION 10.55.(d)** For the 2011-2012 fiscal year, Electing Counties shall be held
16 harmless to their Work First Family Assistance allocations for the 2010-2011 fiscal year,
17 provided that remaining funds allocated for Work First Family Assistance and Work First
18 Diversion Assistance are sufficient for payments made by the Department on behalf of
19 Standard Counties pursuant to G.S. 108A-27.11(b).

20 **SECTION 10.55.(e)** In the event that departmental projections of Work First
21 Family Assistance and Work First Diversion Assistance for the 2011-2012 fiscal year indicate
22 that remaining funds are insufficient for Work First Family Assistance and Work First
23 Diversion Assistance payments to be made on behalf of Standard Counties, the Department is
24 authorized to deallocate funds, of those allocated to Electing Counties for Work First Family
25 Assistance in excess of the sums set forth in G.S. 108A-27.11, up to the requisite amount for
26 payments in Standard Counties. Prior to deallocation, the Department shall obtain approval by
27 the Office of State Budget and Management. If the Department adjusts the allocation set forth
28 in subsection (d) of this section, then a report shall be made to the Joint Legislative
29 Commission on Governmental Operations, the House of Representatives Appropriations
30 Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health
31 and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

32 **PAYMENTS FOR LIEAP/CIP**

33 **SECTION 10.56.(a)** Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes is
34 amended by adding the following new section to read:

35 **"§ 108A-25.4. Use of payments under the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program and**
36 **Crisis Intervention Program.**

37 (a) The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program Plan developed by the Department of
38 Health and Human Services (Department) and submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and
39 Human Services shall focus the annual energy assistance payments on the elderly population
40 age 60 and above with income up to one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the federal poverty
41 level and disabled persons receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult
42 Services. The energy assistance payment shall be paid directly to the service provider by the
43 county department of social services. The Plan for Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) shall
44 provide assistance for vulnerable populations who meet income eligibility criteria established
45 by the Department. The CIP payment shall be paid directly to the service provider by the
46 county department of social services and shall not exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per
47 household in a fiscal year.

48 (b) The Department shall submit the Plan for each program to the U.S. Department of
49 Health and Human Services no later than September 1 of each year and implement the Plan no
50 later than October 1 of each year."

51 **SECTION 10.56.(b)** Beginning September 1, 2011, on or before September 1 of
52 each year and for a period of three years thereafter, the Department of Health and Human
53 Services shall submit a copy of the Plan to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health
54 and Human Services and Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services.

55 **NON-MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT CHANGES**

1 **SECTION 10.58.(a)** Providers of medical services under the various State
2 programs, other than Medicaid, offering medical care to citizens of the State shall be
3 reimbursed at rates no higher than those under the North Carolina Medical Assistance Program.

4 The Department of Health and Human Services may reimburse hospitals at the full
5 prospective per diem rates without regard to the Medical Assistance Program's annual limits on
6 hospital days. When the Medical Assistance Program's per diem rates for inpatient services and
7 its interim rates for outpatient services are used to reimburse providers in non-Medicaid
8 medical service programs, retroactive adjustments to claims already paid shall not be required.

9 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Department of Health and
10 Human Services may negotiate with providers of medical services under the various
11 Department of Health and Human Services programs, other than Medicaid, for rates as close as
12 possible to Medicaid rates for the following purposes: contracts or agreements for medical
13 services and purchases of medical equipment and other medical supplies. These negotiated
14 rates are allowable only to meet the medical needs of its non-Medicaid eligible patients,
15 residents, and clients who require such services that cannot be provided when limited to the
16 Medicaid rate.

17 Maximum net family annual income eligibility standards for services in these
18 programs shall be as follows:

19 DSB Medical Eye Care	125% FPL
20 DSB Independent Living <55	125% FPL
21 DSB Independent Living 55>	200% FPL
22 DSB Vocational Rehabilitation	125% FPL
23 DVR Independent Living	125% FPL
24 DVR Vocational Rehabilitation	125% FPL

25 The Department of Health and Human Services shall contract at, or as close as
26 possible to, Medicaid rates for medical services provided to residents of State facilities of the
27 Department.

28 **SECTION 10.58.(b)** Subject to the prior approval of the Office of State Budget
29 and Management, the Secretary shall reduce provider rates for services rendered for the
30 Medical Eye Care, Independent Living, and Vocational Rehabilitation programs within the
31 Division of Services for the Blind, and Independent Living and Vocational Rehabilitation
32 programs within the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to accomplish the reduction in funds
33 for this purpose enacted in this act.

34 **STATE-COUNTY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE**

35 **SECTION 10.59.(a)** The maximum monthly rate for residents in adult care home
36 facilities shall be one thousand one hundred eighty-two dollars (\$1,182) per month per resident
37 unless adjusted by the Department in accordance with subsection (d) of this section. The
38 eligibility of Special Assistance recipients residing in adult care homes on September 30, 2009,
39 shall not be affected by an income reduction in the Special Assistance eligibility criteria
40 resulting from the adoption of this maximum monthly rate, provided these recipients are
41 otherwise eligible.

42 **SECTION 10.59.(b)** The maximum monthly rate for residents in
43 Alzheimer/Dementia special care units shall be one thousand five hundred fifteen dollars
44 (\$1,515) per month per resident unless adjusted by the Department in accordance with
45 subsection (d) of this section.

46 **SECTION 10.59.(c)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the
47 Department of Health and Human Services shall review activities and costs related to the
48 provision of care in adult care homes and shall determine what costs may be considered to
49 properly maximize allowable reimbursement available through Medicaid personal care services
50 for adult care homes (ACH-PCS) under federal law. As determined, and with any necessary
51 approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the approval of the
52 Office of State Budget and Management, the Department may transfer necessary funds from
53 the State-County Special Assistance program within the Division of Social Services to the
54 Division of Medical Assistance and may use those funds as State match to draw down federal
55 matching funds to pay for such activities and costs under Medicaid's personal care services for
56 adult care homes (ACH-PCS), thus maximizing available federal funds. The established rate for
57 State-County Special Assistance set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be
58 adjusted by the Department to reflect any transfer of funds from the Division of Social Services
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1 to the Division of Medical Assistance and related transfer costs and responsibilities from
 2 State-County Special Assistance to the Medicaid personal care services for adult care homes
 3 (ACH-PCS). Subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
 4 and prior to implementing this section, the Department may disregard a limited amount of
 5 income for individuals whose countable income exceeds the adjusted State-County Special
 6 Assistance rate. The amount of the disregard shall not exceed the difference between the
 7 Special Assistance rate prior to the adjustment and the Special Assistance rate after the
 8 adjustment and shall be used to pay a portion of the cost of the ACH-PCS and reduce the
 9 Medicaid payment for the individual's personal care services provided in an adult care home. In
 10 no event shall the reimbursement for services through the ACH-PCS exceed the average cost of
 11 the services as determined by the Department from review of cost reports as required and
 12 submitted by adult care homes. The Department shall report any transfers of funds and
 13 modifications of rates to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health
 14 and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services,
 15 and the Fiscal Research Division.

16 **SECTION 10.59.(d)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall
 17 recommend rates for State-County Special Assistance and for Adult Care Home Personal Care
 18 Services. The Department may recommend rates based on appropriate cost methodology and
 19 cost reports submitted by adult care homes that receive State-County Special Assistance funds
 20 and shall ensure that cost reporting is done for State-County Special Assistance and Adult Care
 21 Home Personal Care Services to the same standards as apply to other residential service
 22 providers.

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 24 **DHHS BLOCK GRANTS**

25 **SECTION 10.60.(a)** Appropriations from federal block grant funds are made for
 26 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, according to the following schedule:

27
 28 **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES**
 29 **(TANF) FUNDS**

30
 31 Local Program Expenditures

32
 33 Division of Social Services

34	01.	Work First Family Assistance	\$ 79,840,356
35	02.	Work First County Block Grants	94,453,315
36	03.	Work First Electing Counties	2,378,213
37	04.	Adoption Services – Special Children's Adoption Fund	3,609,355
38	05.	Family Violence Prevention	2,200,000
39	06.	Child Protective Services – Child Welfare	
40		Workers for Local DSS	14,452,391
41	07.	Child Welfare Collaborative	754,115

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 50 Division of Child Development

51	08.	Subsidized Child Care Program	67,439,721
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 54 Division of Public Health

55	09.	Teen Pregnancy Initiatives	450,000
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 58 DHHS Administration
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1	10.	Division of Social Services	1,093,176
2			
3	11.	Office of the Secretary	75,392
4			
5	Transfers to Other Block Grants		
6			
7	Division of Child Development		
8			
9	12.	Transfer to the Child Care and Development Fund	82,210,675
10			
11	13.	Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for Child Protective Services – Child Welfare Training in Counties	1,300,000
12			
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14			
15	14.	Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for Foster Care Services	650,829
16			
17			
18	15.	Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for Child Protective Services	5,040,000
19			
20			
21	16.	Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for Adult Protective Services	1,191,925
22			
23			
24	17.	Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for County Departments of Social Services	375,000
25			
26			
27	18.	Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for Independent Living Program	1,000,000
28			
29			
30	TOTAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) FUNDS		
31			\$ 358,514,463
32			
33	TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY FUNDS		
34	EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY FUNDS		
35			
36	Local Program Expenditures		
37			
38	Division of Social Services		
39			
40	01.	NC FAST	\$ 1,664,936
41			
42	02.	Work First – Boys and Girls Clubs	2,500,000
43			
44	03.	Maternity Homes	943,002
45			
46	Division of Public Health		
47			
48	04.	Teen Pregnancy Initiatives	2,500,000
49			
50	DHHS Administration		
51			
52	05.	Division of Social Services	1,389,084
53			
54	TOTAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY FUNDS		
55			\$ 8,997,022
56			
57	SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT		
58			
59	Local Program Expenditures		

1		
2	Divisions of Social Services and Aging and Adult Services	
3		
4	01. County Departments of Social Services	\$ 29,288,783
5		
6	02. Child Protective Services (Transfer from TANF)	5,040,000
7		
8	03. Adult Protective Services (Transfer from TANF)	1,191,925
9		
10	04. State In-Home Services Fund	2,101,113
11		
12	05. State Adult Day Care Fund	2,155,301
13		
14	06. Child Protective Services/CPS Investigative	
15	Services-Child Medical Evaluation Program	609,455
16		
17	07. Foster Care Services	
18	(Transfer from TANF \$650,829)	2,147,967
19		
20	08. Special Children Adoption Incentive Fund	500,000
21		
22	09. Child Protective Services-Child Welfare Training	
23	for Counties (Transfer from TANF)	1,300,000
24		
25	10. Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG)	1,834,077
26		
27	11. Child Advocacy Centers	375,000
28		
29	11A. Food Banks	1,000,000
30		
31	Division of Central Management and Support	
32		
33	12. ALS Association Jim "Catfish" Hunter Chapter	400,000
34		
35	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance	
36	Abuse Services	
37		
38	13. Mental Health Services Program	422,003
39		
40	14. Developmental Disabilities Services Program	5,000,000
41		
42	15. Mental Health Services-Adult and	
43	Child/Developmental Disabilities Program/	
44	Substance Abuse Services-Adult	3,234,601
45		
46	Division of Public Health	
47		
48	16. Prevent Blindness	150,000
49		
50	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	
51		
52	17. Vocational Rehabilitation Services – Easter Seal Society/UCP	
53	Community Health Program	188,263
54		
55	DHHS Program Expenditures	
56		
57	Division of Aging and Adult Services	
58		
59	18. UNC-CARES Training Contract	247,920

1		
2	Division of Services for the Blind	
3		
4	19. Independent Living Program	4,633,077
5	(Transfer from TANF \$1,000,000)	
6		
7	20. Accessible Electronic Information for Blind and Disabled Persons	75,000
8		
9	Division of Health Service Regulation	
10		
11	21. Adult Care Licensure Program	411,897
12		
13	22. Mental Health Licensure and Certification Program	205,668
14		
15	DHHS Administration	
16		
17	23. Division of Aging and Adult Services	688,436
18		
19	24. Division of Social Services	892,624
20		
21	25. Office of the Secretary/Controller's Office	138,058
22		
23	26. Office of the Secretary/DIRM	87,483
24		
25	27. Division of Child Development	15,000
26		
27	28. Division of Mental Health, Developmental	
28	Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services	29,665
29		
30	29. Division of Health Service Regulation	235,625
31		
32	30. Office of the Secretary-NC Interagency Council	
33	for Coordinating Homeless Programs	250,000
34		
35	31. Office of the Secretary	48,053
36		
37	Transfers to Other Block Grants	
38		
39	Division of Public Health	
40		
41	32. Transfer to Preventive Health Services Block Grant	
42	for HIV/STD Prevention and Community Planning	145,819
43		
44	TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT	\$ 65,042,813
45		
46	LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT	
47		
48	Local Program Expenditures	
49		
50	Division of Social Services	
51		
52	01. Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)	\$ 11,862,617
53		
54	02. Crisis Intervention Program (CIP)	48,569,233
55		
56	02A. NC FAST Implementation	4,732,667
57		
58	Local Administration	
59		

1	Division of Social Services	
2		
3	03. County DSS Administration	5,604,940
4		
5	DHHS Administration	
6		
7	04. Office of the Secretary/DIRM	276,784
8		
9	05. Office of the Secretary/Controller's Office	12,332
10		
11	Transfers to Other State Agencies	
12		
13	Department of Commerce	
14		
15	06. Weatherization Program	500,000
16		
17	07. Heating Air Repair and Replacement	
18	Program (HARRP)	4,744,344
19		
20	08. Local Residential Energy Efficiency Service	
21	Providers – Weatherization	25,000
22		
23	09. Local Residential Energy Efficiency Service	
24	Providers – HARRP	227,038
25		
26	10. Department of Commerce Administration –	
27	Weatherization	25,000
28		
29	11. Department of Commerce Administration –	
30	HARRP	227,038
31		
32	Department of Administration	
33		
34	12. N.C. Commission on Indian Affairs	110,638
35		
36	TOTAL LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE	
37	BLOCK GRANT	\$ 76,917,631
38		
39	CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND BLOCK GRANT	
40		
41	Local Program Expenditures	
42		
43	Division of Child Development	
44		
45	01. Subsidized Child Care Services (CCDF)	\$ 151,534,624
46		
47	02. Electronic Tracking System	3,336,345
48		
49	03. Subsidized Child Care Services	
50	(Transfer from TANF)	82,210,675
51		
52	04. Quality and Availability Initiatives	
53	(TEACH Program \$3,800,000)	25,948,434
54		
55	Division of Social Services	
56		
57	05. Local Subsidized Child Care Services Support	16,471,587
58	(4% Administrative Allowance)	
59		

1	DHHS Administration	
2		
3	Division of Child Development	
4		
5	06.	DCD Administrative Expenses 6,539,277
6		
7	Division of Central Administration	
8		
9	07.	DHHS Central Administration – DIRM
10		Technical Services 774,317
11		
12	TOTAL CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND	
13		BLOCK GRANT \$ 286,815,255
14		
15	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT	
16		
17	Local Program Expenditures	
18		
19	01.	Mental Health Services – Adult \$ 6,656,212
20		
21	02.	Mental Health Services – Child 5,121,991
22		
23	03.	Administration 100,000
24		
25	TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT \$ 11,878,203	
26		
27	SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT	
28		
29	Local Program Expenditures	
30		
31	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services	
32		
33	01.	Substance Abuse Services – Adult \$ 20,008,541
34		
35	02.	Substance Abuse Treatment Alternative for Women 8,107,303
36		
37	03.	Substance Abuse – HIV and IV Drug 5,116,378
38		
39	04.	Substance Abuse Prevention – Child 7,186,857
40		
41	05.	Substance Abuse Services – Child 4,940,500
42		
43	06.	Institute of Medicine 250,000
44		
45	07.	Administration 250,000
46		
47	Division of Public Health	
48		
49	08.	Risk Reduction Projects 633,980
50		
51	09.	Aid-to-Counties 209,576
52		
53	TOTAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION	
54		AND TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT \$ 46,703,135
55		
56	MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT	
57		
58	Local Program Expenditures	
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1	Division of Public Health	
2		
3	01. Children's Health Services	\$ 8,528,156
4		
5	02. Women's Health	8,510,783
6		
7	03. Oral Health	42,268
8		
9	DHHS Program Expenditures	
10		
11	Division of Public Health	
12		
13	04. Children's Health Services	1,417,087
14		
15	05. Women's Health	136,628
16		
17	06. State Center for Health Statistics	164,318
18		
19	07. Quality Improvement in Public Health	1,636
20		
21	08. Health Promotion	89,374
22		
23	09. Office of Minority Health	40,141
24		
25	DHHS Administration	
26		
27	Division of Public Health	
28		
29	10. Division of Public Health Administration	631,966
30		
31	TOTAL MATERNAL AND CHILD	
32	HEALTH BLOCK GRANT	\$ 19,562,357
33		
34	PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT	
35		
36	Local Program Expenditures	
37		
38	Division of Public Health	
39		
40	01. NC Statewide Health Promotion	\$ 1,730,653
41		
42	02. Services to Rape Victims	89,152
43		
44	03. HIV/STD Prevention and Community Planning	
45	(Transfer from Social Services Block Grant)	145,819
46		
47	DHHS Program Expenditures	
48		
49	Division of Public Health	
50		
51	04. State Center for Health Statistics	55,040
52		
53	05. NC Statewide Health Promotion	947,056
54		
55	06. Oral Health	70,000
56		
57	07. State Laboratory of Public Health	16,600
58		
59	08. Services to Rape Victims	107,960

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2 TOTAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT \$ 3,162,280
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4 **COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT**
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6 Local Program Expenditures
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8 Office of Economic Opportunity
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10 01. Community Action Agencies \$ 18,075,488
11

12 02. Limited Purpose Agencies 1,004,194
13

14 DHHS Administration
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16 03. Office of Economic Opportunity 1,004,194
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18 TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT \$ 20,083,876
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20 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

21 **SECTION 10.60.(b)** Information to Be Included in Block Grant Plans. – The
22 Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a separate plan for each Block Grant
23 received and administered by the Department, and each plan shall include the following:

- 24 (1) A delineation of the proposed allocations by program or activity, including
25 State and federal match requirements.
26 (2) A delineation of the proposed State and local administrative expenditures.
27 (3) An identification of all new positions to be established through the Block
28 Grant, including permanent, temporary, and time-limited positions.
29 (4) A comparison of the proposed allocations by program or activity with two
30 prior years' program and activity budgets and two prior years' actual program
31 or activity expenditures.
32 (5) A projection of current year expenditures by program or activity.
33 (6) A projection of federal Block Grant funds available, including unspent
34 federal funds from the current and prior fiscal years.

35 **SECTION 10.60.(c)** Changes in Federal Fund Availability. – If the Congress of the
36 United States increases the federal fund availability for any of the Block Grants or contingency
37 funds and other grants related to existing Block Grants administered by the Department of
38 Health and Human Services from the amounts appropriated in this section, the Department
39 shall allocate the increase proportionally across the program and activity appropriations
40 identified for that Block Grant in this section. In allocating an increase in federal fund
41 availability, the Office of State Budget and Management shall not approve funding for new
42 programs or activities not appropriated in this section.

43 If the Congress of the United States decreases the federal fund availability for any of
44 the Block Grants or contingency funds and other grants related to existing Block Grants
45 administered by the Department of Health and Human Services from the amounts appropriated
46 in this section, the Department shall develop a plan to adjust the block grants based on reduced
47 federal funding.

48 Prior to allocating the change in federal fund availability, the proposed allocation
49 must be approved by the Office of State Budget and Management. If the Department adjusts the
50 allocation of any Block Grant due to changes in federal fund availability, then a report shall be
51 made to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the House of
52 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate
53 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

54 **SECTION 10.60.(d)** Appropriations from federal Block Grant funds are made for
55 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, according to the schedule enacted for State fiscal year
56 2011-2012 or until a new schedule is enacted by the General Assembly.

57 **SECTION 10.60.(e)** All changes to the budgeted allocations to the Block Grants or
58 contingency funds and other grants related to existing Block Grants administered by the
59 Department of Health and Human Services that are not specifically addressed in this section

1 shall be approved by the Office of State Budget and Management, and the Office of State
2 Budget and Management shall consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
3 Operations for review prior to implementing the changes. The report shall include an itemized
4 listing of affected programs, including associated changes in budgeted allocations. All changes
5 to the budgeted allocations to the Block Grants shall be reported immediately to the House of
6 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate
7 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.
8 This subsection does not apply to Block Grant changes caused by legislative salary increases
9 and benefit adjustments.

10 **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) FUNDS**

11 **SECTION 10.60.(e1)** The sum of ninety-four million four hundred fifty-three
12 thousand three hundred fifteen dollars (\$94,453,315) appropriated in this section in TANF
13 funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the
14 2011-2012 fiscal year shall be used for Work First County Block Grants. The Division shall
15 certify these funds in the appropriate State level services based on prior year actual
16 expenditures. The Division has the authority to realign the authorized budget for these funds
17 among the State level services based on current year actual expenditures.

18 **SECTION 10.60.(f)** The sum of one million ninety-three thousand one hundred
19 seventy-six dollars (\$1,093,176) appropriated in this section in TANF funds to the Department
20 of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the 2011-2012 fiscal year shall
21 be used to support administration of TANF-funded programs.

22 **SECTION 10.60.(g)** The sum of two million two hundred thousand dollars
23 (\$2,200,000) appropriated under this section in TANF funds to the Department of Health and
24 Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the 2011-2012 fiscal year shall be used to
25 provide domestic violence services to Work First recipients. These funds shall be used to
26 provide domestic violence counseling, support, and other direct services to clients. These funds
27 shall not be used to establish new domestic violence shelters or to facilitate lobbying efforts.
28 The Division of Social Services may use up to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) in
29 TANF funds to support one administrative position within the Division of Social Services to
30 implement this subsection.

31 Each county department of social services and the local domestic violence shelter
32 program serving the county shall develop jointly a plan for utilizing these funds. The plan shall
33 include the services to be provided and the manner in which the services shall be delivered. The
34 county plan shall be signed by the county social services director or the director's designee and
35 the domestic violence program director or the director's designee and submitted to the Division
36 of Social Services by December 1, 2011. The Division of Social Services, in consultation with
37 the Council for Women, shall review the county plans and shall provide consultation and
38 technical assistance to the departments of social services and local domestic violence shelter
39 programs, if needed.

40 The Division of Social Services shall allocate these funds to county departments of
41 social services according to the following formula: (i) each county shall receive a base
42 allocation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and (ii) each county shall receive an allocation of
43 the remaining funds based on the county's proportion of the statewide total of the Work First
44 caseload as of July 1, 2011, and the county's proportion of the statewide total of the individuals
45 receiving domestic violence services from programs funded by the Council for Women as of
46 July 1, 2011. The Division of Social Services may reallocate unspent funds to counties that
47 submit a written request for additional funds.

48 **SECTION 10.60.(h)** The sum of fourteen million four hundred fifty-two thousand
49 three hundred ninety-one dollars (\$14,452,391) appropriated in this section to the Department
50 of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, in TANF funds for the 2011-2012
51 fiscal year for child welfare improvements shall be allocated to the county departments of
52 social services for hiring or contracting staff to investigate and provide services in Child
53 Protective Services cases; to provide foster care and support services; to recruit, train, license,
54 and support prospective foster and adoptive families; and to provide interstate and
55 post-adoption services for eligible families.

56 **SECTION 10.60.(i)** The sum of three million six hundred nine thousand three
57 hundred fifty-five dollars (\$3,609,355) appropriated in this section in TANF funds to the
58 Department of Health and Human Services, Special Children Adoption Fund, for the
59

1 2011-2012 fiscal year shall be used in accordance with G.S. 108A-50.2, as enacted in Section
2 10.48 of S.L. 2009-451. The Division of Social Services, in consultation with the North
3 Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services and representatives of licensed
4 private adoption agencies, shall develop guidelines for the awarding of funds to licensed public
5 and private adoption agencies upon the adoption of children described in G.S. 108A-50 and in
6 foster care. Payments received from the Special Children Adoption Fund by participating
7 agencies shall be used exclusively to enhance the adoption services program. No local match
8 shall be required as a condition for receipt of these funds.

9 **SECTION 10.60.(j)** The sum of seven hundred fifty-four thousand one hundred
10 fifteen dollars (\$754,115) appropriated in this section to the Department of Health and Human
11 Services in TANF funds for the 2011-2012 fiscal year shall be used to continue support for the
12 Child Welfare Collaborative.

13 14 **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) CONTINGENCY** 15 **FUNDS**

16 **SECTION 10.60.(k)** The sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars
17 (\$2,500,000) appropriated in this section to the Department in TANF funds for Boys and Girls
18 Clubs for the 2011-2012 fiscal year shall be used to make grants for approved programs. The
19 Department of Health and Human Services, in accordance with federal regulations for the use
20 of TANF Contingency funds, shall administer a grant program to award funds to the Boys and
21 Girls Clubs across the State in order to implement programs that improve the motivation,
22 performance, and self-esteem of youths and to implement other initiatives that would be
23 expected to reduce gang participation, school dropout, and teen pregnancy rates. The
24 Department shall facilitate collaboration between the Boys and Girls Clubs and Support Our
25 Students, Communities in Schools, and similar programs and encourage them to submit joint
26 applications for the funds if appropriate.

27 **SECTION 10.60.(l)** The sum of one million three hundred eighty-nine thousand
28 eighty-four dollars (\$1,389,084) appropriated in this section in TANF Contingency funds to the
29 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the 2011-2012
30 fiscal year shall be used to support administration of TANF-funded programs.

31 32 **SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT**

33 **SECTION 10.60.(ll)** The sum of twenty-nine million two hundred eighty-eight
34 thousand seven hundred eighty-three dollars (\$29,288,783) appropriated in this section in the
35 Social Services Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
36 Social Services, for the 2011-2012 fiscal year shall be used for County Block Grants. The
37 Division shall certify these funds in the appropriate State level services based on prior year
38 actual expenditures. The Division has the authority to realign the authorized budget for these
39 funds among the State level services based on current year actual expenditures.

40 **SECTION 10.60.(m)** The sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars
41 (\$1,300,000) appropriated in this section in the Social Services Block Grant to the Department
42 of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the 2011-2012 fiscal year shall
43 be used to support various child welfare training projects as follows:

- 44 (1) Provide a regional training center in southeastern North Carolina.
- 45 (2) Provide training for residential child caring facilities.
- 46 (3) Provide for various other child welfare training initiatives.

47 **SECTION 10.60.(n)** The sum of two million one hundred forty-seven thousand
48 nine hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$2,147,967) appropriated in this section in the Social
49 Services Block Grant for child caring agencies for the 2011-2012 fiscal year shall be allocated
50 in support of State foster home children.

51 **SECTION 10.60.(o)** The Department of Health and Human Services is authorized,
52 subject to the approval of the Office of State Budget and Management, to transfer Social
53 Services Block Grant funding allocated for departmental administration between divisions that
54 have received administrative allocations from the Social Services Block Grant.

55 **SECTION 10.60.(p)** Social Services Block Grant funds appropriated for the
56 Special Children's Adoption Incentive Fund will require a fifty percent (50%) local match.

57 **SECTION 10.60.(q)** The sum of four hundred twenty-two thousand three dollars
58 (\$422,003) appropriated in this section in the Social Services Block Grant to the Department of

1 Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the 2011-2012 fiscal year shall be
2 used to continue a Mental Health Services Program for children.

3 **SECTION 10.60.(r)** The sum of five million forty thousand dollars (\$5,040,000)
4 appropriated in this section in the Social Services Block Grant for the 2011-2012 fiscal year
5 shall be allocated to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social
6 Services. The Division shall allocate these funds to local departments of social services to
7 replace the loss of Child Protective Services State funds that are currently used by county
8 government to pay for Child Protective Services staff at the local level. These funds shall be
9 used to maintain the number of Child Protective Services workers throughout the State. These
10 Social Services Block Grant funds shall be used to pay for salaries and related expenses only
11 and are exempt from 10A NCAC 71R .0201(3) requiring a local match of twenty-five percent
12 (25%).

13 **SECTION 10.60.(s)** The sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000)
14 appropriated in this section in the Social Services Block Grant for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to
15 the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support,
16 shall be allocated to the ALS Association, Jim "Catfish" Hunter Chapter, to be used to provide
17 patient care and community services to persons with ALS and their families. These funds are
18 exempt from the provisions of 10A NCAC 71R .0201(3).

19 **SECTION 10.60.(t)** The sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000)
20 appropriated in this section in the Social Services Block Grant for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to
21 the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, shall be allocated to
22 Prevent Blindness North Carolina to be used for direct service programs. These funds are
23 exempt from the provisions of 10A NCAC 71R .0201(3).

24 **SECTION 10.60.(u)** The sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000)
25 appropriated in this section in the Social Services Block Grant for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to
26 the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Services for the Blind, shall be
27 used to provide accessible electronic information for blind and disabled persons. These funds
28 are exempt from the provisions of 10A NCAC 71R .0201(3).

29 **SECTION 10.60.(v)** The sum of three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars
30 (\$375,000) appropriated in this section in the Social Services Block Grant for the 2011-2012
31 fiscal year to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, shall
32 be used to continue support for the Child Advocacy Centers and are exempt from the
33 provisions of 10A NCAC 71R .0201(3).

34 **SECTION 10.60.(w)** Social Services Block Grant funds allocated to the North
35 Carolina Inter-Agency Council for 2011-2012 fiscal year for coordinating homeless programs
36 and child medical evaluations are exempt from the provisions of 10A NCAC 71R .0201(3).
37

38 **LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT**

39 **SECTION 10.60.(x)** Additional emergency contingency funds received may be
40 allocated for Energy Assistance Payments or Crisis Intervention Payments without prior
41 consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. Additional
42 funds received shall be reported to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
43 Operations and the Fiscal Research Division upon notification of the award. The Department of
44 Health and Human Services shall not allocate funds for any activities, including increasing
45 administration, other than assistance payments, without prior consultation with the Joint
46 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

47 **SECTION 10.60.(y)** The sum of eleven million eight hundred sixty-two thousand
48 six hundred seventeen dollars (\$11,862,617) appropriated in this section in the Low-Income
49 Home Energy Assistance Block Grant for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to the Department of
50 Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, shall be used for energy assistance
51 payments for the households of (i) elderly persons age 60 and above with income up to one
52 hundred thirty percent (130%) of the federal poverty level and (ii) disabled persons eligible for
53 services funded through the Division of Aging and Adult Services. County departments of
54 social services shall submit to the Division of Social Services an outreach plan for targeting
55 households with 60-year-old household members no later than August 1 of each year.

56 **SECTION 10.60.(y1)** The sum of four million seven hundred thirty-two thousand
57 six hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$4,732,667) appropriated in this section in the Low-Income
58 Home Energy Assistance Block Grant for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to the Department of
59 Health and Human Services, Central Management and Support Division, shall be used to

1 continue the implementation of the NCFAST program. The U.S. Department of Health and
2 Human Services has authorized the use of the LIEAP program service funds to continue the
3 implementation of the NCFAST program. This meets the required participation based on the
4 federally approved cost allocation plan. In order to advance the implementation of NCFAST,
5 which creates a single portal of entry for the Department Health and Human Services programs,
6 these federal funds are critical, otherwise State funds will have to be identified.
7

8 **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND BLOCK GRANT**

9 **SECTION 10.60.(z)** Payment for subsidized child care services provided with
10 federal TANF funds shall comply with all regulations and policies issued by the Division of
11 Child Development for the subsidized child care program.

12 **SECTION 10.60.(aa)** If funds appropriated through the Child Care and
13 Development Fund Block Grant for any program cannot be obligated or spent in that program
14 within the obligation or liquidation periods allowed by the federal grants, the Department may
15 move funds to child care subsidies, unless otherwise prohibited by federal requirements of the
16 grant, in order to use the federal funds fully.
17

18 **SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT**

19 **SECTION 10.60.(bb)** The sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)
20 appropriated in this section in the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant to
21 the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental
22 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, for the 2011-2012 fiscal year for the North
23 Carolina Institute of Medicine (NCIOM) shall be used to continue its Task Force on the mental
24 health, social, and emotional needs of young children and their families. In addition to the
25 issues identified in Section 16.1 of S.L. 2010-152, the Task Force shall study the impact of
26 parents' substance use problems on the mental health and social and emotional well-being of
27 children from conception through age five. The NCIOM shall make an interim report to the
28 General Assembly no later than January 15, 2012, which may include legislative and other
29 recommendations, and shall issue its final report with findings, recommendations, and any
30 proposed legislation to the 2013 General Assembly upon its convening.
31

32 **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT**

33 **SECTION 10.60.(cc)** The sum of one million four hundred ninety-seven thousand
34 dollars (\$1,497,000) appropriated in this section in the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant
35 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
36 Public Health, shall be used to fund the following activities as indicated:

- 37 (1) March of Dimes to provide folic acid and education for women before
38 pregnancy to reduce birth defects and infant mortality, the sum of three
39 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000).
- 40 (2) Teen Pregnancy Prevention, the sum of six hundred fifty thousand dollars
41 (\$650,000).
- 42 (3) Healthy Start/Safe Sleep, the sum of two hundred forty-seven thousand
43 dollars (\$247,000).
- 44 (4) Perinatal Quality Collaborative of North Carolina, the sum of two hundred
45 fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

46 **SECTION 10.60.(dd)** If federal funds are received under the Maternal and Child
47 Health Block Grant for abstinence education, pursuant to section 912 of Public Law 104-193
48 (42 U.S.C. § 710), for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, then those funds shall be transferred to the
49 State Board of Education to be administered by the Department of Public Instruction. The
50 Department of Public Instruction shall use the funds to establish an abstinence until marriage
51 education program and shall delegate to one or more persons the responsibility of
52 implementing the program and G.S. 115C-81(e1)(4) and (4a). The Department of Public
53 Instruction shall carefully and strictly follow federal guidelines in implementing and
54 administering the abstinence education grant funds.

55 **SECTION 10.60.(ee)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure
56 that there will be follow-up testing in the Newborn Screening Program.
57

58 **PART XI. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES**

59

REPEAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE REVIEW OF FEE SCHEDULES

SECTION 11.2. G.S. 106-6.1(b) is repealed.

RECLASSIFY VACANT POSITION WITHIN DACS TO ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAM

SECTION 11.7. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall reclassify one vacant position within the Department and shall fill this reclassified position in a timely manner in order to provide support for the Animal Welfare Program within the Department.

PART XII. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**LABOR/REPEAL STATUTE REQUIRING BIENNIAL REVIEW OF FEES BY DEPARTMENT**

SECTION 12.1. G.S. 95-14.1 is repealed.

PART XIII. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**ABOLISH, TRANSFER TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS, OR CONSOLIDATE WITHIN DENR ALL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS UNDER DENR**

SECTION 13.3.(a) The Vector Control Program and the Tick Control Program within the Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources are abolished. Further, any equipment that the State loaned to any local health department as part of the Vector Control Program that is in the possession of the local health department shall be retained by that local health department, and the ownership of that equipment shall be transferred from the State to that local health department.

SECTION 13.3.(b) All functions, powers, duties, and obligations previously vested in the Sleep Products Program within the Public Health Pest Management Section of the Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources are transferred to and vested in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by a Type I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6.

SECTION 13.3.(c) The following sections of the Division of Environmental Health that support programs implemented through local health departments and programs primarily focused on food safety and other public health concerns are, subject to subsection (b) of this section, transferred from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services with all the elements of a Type I transfer, as defined by G.S. 143A-6:

- (1) Environmental Health Services Section.
- (2) Grade "A" Milk Sanitation Program.
- (3) On-Site Water Protection Section.
- (4) Office of Education and Training.

SECTION 13.3.(d) All functions, powers, duties, and obligations previously vested in the Radiation Protection Section within the Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources are transferred to and vested in the Division of Health Safety Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services by a Type I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6.

SECTION 13.3.(e) The Public Water Supply Section of the Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall be transferred to the Division of Water Resources of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources with all the elements of a Type I transfer, as defined by G.S. 143A-6.

SECTION 13.3.(f) The Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality Section of the Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall be transferred to the Division of Marine Fisheries of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources with all the elements of a Type I transfer, as defined by G.S. 143A-6.

SECTION 13.3.(g) The Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is abolished, and the Public Health Pest Management Section of the Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is abolished.

1 **SECTION 13.3.(h)** G.S. 143B-279.3(c)(3) is repealed.

2 **SECTION 13.3.(i)** Part 1 of Article 12 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is
3 repealed.

4 **SECTION 13.3.(j)** G.S. 143-300.8 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 143-300.8. Defense of local sanitarians.**

6 Any local health department sanitarian enforcing rules of the Commission for Public Health
7 or of the Environmental Management Commission under the supervision of the Department of
8 ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Health and Human Services pursuant to G.S. 130A-4 shall
9 be defended by the Attorney General, subject to the provisions of G.S. 143-300.4, and shall be
10 protected from liability in accordance with the provisions of this Article in any civil or criminal
11 action or proceeding brought against the sanitarian in his official or individual capacity, or
12 both, on account of an act done or omission made in the scope and course of enforcing the rules
13 of the Commission for Public Health or of the Environmental Management Commission. The
14 Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Health and Human Services shall pay any
15 judgment against the sanitarian, or any settlement made on his behalf, subject to the provisions
16 of G.S. 143-300.6."

17 **SECTION 13.3.(k)** G.S. 106-143 reads as rewritten:

18 "**§ 106-143. Article construed supplementary.**

19 Nothing in this Article shall be construed as in any way amending, abridging, or otherwise
20 affecting the validity of any law or ordinance relating to the Commission for Public Health or
21 the Department of Environment and Natural Resources or any local health department in their
22 sanitary work in connection with public and private water supplies, sewerage, meat, milk, milk
23 products, ~~shellfish, finfish,~~ or other foods, or food products, or the production, handling, or
24 processing of these items."

25 **SECTION 13.3.(l)** Part 8 of Article 8 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is
26 recodified as Article 4H of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, to be entitled "Bedding";
27 G.S. 130A-261 is recodified as G.S. 106-65.95; G.S. 130A-262 is recodified as G.S. 106-65.96;
28 G.S. 130A-263 is recodified as G.S. 106-65.97; G.S. 130A-264 is recodified as G.S. 106-65.98;
29 G.S. 130A-265 is recodified as G.S. 106-65.99; G.S. 130A-266 is recodified as
30 G.S. 106-65.100; G.S. 130A-267 is recodified as G.S. 106-65.101; G.S. 130A-268 is recodified
31 as G.S. 106-65.102; G.S. 130A-269 is recodified as G.S. 106-65.103; G.S. 130A-270 is
32 recodified as G.S. 106-65.104; G.S. 130A-271 is recodified as G.S. 106-65.105; G.S. 130A-272
33 is recodified as G.S. 106-65.106; and G.S. 130A-273 is recodified as G.S. 106-65.107.

34 **SECTION 13.3.(m)** G.S. 106-65.95, as recodified under subsection (l) of this
35 section, reads as rewritten:

36 "**§ 106-65.95. Definitions.**

37 The following definitions shall apply throughout this ~~Part~~ Article:

38 "

39 **SECTION 13.3.(n)** G.S. 106-65.96, as recodified under subsection (l) of this
40 section, reads as rewritten:

41 "**§ 106-65.96. Sanitizing.**

42 (a) No person shall sell any renovated bedding or secondhand bedding unless it is
43 sanitized in accordance with rules adopted by the ~~Commission~~ Board of Agriculture.

44 (b) A sanitizing apparatus or process shall not be used for sanitizing bedding or material
45 required to be sanitized under this ~~Part~~ Article until the apparatus is approved by the
46 ~~Department~~ Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

47 (c) A person who sanitizes bedding shall attach to the bedding a yellow tag containing
48 information required by the rules of the ~~Commission~~ Board of Agriculture.

49 (d) A person who sanitizes material or bedding for another person shall keep a complete
50 record of the kind of material and bedding which has been sanitized. The record shall be
51 subject to inspection by the ~~Department~~ Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

52 (e) A person who receives used bedding for renovation or storage shall attach to the
53 bedding a tag on which is legibly written the date of receipt and the name and address of the
54 owner."

55 **SECTION 13.3.(o)** G.S. 106-65.98, as recodified under subsection (l) of this
56 section, reads as rewritten:

57 "**§ 106-65.98. Storage of used materials.**

58 No establishment shall store any unsanitized previously used materials in the same room
59 with bedding or materials that are new or have been sanitized unless the new or sanitized

1 bedding or materials are completely segregated from the unsanitized materials in a manner
2 approved by the rules of the ~~Commission~~Board of Agriculture."

3 **SECTION 13.3.(p)** G.S. 106-65.99, as recodified under subsection (l) of this
4 section, reads as rewritten:

5 **"§ 106-65.99. Tagging requirements.**

6 (a) A tag of durable material approved by the ~~Commission~~Board of Agriculture shall
7 be sewed securely to all bedding. The tag shall be at least two inches by three inches in size.

8 (b) The following shall be plainly stamped or printed upon the tag with ink in English:

9 (1) The name and kind of material or materials used to fill the bedding which
10 are listed in the order of their predominance;

11 (2) A registration number obtained from the ~~Department~~Department of
12 Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

13 (3) In letters at least one-eighth inch high the words "made of new material", if
14 the bedding contains no previously used material; or the words "made of
15 previously used materials", if the bedding contains any previously used
16 material; or the word "secondhand" on any bedding which has been used but
17 not remade.

18 (4) Repealed by Session Laws 1987, c. 456, s. 4.

19 (c) A white tag shall be used for manufactured bedding and a yellow tag for renovated
20 or sanitized bedding.

21 (d) The tag must be sewed to the outside covering before the filling material has been
22 inserted. No trade name, advertisement nor any other wording shall appear on the tag."

23 **SECTION 13.3.(q)** G.S. 106-65.100, as recodified under subsection (l) of this
24 section, reads as rewritten:

25 **"§ 106-65.100. Altering tags prohibited.**

26 No person, other than one purchasing bedding for personal use or a representative of the
27 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall remove, deface or alter the tag
28 required by this ~~Part~~Article."

29 **SECTION 13.3.(r)** G.S. 106-65.101, as recodified under subsection (l) of this
30 section, reads as rewritten:

31 **"§ 106-65.101. Selling regulated.**

32 (a) No person shall sell any bedding in this State (whether manufactured within or
33 without this State) which has not been manufactured, tagged, and labeled in the manner
34 required by this ~~Part~~Article and which does not otherwise comply with the provisions of this
35 ~~Part~~Article.

36 (b) This ~~Part~~Article shall not apply to bedding sold by the owner and previous user
37 from the owner's home directly to a purchaser for the purchaser's own personal use unless the
38 bedding has been exposed to an infectious or communicable disease.

39 (c) Possession of any bedding in any store, warehouse, itinerant vendor's conveyance or
40 place of business, other than a private home, hotel or other place where these articles are
41 ordinarily used, shall constitute prima facie evidence that the item is possessed with intent to
42 sell. No secondhand bedding shall be possessed with intent to sell for a period exceeding 60
43 days unless it has been sanitized."

44 **SECTION 13.3.(s)** G.S. 106-65.102, as recodified under subsection (l) of this
45 section, reads as rewritten:

46 **"§ 106-65.102. Registration numbers.**

47 (a) All persons manufacturing or sanitizing bedding in this State or manufacturing
48 bedding to be sold in this State shall apply for a registration number on a form prescribed by
49 the ~~Secretary-Commissioner of Agriculture~~. Upon receipt of the completed application and
50 applicable fees, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall issue to the
51 applicant a certificate of registration showing the person's name and address, registration
52 number and other pertinent information required by the rules of the ~~Commission~~Board of
53 Agriculture."

54 **SECTION 13.3.(t)** G.S. 106-65.103, as recodified under subsection (l) of this
55 section, reads as rewritten:

56 **"§ 106-65.103. Payment of fees; licenses.**

57 (c) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall administer and enforce
58 this ~~Part~~Article. A person who has done business in this State throughout the preceding
59 calendar year shall obtain a license by paying a fee to the Department of Agriculture and

1 Consumer Services in an amount determined by the total number of bedding units
2 manufactured, sold, or sanitized in this State by the applicant during the calendar year
3 immediately preceding, at the rate of five and two tenths cents (5.2¢) per bedding unit.
4 However, if this amount is less than fifty dollars (\$50.00), a minimum fee of fifty dollars
5 (\$50.00) shall be paid to the ~~Department~~Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

6 (d) A person who has not done business in this State throughout the preceding calendar
7 year shall obtain a license by paying an initial fee to the Department of Agriculture and
8 Consumer Services in the amount of seven hundred twenty dollars (\$720.00) for the first year
9 in which business is done in this State, prorated in accordance with the quarter of the calendar
10 year in which the person begins doing business. After submission of proof of business volume
11 in accordance with subsection (h) of this section for the part of the preceding calendar year in
12 which the person did business in this State, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
13 Services shall determine the amount of fee for which the person is responsible for that time
14 period by using a rate of five and two tenths cents (5.2¢) for each bedding unit. However, if this
15 amount is less than fifty dollars (\$50.00), then the amount of the fee for which the person is
16 responsible shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). If the person's initial payment is more than the
17 amount of the fee for which the person is responsible, the Department of Agriculture and
18 Consumer Services shall make a refund or adjustment to the cost of the fee due for the next
19 year in the amount of the difference. If the initial payment is less than the amount of the fee for
20 which the person is responsible, the person shall pay the difference to the
21 ~~Department~~Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

22 (d1) Payments, refunds, and adjustments shall be made in accordance with rules adopted
23 by the ~~Commission~~Board of Agriculture.

24 (d2) Upon payment of the fees charged pursuant to subsections (c) and (d), or the first
25 installment thereof as provided by rules adopted by the ~~Commission~~Board of Agriculture, the
26 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall issue a license to the person. Licenses
27 shall be kept conspicuously posted in the place of business of the licensee at all times. The
28 ~~Secretary~~Commissioner of Agriculture may suspend a license for a maximum of six months
29 for two or more serious violations of this ~~Part~~Article or of the rules of the ~~Commission~~Board
30 of Agriculture within any 12-month period.

31 (e) A maximum fee of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) shall be charged for units
32 of bedding manufactured in this State but not sold in this State.

33 (f) For the sole purpose of computing fees for which a person is responsible, the
34 following definitions shall apply: One mattress is defined as one bedding unit; one upholstered
35 spring is defined as one bedding unit; one pad is defined as one bedding unit; one sleeping bag
36 is defined as one bedding unit; five comforters, pillows or decorative pillows are defined as one
37 bedding unit; and any other item is defined as one bedding unit.

38 (g) An application for license must be submitted on a form prescribed by the
39 ~~Secretary~~Commissioner of Agriculture. No license may be issued to a person unless the person
40 complies with the rules of the ~~Commission~~Board of Agriculture governing the granting of
41 licenses.

42 (h) The ~~Commission~~Board of Agriculture shall adopt rules for the proper enforcement
43 of this section. The rules shall include provisions governing the type and amount of proof
44 which must be submitted by the applicant to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
45 Services in order to establish the number of bedding units that were, during the preceding
46 calendar year:

- 47 (1) Manufactured and sold in this State;
- 48 (2) Manufactured outside of this State and sold in this State; and
- 49 (3) Manufactured in this State but not sold in this State.

50 (i) The ~~Commission~~Board of Agriculture may provide in its rules for additional proof
51 of the number of bedding units sold during the preceding calendar year when it has reason to
52 believe that the proof submitted by the manufacturer is incomplete, misleading or incorrect."

53 **SECTION 13.3.(u)** G.S. 106-65.104, as recodified under subsection (l) of this
54 section, reads as rewritten:

55 "**§ 106-65.104. Bedding Law Account.**

56 The Bedding Law Account is established as a nonreverting account within the
57 ~~Department~~Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. All fees collected under this
58 ~~Part~~Article shall be credited to the Account and applied to the following costs:

- 1 (1) Salaries and expenses of inspectors and other employees who enforce this
2 ~~Part,Article.~~
3 (2) Expenses directly connected with the enforcement of this ~~Part,Article,~~
4 including attorney's fees, which are expressly authorized to be incurred by
5 the ~~Secretary-Commissioner of Agriculture~~ without authority from any other
6 source when in the ~~Secretary's opinion~~ opinion of the Commissioner of
7 Agriculture it is advisable to employ an attorney to prosecute any persons."

8 **SECTION 13.3.(v)** G.S. 106-65.105, as recodified under subsection (l) of this
9 section, reads as rewritten:

10 "**§ 106-65.105. Enforcement by the ~~Department,~~Department of Agriculture and**
11 **Consumer Services.**

12 (a) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall enforce the provisions
13 of this ~~Part,Article~~ and the rules adopted by the ~~Commission,Board of Agriculture.~~

14 (b) The ~~Secretary-Commissioner of Agriculture~~ may prohibit sale and place an "off
15 sale" tag on any bedding which is not made, sanitized, or tagged as required by this ~~Part,Article~~
16 and the rules of the ~~Commission,Board of Agriculture.~~ The bedding shall not be sold or
17 otherwise removed until the violation is remedied and the ~~Secretary-Commissioner of~~
18 Agriculture has reinspected it and removed the "off sale" tag.

19 (c) A person supplying material to a bedding manufacturer shall furnish an itemized
20 invoice of all furnished material. Each material entering into willowed or other mixtures shall
21 be shown on the invoice. The bedding manufacturer shall keep the invoice on file for one year
22 subject to inspection by the ~~Department,~~Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

23 (d) When the ~~Secretary-Commissioner of Agriculture~~ has reason to believe that bedding
24 is not tagged or filled as required by this ~~Part,Article,~~ the ~~Secretary-Commissioner of~~
25 Agriculture shall have authority to open a seam of the bedding to examine the filling, and, if
26 unable after this examination to determine if the filling is of the kind stated on the tag, shall
27 have the authority to examine purchase or other records necessary to determine definitely the
28 kind of material used in the bedding. The ~~Secretary-Commissioner of Agriculture~~ shall have
29 authority to seize and hold for evidence any records and any bedding or bedding material which
30 in the ~~Secretary's opinion~~ opinion of the Commissioner of Agriculture is made, possessed or
31 offered for sale in violation of this ~~Part,Article~~ or the rules of the ~~Commission,Board of~~
32 Agriculture. The ~~Secretary-Commissioner of Agriculture~~ shall have authority to take a sample
33 of any bedding or bedding material for the purpose of examination or for evidence."

34 **SECTION 13.3.(w)** G.S. 106-65.106, as recodified under subsection (l) of this
35 section, reads as rewritten:

36 "**§ 106-65.106. Exemptions for blind persons and State institutions.**

37 (a) In cases where bedding is manufactured, sanitized or renovated in a plant or place of
38 business which has qualified as a nonprofit agency for the blind or severely handicapped under
39 P.L. 92-28, as amended, the responsible person shall satisfy the provisions of this ~~Part,Article~~
40 and the rules of the ~~Commission,Board of Agriculture.~~ However, the responsible persons at
41 these plants or places of business shall not be required to pay fees in accordance with
42 ~~G.S. 130A-269.~~G.S. 106-65.103.

43 (b) State institutions engaged in the manufacture, renovation or sanitizing of bedding
44 for their own use or that of another State institution are exempted from all provisions of this
45 ~~Part,Article.~~"

46 **SECTION 13.3.(x)** G.S. 106-65.107, as recodified under subsection (l) of this
47 section, reads as rewritten:

48 "**§ 106-65.107. Rules.**

49 The ~~Commission,Board~~ shall adopt rules required by this ~~Part,Article~~ in order to protect the
50 public health."

51 **SECTION 13.3.(y)** G.S. 90A-51 reads as rewritten:

52 "**§ 90A-51. Definitions.**

53 The words and phrases defined below shall when used in this Article have the following
54 meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- 55 ...
- 56 (2a) "Environmental health practice" means the provision of environmental
57 health services, including administration, organization, management,
58 education, enforcement, and consultation regarding environmental health
59 services provided to or for the public. These services are offered to prevent

environmental hazards and promote and protect the health of the public in the following areas: food, lodging, and institutional sanitation; on-site wastewater treatment and disposal; milk and dairy sanitation; ~~shellfish sanitation; recreational water quality;~~ public swimming pool sanitation; childhood lead poisoning prevention; well permitting and inspection; tattoo parlor sanitation; and all other areas of environmental health requiring the delegation of authority by the Division of ~~Environmental Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services~~ to State and local environmental health professionals to enforce rules adopted by the Commission for Public ~~Health or the Environmental Management Commission.~~Health. The definition also includes local environmental health professionals enforcing rules of local boards of health for on-site wastewater systems and wells.

...."

SECTION 13.3.(z) G.S. 90A-55(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Board Membership. – The Board shall consist of 12 members who shall serve staggered terms: the Secretary of ~~Environment and Natural Resources,~~Health and Human Services, or the Secretary's duly authorized representative, one public-spirited citizen, one environmental sanitation educator from an accredited college or university, one local health director, a representative of the Division of ~~Environmental Public Health of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources,~~Health and Human Services, and seven practicing environmental health specialists who qualify by education and experience for registration under this Article, six of whom shall represent the Western, Piedmont, and Eastern Regions of the State as described more specifically in the rules adopted by the Board."

SECTION 13.3.(aa) G.S. 90A-55(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) The Environmental Health Section of the North Carolina Public Health Association, Inc., shall submit a recommended list of Board member candidates to the Governor for the Governor's consideration in appointments, except for the two representatives of the Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources,~~Health and Human Services recommended by the Secretary of ~~Environment and Natural Resources,~~Health and Human Services and the local health director recommended by the North Carolina Local Health Directors Association."

SECTION 13.3.(bb) G.S. 90A-71(4) reads as rewritten:

"(4) "Department" means the Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources,~~Health and Human Services."

SECTION 13.3.(cc) G.S. 90A-73(a)(3) reads as rewritten:

"(3) One member appointed by the Governor who is ~~an employee of the Division of Environmental Health of the Department~~ a registered professional engineer licensed under Chapter 89C of the General Statutes and whose work experience includes the design of on-site wastewater systems to a term that expires on 1 July of years that follow by one year those years that are evenly divisible by three."

SECTION 13.3.(dd) G.S. 90A-81(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Arbitration. – The Board may establish a voluntary arbitration procedure to resolve complaints concerning a certified contractor or inspector or any work performed by a certified contractor or inspector, or conflicts involving any certified contractor or inspector and the Division of ~~Environmental Public Health of the Department~~ or a local health department."

SECTION 13.3.(ee) G.S. 106-307.2(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The State Veterinarian shall notify the State Health Director and the Director of the Division of ~~Environmental Public Health in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources,~~Health and Human Services when the State Veterinarian receives a report indicating an occurrence or potential outbreak of anthrax, arboviral infections, brucellosis, epidemic typhus, hantavirus infections, murine typhus, plague, psittacosis, Q fever, hemorrhagic fever, virus infections, and any other disease or condition transmissible to humans that the State Veterinarian determines may have been caused by a terrorist act."

SECTION 13.3.(ff) G.S. 130A-4(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall administer and enforce the provisions of ~~Part 4 of Article 5 and Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12~~Articles 9 and 10 of this Chapter and the rules of the Commission."

SECTION 13.3.(gg) G.S. 130A-12 reads as rewritten:

1 **"§ 130A-12. Confidentiality of records.**

2 All records containing privileged patient medical information, information protected under
3 45 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 160 and 164, and information collected under the
4 authority of Part 4 of Article 5 of this Chapter that are in the possession of the Department of
5 Health and Human ~~Services, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Services~~
6 or local health departments shall be confidential and shall not be public records pursuant to
7 G.S. 132-1. Information contained in the records may be disclosed only when disclosure is
8 authorized or required by State or federal law. Notwithstanding G.S. 8-53 or G.S. 130A-143,
9 the information contained in the records may be disclosed for purposes of treatment, payment,
10 or health care operations. For purposes of this section, the terms "treatment," "payment," and
11 "health care operations" have the meanings given those terms in 45 Code of Federal
12 Regulations § 164.501."

13 **SECTION 13.3.(hh)** G.S. 130A-17(b) reads as rewritten:

14 "(b) The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and a local health director
15 shall have the same rights enumerated in subsection (a) of this section to enforce the provisions
16 of ~~Part 4 of Article 5 and Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12~~ Articles 9 and 10 of this Chapter."

17 **SECTION 13.3.(ii)** G.S. 130A-18(b) reads as rewritten:

18 "(b) The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and a local health director
19 shall have the same rights enumerated in subsection (a) of this section to enforce the provisions
20 of ~~Part 4 of Article 5 and Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12~~ Articles 9 and 10 of this Chapter."

21 **SECTION 13.3.(jj)** G.S. 130A-19(b) reads as rewritten:

22 "(b) The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and a local health director
23 shall have the same rights enumerated in subsection (a) of this section to enforce the provisions
24 of ~~Part 4 of Article 5 and Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12~~ Articles 9 and 10 of this Chapter."

25 **SECTION 13.3.(kk)** G.S. 130A-20(b) reads as rewritten:

26 "(b) The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and a local health director
27 shall have the same rights enumerated in subsection (a) of this section to enforce the provisions
28 of ~~Part 4 of Article 5 and Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12~~ Articles 9 and 10 of this Chapter."

29 **SECTION 13.3.(ll)** G.S. 130A-21(a) reads as rewritten:

30 "(a) In addition to the authority of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
31 pursuant to G.S. 106-125, the Secretary of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ or a local health
32 director has authority to exercise embargo authority concerning food or drink pursuant to
33 G.S. 106-125(a), (b) and (c) when the food or drink is in an establishment that is subject to
34 regulation by the Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Health and Human
35 Services pursuant to this Chapter, that is subject to rules adopted by the Commission, or that is
36 the subject of an investigation pursuant to G.S. 130A-144; however, no such action shall be
37 taken in any establishment or part of an establishment that is under inspection or otherwise
38 regulated by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or the United States
39 Department of Agriculture other than the part of the establishment that is subject to regulation
40 by the Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Health and Human Services pursuant
41 to this Chapter. Any action under this section shall only be taken by, or after consultation with,
42 Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Health and Human Services regional
43 environmental health specialists, or the Director of the Division of ~~Environmental Public~~
44 Health or the Director's designee, in programs regulating food and drink pursuant to this
45 Chapter or in programs regulating food and drink that are subject to rules adopted by the
46 Commission. Authority under this section shall not be delegated to individual environmental
47 health specialists in local health departments otherwise authorized and carrying out laws and
48 rules pursuant to G.S. 130A-4. When any action is taken pursuant to this section, the
49 Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Health and Human Services or the local
50 health director shall immediately notify the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
51 For the purposes of this subsection, all duties and procedures in G.S. 106-125 shall be carried
52 out by the Secretary of the ~~Department of Environment and Natural Resources~~ Health and
53 Human Services or the local health director and shall not be required to be carried out by the
54 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. It shall be unlawful for any person to
55 remove or dispose of the food or drink by sale or otherwise without the permission of a
56 Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Health and Human Services regional
57 environmental health specialist, the Director of the Division of ~~Environmental Public~~ Health or
58 the Director's designee, the local health director, or a duly authorized agent of the Department

1 of Agriculture and Consumer Services, or by the court in accordance with the provisions of
2 G.S. 106-125."

3 **SECTION 13.3.(mm)** G.S. 130A-21(d) reads as rewritten:

4 "(d) Nothing in this section is intended to limit the embargo authority of the Department
5 of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
6 ~~Resources~~ Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
7 Services are authorized to enter agreements respecting the duties and responsibilities of each
8 agency in the exercise of their embargo authority."

9 **SECTION 13.3.(nn)** G.S. 130A-22(c) reads as rewritten:

10 "(c) The Secretary of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ may impose an administrative
11 penalty on a person who willfully violates Article 11 of this Chapter, rules adopted by the
12 Commission pursuant to Article 11 or any condition imposed upon a permit issued under
13 Article 11. An administrative penalty may not be imposed upon a person who establishes that
14 neither the site nor the system may be improved or a new system installed so as to comply with
15 Article 11 of this Chapter. Each day of a continuing violation shall constitute a separate
16 violation. The penalty shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day in the case of a wastewater
17 collection, treatment and disposal system with a design daily flow of no more than 480 gallons
18 or in the case of any system serving a single one-family dwelling. The penalty shall not exceed
19 three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per day in the case of a wastewater collection, treatment and
20 disposal system with a design daily flow of more than 480 gallons which does not serve a
21 single one-family dwelling."

22 **SECTION 13.3.(oo)** G.S. 130A-23(e) reads as rewritten:

23 "(e) The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall have all of the applicable
24 rights enumerated in this section to enforce the provisions of ~~Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, and~~
25 ~~12~~ Articles 9 and 10 of this Chapter."

26 **SECTION 13.3.(pp)** G.S. 130A-34.1(a) reads as rewritten:

27 "(a) The Local Health Department Accreditation Board is established within the North
28 Carolina Institute for Public Health. The Board shall be composed of 17 members appointed by
29 the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services as follows:

- 30 (1) Four shall be county commissioners recommended by the North Carolina
31 Association of County Commissioners, and four shall be members of a local
32 board of health as recommended by the Association of North Carolina
33 Boards of Health.
- 34 (2) Three local health directors.
- 35 (3) ~~Two~~ Three staff members from the Division of Public Health, Department of
36 Health and Human Services.
- 37 (4) ~~One~~ Two staff members from the ~~Division of Environmental Health,~~
38 ~~recommended by the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources.~~
- 39 (5) Three at large."

40 **SECTION 13.3.(qq)** G.S. 130A-227(b) reads as rewritten:

41 "(b) The following definitions shall apply throughout this Article:

- 42 (1) "Department" means the Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
43 ~~Resources~~ Health and Human Services.
- 44 (2) "Secretary" means the Secretary of ~~Environment and Natural~~
45 ~~Resources~~ Health and Human Services."

46 **SECTION 13.3.(rr)** G.S. 130A-21(b) reads as rewritten:

47 "(b) If the Secretary of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ or a local health director has
48 probable cause to believe that any milk designated as Grade "A" milk is misbranded or does not
49 satisfy the milk sanitation rules adopted pursuant to G.S. 130A-275, the Secretary of
50 ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ or a local health director may detain or embargo the milk
51 by affixing a tag to it and warning all persons not to remove or dispose of the milk until
52 permission for removal or disposal is given by the official by whom the milk was detained or
53 embargoed or by the court. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or dispose of the
54 detained or embargoed milk without that permission."

55 **SECTION 13.3.(ss)** G.S. 130A-334(1a) reads as rewritten:

56 "(1a) "Department" means the Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
57 ~~Resources~~ Health and Human Services."

58 **SECTION 13.3.(tt)** G.S. 104E-5 reads as rewritten:

59 "§ 104E-5. Definitions.

1 Unless a different meaning is required by the context, the following terms as used in this
2 Chapter shall have the meanings hereinafter respectively ascribed to them:

3 ...
4 (6) "Department" means the ~~State Department of Environment and Natural~~
5 ~~Resources~~; Department of Health and Human Services.

6"

7 **SECTION 13.3.(uu)** G.S. 104E-8(c) reads as rewritten:

8 "(c) The 10 ex officio members shall be appointed by the Governor, shall be members or
9 employees of the following State agencies or their successors, and shall serve at the Governor's
10 pleasure:

11 ...

12 (6) The Division of ~~Environmental Health~~ Safety Regulation of the Department.

13"

14 **SECTION 13.3.(vv)** G.S. 104E-9 reads as rewritten:

15 **"§ 104E-9. Powers and functions of Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~.**
16 **Health and Human Services.**

17 (a) The Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Health and Human Services
18 is authorized:

19 ...

20 (b) The Division of ~~Environmental Health~~ Safety Regulation of the Department shall
21 develop a training program for tanning equipment operators that meets the training rules
22 adopted by the Commission. If the training program is provided by the Department, the
23 Department may charge each person trained a reasonable fee to recover the actual cost of the
24 training program."

25 **SECTION 13.3.(ww)** G.S. 120-70.33(3) reads as rewritten:

26 **"§ 120-70.33. Powers and duties.**

27 The Joint Select Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

28 ...

29 (3) To evaluate actions of the Radiation Protection Commission, the radiation
30 protection programs administered by the Division of ~~Environmental Health~~
31 Safety Regulation of the Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
32 ~~Resources~~; Health and Human Services, and of any other board, commission,
33 department, or agency of the State or local government as such actions relate
34 to low-level radioactive waste management;

35"

36 **SECTION 13.3.(xx)** G.S. 159G-20 reads as rewritten:

37 **"§ 159G-20. Definitions.**

38 The following definitions apply in this Chapter:

39 ...

40 (4) ~~Division of Environmental Health.~~ ~~The Division of Environmental Health~~
41 ~~of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.~~

42 (5) Division of Water Quality. – The Division of Water Quality of the
43 Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

44 (5a) Division of Water Resources. – The Division of Water Resources of the
45 Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

46"

47 **SECTION 13.3.(yy)** G.S. 159G-23 reads as rewritten:

48 **"§ 159G-23. Common criteria for loan or grant from Wastewater Reserve or Drinking**
49 **Water Reserve.**

50 The criteria in this section apply to a loan or grant from the Wastewater Reserve or the
51 Drinking Water Reserve. The Division of Water Quality and the Division of ~~Environmental~~
52 ~~Health~~ Water Resources must each establish a system of assigning points to applications based
53 on the following criteria:

54 ...

55 **SECTION 13.3.(zz)** G.S. 159G-26(a) reads as rewritten:

56 "(a) Requirement. – The Department must publish a report each year on the accounts in
57 the Water Infrastructure Fund that are administered by the Division of Water Quality or the
58 Division of ~~Environmental Health~~ Water Resources. The report must be published by 1
59 November of each year and cover the preceding fiscal year. The Department must make the

1 report available to the public and must give a copy of the report to the Environmental Review
2 Commission and the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly."

3 **SECTION 13.3.(aaa)** G.S. 159G-30 reads as rewritten:

4 **"§ 159G-30. Department's responsibility.**

5 The Department, through the Division of Water Quality and the Division of ~~Environmental~~
6 ~~Health, Water Resources,~~ administers loans and grants made from the CWSRF, the DWSRF,
7 the Wastewater Reserve, and the Drinking Water Reserve. The Division of Water Quality
8 administers loans and grants from the CWSRF and the Wastewater Reserve. The Division of
9 ~~Environmental Health Water Resources~~ administers loans and grants from the DWSRF and the
10 Drinking Water Reserve."

11 **SECTION 13.3.(bbb)** G.S. 159G-37 reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 159G-37. Application to CWSRF, Wastewater Reserve, DWSRF, and Drinking Water**
13 **Reserve.**

14 An application for a loan or grant from the CWSRF or the Wastewater Reserve must be
15 filed with the Division of Water Quality of the Department. An application for a loan or grant
16 from the DWSRF or the Drinking Water Reserve must be filed with the Division of
17 ~~Environmental Health Water Resources~~ of the Department. An application must be submitted
18 on a form prescribed by the Division and must contain the information required by the
19 Division. An applicant must submit to the Division any additional information requested by the
20 Division to enable the Division to make a determination on the application. An application that
21 does not contain information required on the application or requested by the Division is
22 incomplete and is not eligible for consideration. An applicant may submit an application in as
23 many categories as it is eligible for consideration under this Article."

24 **SECTION 13.3.(ccc)** G.S. 159G-38(b) reads as rewritten:

25 "(b) Division Review. – If, after reviewing an application, the Division of Water Quality
26 or the Division of ~~Environmental Health, Water Resources,~~ as appropriate, determines that a
27 project requires an environmental assessment, the assessment must be submitted before the
28 Division continues its review of the application. If, after reviewing an environmental
29 assessment, the Division concludes that an environmental impact statement is required, the
30 Division may not continue its review of the application until a final environmental impact
31 statement has been completed and approved as provided in the North Carolina Environmental
32 Policy Act."

33 **SECTION 13.3.(ddd)** G.S. 159G-38(c) reads as rewritten:

34 "(c) Hearing. – The Division of Water Quality or the Division of ~~Environmental~~
35 ~~Health, Water Resources,~~ as appropriate, may hold a public hearing on an application for a loan
36 or grant under this Article if it determines that holding a hearing will serve the public interest.
37 An individual who is a resident of any county in which a proposed project is located may
38 submit a written request for a public hearing. The request must set forth each objection to the
39 proposed project or other reason for requesting a hearing and must include the name and
40 address of the individual making the request. The Division may consider all written objections
41 to the proposed project, any statement submitted with the hearing request, and any significant
42 adverse effects the proposed project may have on the environment. The Division's decision on
43 whether to hold a hearing is conclusive. The Division must keep all written requests for a
44 hearing on an application as part of the records pertaining to the application."

45 **SECTION 13.3.(eee)** G.S. 159G-39(a) reads as rewritten:

46 "(a) Point Assignment. – The Division of Water Quality or the Division of
47 ~~Environmental Health, Water Resources,~~ as appropriate, must review all applications filed for a
48 loan or grant under this Article for an application period. The Division must rank each
49 application in accordance with the points assigned to the evaluation criteria. The Division must
50 make a written determination of an application's rank and attach the determination to the
51 application. The Division's determination of rank is conclusive."

52 **SECTION 13.3.(fff)** G.S. 166A-6.1(b) reads as rewritten:

53 "(b) Every person, firm, corporation or municipality who is licensed to construct or who
54 is operating a fixed nuclear facility for the production of electricity shall pay to the Department
55 of Crime Control and Public Safety, for the use of the ~~Division of Environmental Health of the~~
56 ~~Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Radiation Protection Section of the~~
57 Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, an annual fee of
58 thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) for each fixed nuclear facility that is located within this
59 State or that has a Plume Exposure Pathway Emergency Planning Zone any part of which is

1 located within this State. This fee shall be applied only to the costs of planning and
2 implementing emergency response activities as required by the Federal Emergency
3 Management Agency for the operation of nuclear facilities. This fee is to be paid no later than
4 July 31 of each year."

5 **SECTION 13.3.(ggg)** Part 3 of Article 8 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes
6 is repealed, except G.S. 130A-230 is recodified as G.S. 113-221.2 in Article 17 of Chapter 113
7 of the General Statutes.

8 **SECTION 13.3.(hhh)** G.S. 113-221.2, as recodified in subsection (ggg) of this
9 section, reads as rewritten:

10 "**§ 113-221.2. ~~Commission to adopt rules; enforcement of rules.~~ Additional rules to**
11 **establish sanitation requirements for scallops, shellfish, and crustacea.**

12 For the protection of the public health, the Marine Fisheries Commission shall adopt rules
13 establishing sanitation requirements for the harvesting, processing and handling of scallops,
14 ~~shellfish-shellfish,~~ and crustacea of in-State origin. The rules of the Marine Fisheries
15 Commission may also regulate scallops, ~~shellfish-shellfish,~~ and crustacea shipped into North
16 Carolina. The Department is authorized to enforce the rules and may issue and revoke permits
17 according to the rules."

18 **SECTION 13.3.(iii)** Part 3A of Article 8 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes
19 is repealed, except G.S. 130A-233.1 is recodified as G.S. 113-221.3 in Article 17 of Chapter
20 113 of the General Statutes.

21 **SECTION 13.3.(jjj)** G.S. 113-221.3, as recodified in subsection (iii) of this
22 section, reads as rewritten:

23 "**§ 113-221.3. Monitoring program for State coastal fishing and recreation waters;**
24 **development and implementation of program. ~~removal or destruction of~~**
25 **warning signs.**

26 (a) For the protection of the public health of swimmers and others who use the State's
27 coastal fishing waters for recreational activities, the Department shall develop and implement a
28 program to monitor the State's coastal fishing waters for contaminants. The monitoring
29 program shall cover all coastal fishing waters up to the point where those waters are classified
30 as inland fishing waters.

31 (b) The Marine Fisheries Commission shall adopt rules to provide for a water quality
32 monitoring program for the coastal recreation waters of the State and to allow the Department
33 to implement the federal Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2000
34 (Pub. L. No. 106-284; 114 Stat. 870, 875; 33 U.S.C. §§ 1313, 1362). The rules shall address,
35 but are not limited to, definitions, surveys, sampling, action standards, and posting of
36 information on the water quality of coastal recreation waters.

37 (c) No person shall remove, destroy, damage, deface, mutilate, or otherwise interfere
38 with any sign posted by the Department pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. No person,
39 without just cause or excuse, shall have in his or her possession any sign posted by the
40 Department pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Any person who violates this section is
41 guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

42 (d) As used in this section, coastal recreation waters has the same meaning as in 33
43 U.S.C. § 1362."

44 **SECTION 13.3.(kkk)** G.S. 130A-21(c) is recodified as a new section
45 G.S. 113-221.4 in Article 17 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes to be entitled "Embargo."

46 **SECTION 13.3.(lll)** G.S. 113-221.4, as recodified in subsection (kkk) of this
47 section, reads as rewritten:

48 "**§ 113-221.4. Embargo.**

49 (a) If the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources or a local health director has
50 probable cause to believe that any scallops, ~~shellfish-shellfish,~~ or crustacea is adulterated or
51 misbranded, the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources or a local health director may
52 detain or embargo the article by affixing a tag to it and warning all persons not to remove or
53 dispose of the article until permission for removal or disposal is given by the official by whom
54 it was detained or embargoed or by the court. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or
55 dispose of the detained or embargoed article without that permission.

56 (b) The official by whom the scallops, ~~shellfish-shellfish,~~ or crustacea was detained or
57 embargoed shall petition a judge of the district or superior court in whose jurisdiction the
58 article is detained or embargoed for an order for condemnation of the article. If the court finds
59 that the article is adulterated or misbranded, that article shall be destroyed under the

1 supervision of the petitioner. All court costs and fees, storage and other expense shall be taxed
2 against the claimant of the article. If, the article, by proper labelling can be properly branded,
3 the court, after the payment of all costs, fees, expenses, and an adequate bond, may order that
4 the article be delivered to the claimant for proper labelling under the supervision of the
5 petitioner. The bond shall be returned to the claimant after the petitioner represents to the court
6 that the article is no longer mislabelled and that the expenses of supervision have been paid."

7 **SECTION 13.3.(mmm)** The Revisor of Statutes shall make the conforming
8 statutory changes necessary to reflect the transfers under this section. The Revisor of Statutes
9 may correct any reference in the General Statutes to the statutes that are recodified by this
10 section and make any other conforming changes necessitated by this section.

11 **SECTION 13.3.(nnn)** The transfers under this section become effective July 1,
12 2011, and funds transferred shall be net of any changes enacted by this section. Any references
13 in this act to any program, office, section, division, or department that is transferred under this
14 section shall be construed to be consistent with the transfer under this section.

15 16 **REQUIRE DENR TO USE DWQ'S GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION UNIT'S** 17 **WELL DRILLING SERVICES IN OTHER DENR DIVISIONS**

18 **SECTION 13.4.(a)** The purposes of this section are (i) to assure that the
19 Groundwater Investigation Unit well drilling staff are fully utilized by establishing a procedure
20 whereby the Groundwater Investigation Unit may bid to contract to provide well drilling
21 services to other divisions of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and by
22 providing funding support by these divisions for the Unit's costs and travel expenses and (ii) to
23 reduce the need for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to enter into
24 contracts with private well drilling companies.

25 **SECTION 13.4.(b)** During the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the 2012-2013 fiscal
26 year, the Groundwater Investigation Unit of the Division of Water Quality of the Department of
27 Environment and Natural Resources shall bid to contract to perform well drilling services for
28 any division within the Department of Environment and Natural Resources that needs to have
29 wells drilled to monitor groundwater, as part of remediating a contaminated site, or as part of
30 any other division or program responsibility, except for a particular instance when this would
31 be impracticable. The provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes apply to
32 any contract entered into under this section.

33 **SECTION 13.4.(c)** The terms of any contract entered into under this section may
34 include a provision whereby the division within the Department of Environment and Natural
35 Resources that contracts for the well drilling services of the Groundwater Investigation Unit
36 may use available receipts for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, as
37 applicable, for the costs of the Groundwater Investigation Unit well drilling staff that are
38 incurred to perform the well drilling services under the contract.

39 40 **DENR CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSMENTS**

41 **SECTION 13.6.** Part 1 of Article 7 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is
42 amended by adding a new section to read:

43 **"§ 143B-279.16. Civil penalty assessments.**

44 (a) The purpose of this section is to provide to the person receiving a notice of violation
45 of an environmental statute or an environmental rule a greater opportunity to understand what
46 corrective action is needed, receive technical assistance from the Department of Environment
47 and Natural Resources, and to take the needed corrective action. It is also the purpose of this
48 section to provide to the person receiving the notice of violation a greater opportunity for
49 informally resolving matters involving any such violation.

50 (b) In order to fulfill the purpose set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the
51 Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall, effective July 1, 2011, extend the
52 period of time by 10 days between the time the violator is sent a notice of violation of an
53 environmental statute or an environmental rule and the subsequent date the violator is sent an
54 assessment of the civil penalty for the violation."

55 56 **WATER AND AIR QUALITY ACCOUNT REVERTS**

57 **SECTION 13.7.** G.S. 143-215.3A(a) reads as rewritten:

58 "(a) The Water and Air Quality Account is established as a ~~non-reverting~~ an account
59 within the Department. Revenue in the Account shall be applied to the costs of administering

1 the programs for which the fees were collected. Revenue credited to the Account pursuant to
2 G.S. 105-449.43, G.S. 105-449.125, and G.S. 105-449.136 shall be used to administer the air
3 quality program. Any funds credited to the Account from fees collected for laboratory facility
4 certifications under G.S. 143-215.3(a)(10) that are not expended at the end of each fiscal year
5 for the purposes for which these fees may be used under G.S. 143-215.3(a)(10) shall revert.
6 Any other funds credited to the Account that are not expended at the end of each fiscal year
7 shall not revert. Except for the following fees, all application fees and permit administration
8 fees collected by the State for permits issued under Articles 21, 21A, 21B, and 38 of this
9 Chapter shall be credited to the Account:

- 10 (1) Fees collected under Part 2 of Article 21A and credited to the Oil or Other
11 Hazardous Substances Pollution Protection Fund.
- 12 (2) Fees credited to the Title V Account.
- 13 (3) Repealed by Session Laws 2005-454, s. 7, effective January 1, 2006.
- 14 (4) Fees collected under G.S. 143-215.28A.
- 15 (5) Fees collected under G.S. 143-215.94C shall be credited to the Commercial
16 Leaking Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund."
- 17

18 FUNDS FOR CLEANUP AND MONITORING OF TEXFI SITE CONTAMINATION

19 **SECTION 13.10A.** Reduce the operating expenditures of the Solid Waste
20 Management Trust Fund by the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2011-2012
21 fiscal year and provide funding in the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be used for the
22 2011-2012 fiscal year for the cleanup and monitoring of the groundwater and other
23 contamination located at the Texfi site in Fayetteville and for any emergency cleanup activities
24 needed at that site.
25

26 FUNDS FOR RECYCLING PROGRAMS FOR PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN 27 MERCURY

28 **SECTION 13.10B.(a)** Effective July 1, 2011, until December 31, 2017,
29 G.S. 130A-310.54 reads as rewritten:

30 "**§ 130A-310.54. Mercury ~~Switch Removal Account~~ Pollution Prevention Fund.**

31 (a) The Mercury ~~Switch Removal Account~~ Pollution Prevention Fund is established in
32 the Department. Revenue is credited to the ~~Account~~ Fund from the certificate of title fee under
33 G.S. 20-85.

34 (b) Revenue in the Mercury ~~Switch Removal Account~~ Pollution Prevention Fund shall
35 be used ~~to~~ for the following purposes:

- 36 (1) To reimburse the Department and others for costs incurred in implementing
37 the mercury switch removal program.
- 38 (2) To establish and implement recycling programs for products containing
39 mercury, including at least recycling programs for light bulbs and
40 thermostats.

41 (b1) The reimbursable costs under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section are:

- 42 (1) Five dollars (\$5.00) for each mercury switch removed by a vehicle crusher,
43 vehicle dismantler, vehicle recycler, or scrap vehicle processing facility
44 pursuant to this Article and sent to destination facilities in accordance with
45 the NVMSRP for recycling or disposal.
- 46 (2) Costs incurred by the Department in administering the program.

47 (c) The Department shall reimburse vehicle crushers, vehicle dismantlers, vehicle
48 recyclers, and scrap vehicle processing facilities based on a reimbursement request that attests
49 to the number of switches sent to destination facilities for recycling or disposal in accordance
50 with the NVMSRP. Each reimbursement request shall be verified against information posted on
51 the Internet site provided by the vehicle manufacturers in accordance with the NVMSRP, or
52 against other information that verifies the reimbursement requested to the satisfaction of the
53 Department. The vehicle crusher, vehicle dismantler, vehicle recycler, or scrap vehicle
54 processing facility shall provide the Department with any information requested by the
55 Department to verify the accuracy of a reimbursement request. Each vehicle crusher, vehicle
56 dismantler, vehicle recycler, or scrap vehicle processing facility shall maintain accurate records
57 that support each reimbursement request for a minimum of three years from the date the
58 reimbursement request is approved."

1 **SECTION 13.10B.(b)** Effective December 31, 2017, G.S. 130A-310.54, as
 2 amended by Sections 4 and 9 of S.L. 2007-142, reads as rewritten:

3 **"§ 130A-310.54. Funds to implement plan.**

4 (a) The Mercury Pollution Prevention ~~Account~~ Fund is established in the Department.
 5 Revenue is credited to the ~~Account~~ Fund from the certificate of title fee under G.S. 20-85.

6 (b) Revenue in the Mercury Pollution Prevention ~~Account~~ Fund shall be used ~~to~~ for the
 7 following purposes:

8 (1) To reimburse the Department and others for costs incurred in implementing
 9 the mercury minimization plan.

10 (2) To establish and implement recycling programs for products containing
 11 mercury, including at least recycling programs for light bulbs and
 12 thermostats.

13 (b1) The reimbursable costs under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section are:

14 (1) Five dollars (\$5.00) for each mercury switch removed by a vehicle recycler
 15 or scrap metal recycling facility pursuant to this Article.

16 (2) Costs incurred by the Department in administering the plan.

17 (c) The Department shall reimburse vehicle recyclers and scrap metal recycling
 18 facilities based on the quarterly reports submitted under G.S. 130A-310.53. The Department
 19 may request any information needed to determine the accuracy of the reports."
 20

21 **FUNDS FOR DENR STUDY OF ONSHORE SHALE GAS RESOURCES IN NC**

22 **SECTION 13.10D.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, if Senate Bill
 23 709, 2011 Regular Session becomes law, the Department of Environment and Natural
 24 Resources shall, notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 130A-310.54, use one hundred
 25 thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Mercury Switch Removal Account for the 2011-2012
 26 fiscal year to study the issue of onshore shale gas resources in the State as provided in Senate
 27 Bill 709.
 28

29 **REPEAL DENR REVIEW OF FEE SCHEDULES**

30 **SECTION 13.11.** G.S. 143B-279.2(4) is repealed.
 31

32 **DWSRF LOANS AND GRANTS TO INVESTOR-OWNED DRINKING WATER** 33 **CORPORATIONS**

34 **SECTION 13.11A.(a)** G.S. 159G-20 reads as rewritten:

35 **"§ 159G-20. Definitions.**

36 The following definitions apply in this Chapter:

37 ...
 38 (10a) Investor-owned drinking water corporation. – A corporation owned by
 39 investors and incorporated solely for the purpose of providing drinking water
 40 services for profit.
 41 "

42 **SECTION 13.11A.(b)** G.S. 159G-31 reads as rewritten:

43 **"§ 159G-31. Entities eligible to apply for loan or grant.**

44 A local government unit or a nonprofit water corporation is eligible to apply for a loan or
 45 grant from the CWSRF, the DWSRF, the Wastewater Reserve, or the Drinking Water Reserve.
 46 An investor-owned drinking water corporation is also eligible to apply for a loan or grant from
 47 the DWSRF. Other entities are not eligible for a loan or grant from these accounts."

48 **SECTION 13.11A.(c)** G.S. 159G-40 reads as rewritten:

49 **"§ 159G-40. Terms of loan and execution of loan documents.**

50 (a) Approval by Local Government Commission. – The Department may not award a
 51 loan under this Article unless the Local Government Commission approves the award of the
 52 loan and the terms of the loan. The terms of a loan awarded from the CWSRF and the DWSRF
 53 must be consistent with federal law. In reviewing a proposed loan to a local government unit,
 54 the Local Government Commission must consider the loan as if it were a bond proposal and
 55 review the proposed loan in accordance with the factors set out in G.S. 159-52 for review of a
 56 proposed bond issue. The Local Government Commission must review a proposed loan to a
 57 nonprofit water corporation and to an investor-owned drinking water corporation in accordance
 58 with the factors set out in G.S. 159-153.
 59

(d) ~~Debt Instrument. – A local government unit and unit, a nonprofit water corporation corporation, and an investor-owned drinking water corporation may execute a debt instrument payable to the State to evidence an obligation to repay the principal of and interest on a loan awarded under this Article. The Treasurer, with the assistance of the Local Government Commission, must develop debt instruments for use by local government units and units, nonprofit water corporations corporations, and investor-owned drinking water corporations under this section. The Local Government Commission must develop procedures for loan recipients to deliver debt instruments to the State without public bidding.~~"

SECTION 13.11A.(d) G.S. 159G-43(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) **Disqualification.** – An individual may not perform an inspection of a project under this section if the individual meets any of the following criteria:

- (1) Is an officer or employee of the local government ~~unit or unit~~, nonprofit water ~~corporation corporation~~, or investor-owned drinking water corporation that received the loan or grant award for the project.
- (2) Is an owner, officer, employee, or agent of a contractor or subcontractor engaged in the construction of the project for which the loan or grant was made."

SECTION 13.11A.(e) G.S. 159-153 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(a2) **Investor-Owned Drinking Water Corporation.** – A loan from the DWSRF, an account within the Water Infrastructure Fund, to an investor-owned drinking water corporation, as defined in G.S. 159G-20, is subject to approval by the Commission under this section."

REGULATORY REFORM FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

SECTION 13.11B.(a) Article 1 of Chapter 95 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 95-14.2. Limitation on rule-making authority.

(a) **Federal Analog.** – The Department may not adopt a rule that imposes a more restrictive standard or limitation than those imposed by federal law or rule if a federal law or rule pertaining to the same subject matter has been adopted, unless adoption of the rule is permitted by this subsection. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the standards and limitations adopted by the Department shall be no more restrictive than the most nearly applicable federal standards and limitations. Adoption of a rule with more restrictive standards or limitations is permitted to respond to at least one of the following:

- (1) A serious and unforeseen threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.
- (2) An act of the General Assembly or United States Congress that expressly requires the Department to adopt rules.
- (3) A change in federal or State budgetary policy.
- (4) A federal regulation required by an act of the United States Congress to be adopted or administered by the State.
- (5) A court order.

(b) **No Federal Analog.** – Before the Department publishes in the North Carolina Register the proposed text of a permanent rule change with no federal analog, the Department shall prepare and submit into the record of the rule making an evaluation of costs and benefits. The evaluation shall include estimates of the economic and social costs of compliance with the proposed rule to commerce and industry, units of local government, and any other entities affected by the rule, as well as estimates of the benefits of the proposed rule to public health, safety, and welfare and to the environment. The evaluation shall present relevant data, assumptions, analyses, and calculations in sufficient detail to allow the calculation of a ratio of quantifiable costs to quantifiable benefits for the proposed rule. Benefits and costs which cannot be quantified may be expressed in qualitative terms. For purposes of this subsection "no federal analog" means that there is no federal regulation, standard, or requirement pertaining to the same subject matter or activity. This subsection does not apply to a rule required by an act of the General Assembly or the United States Congress that expressly requires the Department to adopt rules."

SECTION 13.11B.(b) Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 106-22.6. Limitation on rule-making authority.

(a) Federal Analog. – The Department may not adopt a rule that imposes a more restrictive standard or limitation than those imposed by federal law or rule if a federal law or rule pertaining to the same subject matter has been adopted, unless adoption of the rule is permitted by this subsection. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the standards and limitations adopted by the Department shall be no more restrictive than the most nearly applicable federal standards and limitations. Adoption of a rule with more restrictive standards or limitations is permitted to respond to at least one of the following:

- (1) A serious and unforeseen threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.
- (2) An act of the General Assembly or United States Congress that expressly requires the Department to adopt rules.
- (3) A change in federal or State budgetary policy.
- (4) A federal regulation required by an act of the United States Congress to be adopted or administered by the State.
- (5) A court order.

(b) No Federal Analog. – Before the Department publishes in the North Carolina Register the proposed text of a permanent rule change with no federal analog, the Department shall prepare and submit into the record of the rule making an evaluation of costs and benefits. The evaluation shall include estimates of the economic and social costs of compliance with the proposed rule to commerce and industry, units of local government, and any other entities affected by the rule, as well as estimates of the benefits of the proposed rule to public health, safety, and welfare and to the environment. The evaluation shall present relevant data, assumptions, analyses, and calculations in sufficient detail to allow the calculation of a ratio of quantifiable costs to quantifiable benefits for the proposed rule. Benefits and costs which cannot be quantified may be expressed in qualitative terms. For purposes of this subsection "no federal analog" means that there is no federal regulation, standard, or requirement pertaining to the same subject matter or activity. This subsection does not apply to a rule required by an act of the General Assembly or the United States Congress that expressly requires the Department to adopt rules."

SECTION 13.11B.(c) Article 7 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 143B-279.16. Limitation on rule-making authority.

(a) Federal Analog. – An agency, as defined in G.S. 150B-2 and created under this Article, may not adopt a rule that imposes a more restrictive standard or limitation than those imposed by federal law or rule if a federal law or rule pertaining to the same subject matter has been adopted, unless adoption of the rule is permitted by this subsection. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the standards and limitations adopted by such agency shall be no more restrictive than the most nearly applicable federal standards and limitations. Adoption of a rule with more restrictive standards or limitations is permitted to respond to at least one of the following:

- (1) A serious and unforeseen threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.
- (2) An act of the General Assembly or United States Congress that expressly requires such agency to adopt rules.
- (3) A change in federal or State budgetary policy.
- (4) A federal regulation required by an act of the United States Congress to be adopted or administered by the State.
- (5) A court order.

(b) No Federal Analog. – Before the agency publishes in the North Carolina Register the proposed text of a permanent rule change with no federal analog, the agency shall prepare and submit into the record of the rule making an evaluation of costs and benefits. The evaluation shall include estimates of the economic and social costs of compliance with the proposed rule to commerce and industry, units of local government, and any other entities affected by the rule, as well as estimates of the benefits of the proposed rule to public health, safety, and welfare and to the environment. The evaluation shall present relevant data, assumptions, analyses, and calculations in sufficient detail to allow the calculation of a ratio of quantifiable costs to quantifiable benefits for the proposed rule. Benefits and costs which cannot be quantified may be expressed in qualitative terms. For purposes of this subsection "no federal analog" means that there is no federal regulation, standard, or requirement pertaining to the same subject matter or activity. This subsection does not apply to a rule required by an act

1 of the General Assembly or the United States Congress that expressly requires the agency to
2 adopt rules."

3
4 **PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND; ALLOCATION OF DEED STAMP TAX**
5 **PROCEEDS CREDITED TO FUND**

6 **SECTION 13.14.(a)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 113-44.15(b),
7 effective for taxes levied during the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the net tax proceeds that are credited
8 to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund by the Secretary of Revenue pursuant to
9 G.S. 105-228.30(b) shall be allocated as follows:

- 10 (1) Six million dollars (\$6,000,000) shall be used for the operating expenses of
11 the Division of Parks and Recreation of the Department of Environment and
12 Natural Resources;
- 13 (2) Up to nine million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$9,750,000) shall
14 be used for the State Parks System for capital projects, repairs and
15 renovations of park facilities, and land acquisition and to retire debt incurred
16 for these purposes under Article 9 of Chapter 142 of the General Statutes;
- 17 (3) Up to six million three hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$6,345,000)
18 shall be used for grants to local government units consistent with the match
19 and other requirements set forth in G.S. 113-44.14(b)(2); and
- 20 (4) Up to one million fifty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,057,500)
21 shall be used for the Coastal and Estuarine Water Beach Access Program.

22 **SECTION 13.14.(b)** Any funds that become available to the Parks and Recreation
23 Trust Fund during the 2011-2012 fiscal year that are in excess of the funds allocated under
24 subsection (a) of this section shall be used as provided in G.S. 113-44.15(b).
25

26 **NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST FUND USED FOR COSTS TO ADMINISTER PLANT**
27 **CONSERVATION PROGRAM/CONSERVATION PLANNING & COMMUNITY**
28 **AFFAIRS PROGRAM**

29 **SECTION 13.16.** G.S. 113-77.9(c) reads as rewritten:

30 "(c) Other Purposes. – The Trustees may authorize expenditures from the Fund to pay
31 for the inventory of natural areas conducted under the Natural Heritage Program established
32 pursuant to the Nature Preserves Act, Article 9A of Chapter 113A of the General Statutes. The
33 Trustees may also authorize expenditures from the Fund to pay for conservation and protection
34 planning and for informational programs for owners of natural areas, as defined in
35 G.S. 113A-164.3. The Trustees shall authorize expenditures from the Fund not to exceed
36 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to pay the cost of the Department of Agriculture and
37 Consumer Services to administer the Plant Conservation Program. The Trustees shall authorize
38 expenditures from the Fund not to exceed three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars
39 (\$325,000) to pay the cost of supporting staff in the Office of Conservation Planning and
40 Community Affairs of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources."
41

42 **OYSTER SANCTUARY PROGRAM SUPPORT**

43 **SECTION 13.18.** G.S. 113-175.1(c) reads as rewritten:

44 "(c) The Marine Fisheries Commission and the Wildlife Resources Commission may
45 authorize the disbursement of the principal of the Marine Resources Fund and marine resources
46 investment income only to manage, protect, restore, develop, cultivate, conserve, and enhance
47 the marine resources of the State. The Marine Fisheries Commission and the Wildlife
48 Resources Commission are encouraged to consider supporting the Oyster Sanctuary Program
49 managed by the Division of Marine Fisheries. The Marine Fisheries Commission and the
50 Wildlife Resources Commission may not authorize the disbursement of the principal of the
51 Marine Resources Fund and marine resources investment income to establish positions without
52 specific authorization from the General Assembly. All proposals to the Marine Fisheries
53 Commission and the Wildlife Resources Commission for the disbursement of funds from the
54 Marine Resources Fund shall be made by and through the Fisheries Director. Expenditure of
55 the assets of the Marine Resources Fund shall be made through the State budget accounts of the
56 Division of Marine Fisheries in accordance with the provisions of the Executive Budget Act.
57 The Marine Resources Fund is subject to the oversight of the State Auditor pursuant to Article
58 5A of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes."
59

1 **MARINE FISHERIES ENCOURAGED TO CONTRACT WITH PRIVATE SECTOR**
2 **FOR OYSTER SANCTUARY RESTORATION**

3 **SECTION 13.18A.** The Division of Marine Fisheries of the Department of
4 Environment and Natural Resources is encouraged to contract with private sector businesses for
5 any oyster sanctuary restoration projects in the Pamlico Sound that are funded in whole or in
6 part with State funds, State fees, State grants, or revenue generated from any license issued by
7 the State.

8
9 **DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES TO USE DIVISION OF FOREST RESOURCES**
10 **MECHANICS FOR AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE**

11 **SECTION 13.18B.(a)** The Division of Marine Fisheries of the Department of
12 Environment and Natural Resources shall use mechanics employed by the Division of Forest
13 Resources of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the purpose of
14 performing aircraft maintenance for all aircraft of the Division of Marine Fisheries except for a
15 particular instance when this would be impracticable.

16 **SECTION 13.18B.(b)** The Division of Forest Resources of the Department of
17 Environment and Natural Resources shall perform aircraft maintenance using its mechanics for
18 all aircraft of the Division of Marine Fisheries, except for a particular instance when this would
19 be impracticable. The Division of Forest Resources shall develop a process to establish
20 priorities for the aviation maintenance needs of all the aircraft in both the Division of Forest
21 Resources and the Division of Marine Fisheries.

22
23 **END PILOT PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL INSPECTIONS OF CERTAIN ANIMAL**
24 **OPERATIONS**

25 **SECTION 13.21.(a)** Section 15.4(a) of S.L. 1997-443, as amended by Section 3.1
26 of S.L. 1999-329, Section 5 of S.L. 2001-254, Section 1.1 of S.L. 2002-176, Section 6.1 of S.L.
27 2003-340, Section 12.7(a) of S.L. 2005-276, Section 2 of S.L. 2007-536, and Section 1 of S.L.
28 2009-84, reads as rewritten:

29 "**SECTION 1.** Section 15.4(a) of S.L. 1997-443, as amended by Section 3.1 of S.L.
30 1999-329, Section 5 of S.L. 2001-254, Section 1.1 of S.L. 2002-176, Section 6.1 of S.L.
31 2003-340, Section 12.7(a) of S.L. 2005-276, and Section 2 of S.L. 2007-536, reads as rewritten:

32 '(a) The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall develop and
33 implement a pilot program to begin no later than 1 November 1997, and to terminate ~~+~~
34 ~~September 2011, June 30, 2011,~~ regarding the annual inspections of animal operations that are
35 subject to a permit under Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes. The Department
36 shall select two counties located in a part of the State that has a high concentration of swine
37 farms to participate in this ~~pilot~~ program. In addition, Brunswick County and Pender County
38 shall be added to the program. Notwithstanding G.S. 143-215.10F, the Division of Soil and
39 Water Conservation of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall conduct
40 inspections of all animal operations that are subject to a permit under Article 21 of Chapter 143
41 of the General Statutes in these four counties at least once a year to determine whether any
42 animal waste management system is causing a violation of water quality standards and whether
43 the system is in compliance with its animal waste management plan or any other condition of
44 the permit. The personnel of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation who are to conduct
45 these inspections in each of these four counties shall be located in an office in the county in
46 which that person will be conducting inspections. As part of this ~~pilot~~ program, the Department
47 of Environment and Natural Resources shall establish procedures whereby resources within the
48 local Soil and Water Conservation Districts serving the four counties are used for the quick
49 response to complaints and reported problems previously referred only to the Division of Water
50 Quality of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources."

51 **SECTION 13.21.(b)** The section becomes effective June 30, 2011.

52
53 **END DSWC ROLE REGARDING ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

54 **SECTION 13.22.(a)** G.S. 143-215.10A reads as rewritten:

55 "**§ 143-215.10A. Legislative findings and intent.**

56 The General Assembly finds that animal operations provide significant economic and other
57 benefits to this State. The growth of animal operations in recent years has increased the
58 importance of good animal waste management practices to protect water quality. It is critical
59 that the State balance growth with prudent environmental safeguards. It is the intention of the

1 State to promote a cooperative and coordinated approach to animal waste management among
 2 the agencies of the State with a primary emphasis on technical assistance to farmers. To this
 3 end, the General Assembly intends to establish a permitting program for animal waste
 4 management systems that will protect water quality and promote innovative systems and
 5 practices while minimizing the regulatory burden. Technical assistance, ~~through operations~~
 6 ~~reviews, assistance~~ will be provided by the Division of Soil and Water Conservation.
 7 ~~Permitting, inspection, inspection~~ and enforcement will be ~~vested in~~ provided by the Division of
 8 Water Quality."

9 **SECTION 13.22.(b)** G.S. 143-215.10D is repealed.

10
 11 **TRANSFER DIVISION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION AND SOIL AND**
 12 **WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO DACS**

13 **SECTION 13.22A.(a)** The Division of Soil and Water Conservation is transferred
 14 from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture
 15 and Consumer Services with all the elements of a Type I transfer, as defined by G.S. 143A-6.

16 **SECTION 13.22A.(b)** All functions, powers, duties, and obligations previously
 17 vested in the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission are transferred to and vested in
 18 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by a Type II transfer, as defined in
 19 G.S. 143A-6.

20 **SECTION 13.22A.(c)** G.S. 143B-279.3(a) reads as rewritten:

21 "(a) All functions, powers, duties, and obligations previously vested in the following
 22 subunits of the following departments are transferred to and vested in the Department of
 23 Environment and Natural Resources by a Type I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6:

24 ...
 25 ~~(10) Soil and Water Conservation Division, Department of Natural Resources and~~
 26 ~~Community Development.~~

27"

28 **SECTION 13.22A.(d)** G.S. 143B-279.3(b) reads as rewritten:

29 "(b) All functions, powers, duties, and obligations previously vested in the following
 30 commissions, boards, councils, and committees of the following departments are transferred to
 31 and vested in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources by a Type II transfer, as
 32 defined in G.S. 143A-6:

33 ...
 34 ~~(21) State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Department of Natural~~
 35 ~~Resources and Community Development.~~

36"

37 **SECTION 13.22A.(e)** Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes
 38 is recodified as Article 71 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, and accordingly
 39 G.S. 143B-294 through G.S. 143B-297.1 are recodified as G.S. 106-840 through G.S. 106-844.

40 **SECTION 13.22A.(f)** G.S. 106-840, as recodified by subsection (e) of this section,
 41 reads as rewritten:

42 "**§ 106-840. Soil and Water Conservation Commission – creation; powers and duties;**
 43 **compliance inspections.**

44 (a) There is hereby created the Soil and Water Conservation Commission of the
 45 Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services with the
 46 power and duty to adopt rules to be followed in the development and implementation of a soil
 47 and water conservation program.

48 (1) The Soil and Water Conservation Commission has all of the following
 49 powers and duties:

- 50 a. To approve petitions for soil conservation districts.
 51 b. To approve application for watershed plans.
 52 c. Such other duties as specified in Chapter 139.
 53 d. To conduct any inspections in accordance with subsection (b) of this
 54 section.

55 (2) The Commission shall adopt rules consistent with the provisions of this
 56 Chapter. All rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter
 57 heretofore adopted by the Soil and Water Conservation Committee shall
 58 remain in full force and effect unless and until repealed or superseded by
 59 action of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission. All rules adopted by

1 the Commission shall be enforced by the Department of ~~Environment and~~
2 ~~Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services.

3 (b) An employee or agent of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission or the
4 Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services may
5 enter property, with the consent of the owner or person having control over property, at
6 reasonable times for the purposes of investigating compliance with Commission or Department
7 programs when the investigation is reasonably necessary to carry out the duties of the
8 Commission. If the Commission or Department is unable to obtain the consent of the owner of
9 the property, the Commission or Department may obtain an administrative search warrant
10 pursuant to G.S. 15-27.2.

11 (c) Any person who refuses entry or access to property by an employee or agent of the
12 Commission or the Department or who willfully resists, delays, or obstructs an employee or
13 agent of the Commission or the Department while the employee or agent is in the process of
14 carrying out official duties after the employee or agent has obtained the consent of the owner or
15 person having control of the property or, if consent is not obtained, after the employee or agent
16 has obtained an administrative search warrant, shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor."

17 **SECTION 13.22A.(g)** G.S. 106-841, as recodified by subsection (e) of this section,
18 reads as rewritten:

19 "**§ 106-841. Soil and Water Conservation Commission – members; selection; removal;
20 compensation; quorum; services.**

21 (a) The Soil and Water Conservation Commission of the Department of ~~Environment~~
22 ~~and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services shall be composed of seven
23 members appointed by the Governor. The Commission shall be composed of the following
24 members:

25 ...
26 (g) All clerical and other services required by the Commission shall be supplied by the
27 ~~Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources~~ Department of Agriculture and Consumer
28 Services."

29 **SECTION 13.22A.(h)** G.S. 139-3(4) reads as rewritten:

30 "(4) "Commission" or "Soil and Water Conservation Commission" means the
31 Soil and Water Conservation Commission created by
32 G.S. ~~143B-294.106-840~~."

33 **SECTION 13.22A.(i)** G.S. 139-4(d) reads as rewritten:

34 "(d) In addition to the duties and powers hereinafter conferred upon the Soil and Water
35 Conservation Commission, it shall have the following duties and powers:

36 ...
37 (9) To create, implement, and supervise the Agriculture Cost Share Program for
38 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control created pursuant to ~~Part 9 of Article 21~~
39 ~~of Chapter 143~~ Article 72 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes and the
40 Community Conservation Assistance Program created pursuant to Part 11 of
41 Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.

42 (10) To review and approve or disapprove the application of a district supervisor
43 for a grant under the Agriculture Cost Share Program for Nonpoint Source
44 Pollution Control or the Community Conservation Assistance Program as
45 provided by G.S. 139-8(b).

46 (11) To develop and implement a program for the approval of water quality and
47 animal waste management systems technical specialists.

48 (12) To develop and approve best management practices for the Agriculture Cost
49 Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control and for use in the
50 water quality protection programs of the Department of Environment and
51 Natural Resources and to adopt rules that establish criteria governing
52 approval of these best management practices."

53 **SECTION 13.22A.(j)** G.S. 139-4(e) reads as rewritten:

54 "(e) A member of the Commission may apply for and receive a grant under the
55 Agriculture Cost Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control and the Community
56 Conservation Assistance Program if:

57 (1) The member does not vote on the application or attempt to influence the
58 outcome of any action on the application; and

1 (2) The application is approved by the ~~Secretary of Environment and Natural~~
2 ~~Resources~~ Commissioner of Agriculture."

3 **SECTION 13.22A.(k)** G.S. 139-5(d) reads as rewritten:

4 "(d) The Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer
5 Services shall pay all expenses for the issuance of such notices and the conduct of such
6 hearings and referenda, and shall supervise the conduct of such hearings and referenda. It shall
7 issue appropriate regulations governing the conduct of such hearings and referenda, and
8 providing for the registration prior to the date of the referendum of all eligible voters, or
9 prescribing some other appropriate procedure for the determination of those eligible as voters
10 in such referendum. No informality in the conduct of such referendum or in any matters
11 relating thereto shall invalidate said referendum or the result thereof if notice thereof shall have
12 been given substantially as herein provided and said referendum shall have been fairly
13 conducted."

14 **SECTION 13.22A.(l)** G.S. 139-5(e) reads as rewritten:

15 "(e) The Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer
16 Services shall publish the results of such referendum and shall thereafter consider and
17 determine whether the operation of the district within the defined boundaries is administratively
18 practicable and feasible. If the Commission shall determine that the operation of such district is
19 not administratively practicable and feasible, it shall record such determination and deny the
20 petition. If the Commission shall determine that the operation of such district is
21 administratively practicable and feasible, it shall record such in the manner hereinafter
22 provided. In making such determination the Commission shall give due regard and weight to
23 the attitudes of the occupiers of lands lying within the defined boundaries, the number of land
24 occupiers eligible to vote in such referendum who shall have voted, the proportion of the votes
25 cast in such referendum in favor of the creation of the district to the total number of votes cast,
26 the approximate wealth and income of the land occupiers of the proposed district, the probable
27 expense of carrying on erosion control operations within such district, and such other economic
28 and social factors as may be relevant to such determination, having due regard to the legislative
29 determination set forth in G.S. 139-2: Provided, however, that the Commission shall not have
30 authority to determine that the operations of the proposed district within the defined boundaries
31 is administratively practicable and feasible unless at least a majority of the votes cast in the
32 referendum upon the proposition of creation of the district shall have been cast in favor of the
33 creation of such district."

34 **SECTION 13.22A.(m)** G.S. 139-7 reads as rewritten:

35 "**§ 139-7. District board of supervisors – appointive members; organization of board;**
36 **certain powers and duties.**

37 The governing body of a soil and water conservation district shall consist of the three
38 elective supervisors from the county or counties in the district, together with the appointive
39 members appointed by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission pursuant to this section,
40 and shall be known as the district board of supervisors. When a district is composed of less than
41 four counties, the board of supervisors of each county shall on or before October 31, 1978, and
42 on or before October 31 as the terms of the appointive supervisors expire, recommend in
43 writing two persons from the district to the Commission to be appointed to serve with the
44 elective supervisors. If the names are not submitted to the Commission as required, the office
45 shall be deemed vacant on the date the term is set to expire and the Commission shall appoint
46 two persons of the district to the district board of supervisors to serve with the elected
47 supervisors. The Commission shall make its appointments prior to or at the November meeting
48 of the Commission. Appointive supervisors shall take office on the first Monday in December
49 following their appointment. Such appointive supervisors shall serve for a term of four years,
50 and thereafter, as their terms expire, their successors shall serve for a term of four years. The
51 terms of office of all appointive supervisors who have heretofore been lawfully appointed for
52 terms the final year of which presently extends beyond the first Monday in December are
53 hereby terminated on the first Monday in December of the final year of appointment. Vacancies
54 for any reason in the appointive supervisors shall be filled for the unexpired term by the
55 appointment of a person by the Commission from the district in which the vacancy occurs.
56 Vacancies for any reason in the elected supervisors shall be filled for the unexpired term by
57 appointment by the Commission of a person from the county in the district in which the
58 vacancy occurs.

1 In those districts composed of four or more counties, the Commission may, but is not
2 required to, appoint two persons from the district without recommendation from the board of
3 supervisors, to serve as district supervisors along with the elected members of the board of
4 supervisors. Such appointments shall be made at the same time other appointments are made
5 under this section, and the persons appointed shall serve for a term of four years.

6 The supervisors shall designate a chairman and may, from time to time, change such
7 designation. A simple majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of
8 transacting the business of the board, and approval by a majority of those present shall be
9 adequate for a determination of any matter before the board, provided at least a quorum is
10 present. Supervisors of soil and water conservation districts shall be compensated for their
11 services at the per diem rate and allowed travel, subsistence and other expenses, as provided for
12 State boards, commissions and committees generally, under the provisions of G.S. 138-5;
13 provided, that when per diem compensation and travel, subsistence, or other expense is claimed
14 by any supervisor for services performed outside the district for which such supervisor
15 ordinarily may be appointed or elected to serve, the same may not be paid unless prior written
16 approval is obtained from the Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture
17 and Consumer Services.

18 The supervisors may employ a secretary, technical experts, whose qualifications shall be
19 approved by the Department, and such other employees as they may require, and shall
20 determine their qualifications, duties and compensation. The supervisors may call upon the
21 Attorney General of the State for such legal services as they may require. The supervisors may
22 delegate to their chairman, to one or more supervisors, or to one or more agents, or employees
23 such powers and duties as they may deem proper. The supervisors shall furnish to the Soil and
24 Water Conservation Commission, upon request, copies of such ordinances, rules, regulations,
25 orders, contracts, forms, and other documents as they shall adopt or employ, and such other
26 information concerning their activities as it may require in the performance of its duties under
27 this Chapter.

28 The supervisors shall provide for the execution of surety bonds for all employees and
29 officers who shall be entrusted with funds or property; shall provide for the keeping of a full
30 and accurate record of all proceedings and of all resolutions, regulations, and orders issued or
31 adopted; and shall provide for an annual audit of the accounts of receipts and disbursements. In
32 any given year, if the supervisors provide for an internal audit, and the supervisor serving as
33 chairman certifies, under oath, that this internal audit is a true and accurate reflection of the
34 accounts of receipts and disbursements, then the supervisors shall not be required,
35 notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 159-34, to provide for an audit of the accounts of
36 receipts and disbursements by a certified public accountant or by an accountant certified by the
37 Local Government Commission. Any supervisor may be removed by the Soil and Water
38 Conservation Commission upon notice and hearing, for neglect of duty, incompetence or
39 malfeasance in office, but for no other reason.

40 The supervisors may invite the legislative body of any municipality or county located near
41 the territory comprised within the district to designate a representative to advise and consult
42 with the supervisors of the district on all questions of program and policy which may affect the
43 property, water supply, or other interests of such municipality or county.

44 ~~All district supervisors whose terms of office expire prior to the first Monday in January,~~
45 ~~1948, shall hold over and remain in office until supervisors are elected or appointed and qualify~~
46 ~~as provided in this Chapter, as amended. The terms of office of all district supervisors, who~~
47 ~~have heretofore been elected or appointed for terms extending beyond the first Monday in~~
48 ~~January, 1948, are hereby terminated on the first Monday in January, 1948."~~

49 **SECTION 13.22A.(n)** G.S. 139-8(a)(13) reads as rewritten:

50 "(13) To assist the Commission in the implementation and supervision of the
51 Agriculture Cost Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control
52 created pursuant to ~~G.S. 143-215.74~~ G.S. 106-850 and to assist in the
53 implementation and supervision of any other program intended to protect
54 water quality or quantity administered by the Department of ~~Environment~~
55 ~~and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services by providing
56 technical assistance, allocating available grant monies, and providing any
57 other assistance that may ~~by~~ be required or authorized by any provision of
58 federal or State law."

59 **SECTION 13.22A.(o)** G.S. 139-13 reads as rewritten:

"§ 139-13. Discontinuance of districts.

At any time after five years after the organization of a district under the provisions of this Chapter, any 25 occupiers of land lying within the boundaries of such districts may file a petition with the Soil and Water Conservation Commission praying that the operations of the district be terminated and the existence of the district discontinued. The Commission may conduct such public meetings and public hearings upon such petition as may be necessary to assist it in the consideration thereof. Within 60 days after such a petition has been received by the Commission it shall give due notice of the holding of a referendum, and shall supervise such referendum, and issue appropriate regulations governing the conduct thereof, the question to be submitted by ballots upon which the words "For terminating the existence of the _____ (name of the soil and water conservation district to be here inserted)" and "Against terminating the existence of the _____ (name of the soil and water conservation district to be here inserted)" shall appear with a square before each proposition and a direction to insert an X mark in the square before one or the other of said propositions as the voter may favor or oppose discontinuance of such district. All occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of the district shall be eligible to vote in such referendum. Only such land occupiers shall be eligible to vote. No informalities in the conduct of such referendum or in any matters relating thereto shall invalidate said referendum or the result thereof if notice thereof shall have been given substantially as herein provided and said referendum shall have been fairly conducted.

The Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services shall publish the result of such referendum and shall thereafter consider and determine whether the continued operation of the district within the defined boundaries is administratively practicable and feasible. If the Commission shall determine that the continued operation of such district is administratively practicable and feasible, it shall record such determination and deny the petition. If the Commission shall determine that the continued operation of such district is not administratively practicable and feasible, it shall record such determination and shall certify such determination to the supervisors of the district. In making such determination the Commission shall give due regard and weight to the attitudes of the occupiers of lands lying within the district, the number of land occupiers eligible to vote in such referendum who shall have voted, the proportion of the votes cast in such referendum in favor of the discontinuance of the district to the total number of votes cast, the approximate wealth and income of the land occupiers of the district, the probable expense of carrying on erosion control operations within such district, and such other economic and social factors as may be relevant to such determination, having due regard to the legislative findings set forth in G.S. 139-2: Provided, however, that the Commission shall not have authority to determine that the continued operation of the district is administratively practicable and feasible unless at least a majority of the votes cast in the referendum shall have been cast in favor of the continuance of such district.

Upon receipt from the Soil and Water Conservation Commission of a certification that the Commission has determined that the continued operation of the district is not administratively practicable and feasible, pursuant to the provisions of this section, the supervisors shall forthwith proceed to terminate the affairs of the district. The supervisors shall dispose of all property belonging to the district at public auction and shall pay over the proceeds of such sale to be covered into the State treasury. The supervisors shall thereupon file an application, duly verified, with the Secretary of State for the discontinuance of such district, and shall transmit with such application the certificates of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission setting forth the determination of the Commission that the continued operation of such district is not administratively practicable and feasible. The application shall recite that the property of the district has been disposed of and the proceeds paid over as in this section provided, and shall set forth a full accounting of such properties and proceeds of the sale. The Secretary of State shall issue to the supervisors a certificate of dissolution and shall record such certificate in an appropriate book of record in his office.

Upon issuance of a certificate of dissolution under the provisions of this section, all ordinances and regulations theretofore adopted and in force within such districts shall be of no further force and effect. All contracts theretofore entered into, to which the district or supervisors are parties, shall remain in force and effect for the period provided in such contracts. The Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall be substituted for the district or supervisors as party to such contracts. The Commission shall be entitled to all benefits and subject to all liabilities under such contracts and shall have the same right and liability to

1 perform, to require performance, to sue and be sued thereon, and to modify or terminate such
2 contracts by mutual consent or otherwise as the supervisors of the district would have had.
3 Such dissolution shall not affect the lien of any judgment entered under the provisions of
4 G.S. 139-11, nor the pendency of any action instituted under the provisions of such section, and
5 the Commission shall succeed to all the rights and obligations of the district or supervisors as to
6 such liens and actions.

7 The Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall not entertain petitions for the
8 discontinuance of any district nor conduct referenda upon such petitions, nor make
9 determinations pursuant to such petitions, in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter,
10 more often than once in five years."

11 **SECTION 13.22A.(p)** G.S. 143-215.10A reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 143-215.10A. Legislative findings and intent.**

13 The General Assembly finds that animal operations provide significant economic and other
14 benefits to this State. The growth of animal operations in recent years has increased the
15 importance of good animal waste management practices to protect water quality. It is critical
16 that the State balance growth with prudent environmental safeguards. It is the intention of the
17 State to promote a cooperative and coordinated approach to animal waste management among
18 the agencies of the State with a primary emphasis on technical assistance to farmers. To this
19 end, the General Assembly intends to establish a permitting program for animal waste
20 management systems that will protect water quality and promote innovative systems and
21 practices while minimizing the regulatory burden. Technical assistance, through operations
22 reviews, will be provided by the Division of Soil and Water ~~Conservation~~Conservation of the
23 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Permitting, inspection, and enforcement
24 will be vested in the Division of Water Quality."

25 **SECTION 13.22A.(q)** G.S. 143-215.10C(e)(6) reads as rewritten:

26 "(6) Provisions regarding periodic testing of waste products used as nutrient
27 sources as close to the time of application as practical and at least within 60
28 days of the date of application and periodic testing, at least annually, of soils
29 at crop sites where the waste products are applied. Nitrogen shall be a
30 rate-determining element. Phosphorus shall be evaluated according to the
31 nutrient management standard approved by the Soil and Water Conservation
32 Commission of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and
33 the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department
34 of Agriculture for facilities that are required to be permitted under 40 Code
35 of Federal Regulations § 122, as amended at 73 Federal Register 70418
36 (November 20, 2008). If the evaluation demonstrates the need to limit the
37 application of phosphorus in order to comply with the nutrient management
38 standard, then phosphorus shall be a rate-determining element. Zinc and
39 copper levels in the soils shall be monitored, and alternative crop sites shall
40 be used when these metals approach excess levels."

41 **SECTION 13.22A.(r)** G.S. 143-215.10D reads as rewritten:

42 **"§ 143-215.10D. Operations review.**

43 (a) The Division, in cooperation with the Division of Soil and Water
44 ~~Conservation~~Conservation of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, shall
45 develop a reporting procedure for use by technical specialists who conduct operations reviews
46 of animal operations. The reporting procedure shall be consistent with the Division's inspection
47 procedure of animal operations and with this Part. The report shall include any corrective
48 action recommended by the technical specialist to assist the owner or operator of the animal
49 operation in complying with all permit requirements. The report shall be submitted to the
50 Division within 10 days following the operations review unless the technical specialist observes
51 a violation described in G.S. 143-215.10E. If the technical specialist finds a violation described
52 in G.S. 143-215.10E, the report shall be filed with the Division immediately.

53 (b) As part of its animal waste management plan, each animal operation shall have an
54 operations review at least once a year. The operations review shall be conducted by a technical
55 specialist employed by the Division of Soil and Water Conservation of the
56 ~~Department~~Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, a local Soil and Water
57 Conservation District, or the federal Natural Resources Conservation Services working under
58 the direction of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

1 (c) Operations reviews shall not be performed by technical specialists with a financial
2 interest in any animal operation."

3 **SECTION 13.22A.(s)** G.S. 143-215.10M(a) reads as rewritten:

4 "(a) The Department shall report to the Environmental Review Commission and the
5 Fiscal Research Division on or before 1 October of each year as required by this section. Each
6 report shall include:

- 7 ...
- 8 (2) The number of operations reviews of animal waste management systems that
9 the Division of Soil and Water Conservation of the Department of
10 Agriculture and Consumer Services has conducted since the last report.
- 11 (3) The number of operations reviews of animal waste management systems
12 conducted by agencies other than the Division of Soil and Water
13 Conservation of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services that
14 have been conducted since the last report.
- 15 (4) The number of reinspections associated with operations reviews conducted
16 by the Division of Soil and Water Conservation of the Department of
17 Agriculture and Consumer Services since the last report.
- 18 (5) The number of reinspections associated with operations reviews conducted
19 by agencies other than the Division of Soil and Water Conservation of the
20 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services since the last report.

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22 **SECTION 13.22A.(t)** Part 9 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is
23 recodified as Article 72 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, and accordingly
24 G.S. 143-215.74, 143-215.74A, and 143-215.74B are recodified as G.S. 106-850, 106-851, and
25 106-852.

26 **SECTION 13.22A.(u)** G.S. 106-850(b)(9), as recodified under subsection (t) of
27 this section, reads as rewritten:

- 28 "(9) When the applicant is either (i) a limited-resource farmer, (ii) a beginning
29 farmer, or (iii) a person farming land that is located in an enhanced voluntary
30 agricultural district and is subject to a conservation agreement under
31 G.S. 106-743.2 that remains in effect, State funding shall be limited to ninety
32 percent (90%) of the average cost for each practice with the assisted farmer
33 providing ten percent (10%) of the cost, which may include in-kind support
34 of the practice, with a maximum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)
35 per year to each applicant. The following definitions apply in this
36 subdivision:
- 37 a. Beginning farmer. – A farmer who has not operated a farm or who
38 has operated a farm for not more than 10 years and who will
39 materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm.
- 40 a1. Enhanced voluntary agricultural district. – A district established by a
41 county or a city by ordinance under Part 3 of Article 61 of ~~Chapter~~
42 ~~106 of the General Statutes.~~ this Chapter.

43"

44 **SECTION 13.22A.(v)** G.S. 106-850(c), as recodified under subsection (t) of this
45 section, reads as rewritten:

46 "(c) The program shall be reviewed, prior to implementation, by the Committee created
47 by ~~G.S. 143-215.74B.~~ G.S. 106-852. The Technical Review Committee shall meet quarterly to
48 review the progress of this program."

49 **SECTION 13.22A.(w)** G.S. 106-850(e), as recodified under subsection (t) of this
50 section, reads as rewritten:

51 "(e) The Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall report on or before 31 January
52 of each year to the Environmental Review ~~Commission~~ Commission, the Department of
53 Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Fiscal Research Division. This report shall include
54 a list of projects that received State funding pursuant to the program, the results of the
55 evaluations conducted pursuant to subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of this section, findings
56 regarding the effectiveness of each of these projects to accomplish its primary purpose, and any
57 recommendations to assure that State funding is used in the most cost-effective manner and
58 accomplishes the greatest improvement in water quality."

1 **SECTION 13.22A.(x)** Part 11 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes
2 is recodified as Article 73 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, and accordingly
3 G.S. 143-215.74M is recodified as G.S. 106-860.

4 **SECTION 13.22A.(y)** G.S. 106-860(a), as recodified under subsection (x) of this
5 section, reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) Program Established. – There is established the Community Conservation
7 Assistance Program. The Program shall be implemented and supervised by the Soil and Water
8 Conservation ~~Commission~~Commission of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
9 Services."

10 **SECTION 13.22A.(z)** G.S. 106-860(d), as recodified under subsection (x) of this
11 section, reads as rewritten:

12 "(d) Advisory Committee. – The Program shall be reviewed, prior to implementation, by
13 the Community Conservation Assistance Program Advisory Committee. The Advisory
14 Committee shall meet quarterly to review the progress of the Program. The Advisory
15 Committee shall consist of the following members:

- 16 (1) The Director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation of the
17 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or the Director's
18 designee, who shall serve as the Chair of the Advisory Committee.
- 19 (2) The President of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water
20 Conservation Districts or the President's designee.
- 21 (3) The Director of the Cooperative Extension Service at North Carolina State
22 University or the Director's designee.
- 23 (4) The Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of County
24 Commissioners or the Executive Director's designee.
- 25 (5) The Executive Director of the North Carolina League of Municipalities or
26 the Executive Director's designee.
- 27 (6) The State Conservationist of the Natural Resources Conservation Service of
28 the United States Department of Agriculture or the State Conservationist's
29 designee.
- 30 (7) The Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission or the
31 Executive Director's designee.
- 32 (8) The President of the North Carolina Conservation District Employees
33 Association or the President's designee.
- 34 (9) The President of the North Carolina Association of Resource Conservation
35 and Development Councils or the President's designee.
- 36 (10) The Director of the Division of Water Quality of the Department of
37 Environment and Natural Resources or the Director's designee.
- 38 (11) The Director of the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of
39 Environment and Natural Resources or the Director's designee.
- 40 (12) The Director of the Division of Land Resources of the Department of
41 Environment and Natural Resources or the Director's designee.
- 42 (13) The Director of the Division of Coastal Management of the Department of
43 Environment and Natural Resources or the Director's designee.
- 44 (14) The Director of the Division of Water Resources of the Department of
45 Environment and Natural Resources or the Director's designee.
- 46 (15) The President of the Carolinas Land Improvement Contractors Association
47 or the President's designee."

48 **SECTION 13.22A.(aa)** G.S. 106-860(e), as recodified under subsection (x) of this
49 section, reads as rewritten:

50 "(e) Report. – The Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall report no later than
51 31 January of each year to the Environmental Review ~~Commission~~Commission, the
52 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Fiscal Research Division. The
53 report shall include a summary of projects that received State funding pursuant to the Program,
54 the results of the evaluation conducted pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of this
55 section, findings regarding the effectiveness of each project to accomplish its primary purpose,
56 and any recommendations to assure that State funding is used in the most cost-effective manner
57 and accomplishes the greatest improvement in water quality."

58 **SECTION 13.22A.(bb)** G.S. 113-291.10(a) reads as rewritten:

1 "(a) There is established the Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board. The Board shall
2 consist of nine members, as follows:

- 3
4 (4) The Director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation of the
5 Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources, Agriculture and~~
6 ~~Consumer Services~~, or a designee;

7 "...."

8 **SECTION 13.22A.(cc)** G.S. 106-743.4(b) reads as rewritten:

9 "(b) A person who farms land that is subject to a conservation agreement under
10 G.S. 106-743.2 that remains in effect is eligible under G.S. ~~143-215.74(b)~~106-850(b) to receive
11 the higher percentage of cost-share funds for the benefit of that farmland under the Agriculture
12 Cost Share Program established pursuant to ~~Part 9 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General~~
13 ~~Statutes~~Article 72 of this Chapter for funds to benefit that farmland."

14 **SECTION 13.22A.(dd)** The Revisor of Statutes shall make the conforming
15 statutory changes necessary to reflect the transfers under subsections (a) and (b) of this section.
16 The Revisor of Statutes may correct any reference in the General Statutes to the statutes that are
17 recodified by this section and any other conforming changes necessitated by this section.

18
19 **AGRICULTURAL WATER RESOURCES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM/CONFORMING**
20 **CHANGES; FUNDS TO PROMOTE WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT**

21 **SECTION 13.23.(a)** Chapter 139 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
22 new Article to read:

23 "Article 5.

24 "Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program.

25 "**§ 139-60. Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program.**

26 (a) Program Established. – The Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program is
27 established. The purpose of the Program shall be to assist farmers and landowners in doing any
28 one or more of the following:

- 29 (1) Identify opportunities to increase water use efficiency, availability, and
30 storage.
31 (2) Implement best management practices to conserve and protect water
32 resources.
33 (3) Increase water use efficiency.
34 (4) Increase water storage and availability for agricultural purposes.

35 (b) Program Administration. – The Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program
36 shall be implemented by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission through the soil and
37 water conservation districts in the same manner as the Agriculture Cost Share Program for
38 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control under Part 9 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General
39 Statutes. The Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall supervise and administer this
40 Program as provided in this section and as provided in Part 9 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of
41 the General Statutes for the Agriculture Cost Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution
42 Control. At least once each calendar year, the Director of the Division of Soil and Water
43 Conservation of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Commissioner
44 of Agriculture shall meet with stakeholders for the purpose of advising the Soil and Water
45 Conservation Commission on the development and administration of the Program, including
46 the development of annual goals for the Program.

47 (c) Program Functions. – Under the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program,
48 the Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall do the following:

- 49 (1) Within funds available for this Program, provide cost-share funds subject to
50 all of the following limitations and requirements:
51 a. Except as provided in G.S. 143-215.74(b)(9), State funding shall be
52 limited to:
53 1. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the average cost for each
54 project, with the assisted person providing twenty-five
55 percent (25%) of the project cost, which may include in-kind
56 support of the project.
57 2. A maximum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per
58 year to each applicant.

b. Applicants shall be limited to farmers who have an adjusted gross income in each of the previous two years that is at or below two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), unless at least seventy-five percent (75%) of this adjusted gross income is derived directly from farming, ranching, or forestry operations.

c. The requirements and limitations under subdivisions (1), (2), (5), (7), and (8) of subsection (b) of G.S. 143-215.74 do not apply. All other limitations and requirements set out in Part 9 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, as modified by this section, apply.

(2) Approve best management practices eligible for cost-share funds under this Program.

(3) Establish criteria to allocate funds to local soil and water conservation districts.

(4) Develop a process for soliciting and reviewing applications and for selecting farmers to participate in the Program.

(5) Investigate and pursue other funding sources to supplement State funds, including federal, local, and private funding sources.

(6) Provide technical assistance to participating persons to assist with the projects that are eligible for cost-share funds under subsection (a) of this section and to facilitate the timely transfer of technology among participating persons.

(7) Adopt temporary and permanent rules as necessary to implement this Program.

(d) Report. – No later than January 31 of each year, the Division of Soil and Water Conservation of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall prepare a comprehensive report on the implementation of subsections (a) through (c) of this section. The report shall be submitted to the Environmental Review Commission as a part of the report required by G.S. 143-215.74(e)."

SECTION 13.23.(b) G.S. 14-234(d3) reads as rewritten:

"(d3) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to an application for or the receipt of a grant under the Agriculture Cost Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control created pursuant to Part 9 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General ~~Statutes~~ or ~~Statutes~~, the Community Conservation Assistance Program created pursuant to Part 11 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General ~~Statutes~~ ~~Statutes~~, or the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program created pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 139 of the General Statutes by a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission if the requirements of G.S. 139-4(e) are met, and does not apply to a district supervisor of a soil and water conservation district if the requirements of G.S. 139-8(b) are met."

SECTION 13.23.(c) G.S. 139-4(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) In addition to the duties and powers hereinafter conferred upon the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, it shall have the following duties and powers:

(9) To create, implement, and supervise the Agriculture Cost Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control created pursuant to Part 9 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General ~~Statutes~~ ~~and~~ ~~Statutes~~, the Community Conservation Assistance Program created pursuant to Part 11 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General ~~Statutes~~ ~~Statutes~~, and the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program created pursuant to Article 5 of this Chapter.

(10) To review and approve or disapprove the application of a district supervisor for a grant under the Agriculture Cost Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution ~~Control~~ or ~~Control~~, the Community Conservation Assistance ~~Program~~ ~~Program~~, or the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program as provided by G.S. 139-8(b)."

SECTION 13.23.(d) G.S. 139-4(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) A member of the Commission may apply for and receive a grant under the Agriculture Cost Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution ~~Control~~ ~~and~~ ~~Control~~, the Community Conservation Assistance ~~Program~~ ~~Program~~, or the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program if:

- 1 (1) The member does not vote on the application or attempt to influence the
- 2 outcome of any action on the application; and
- 3 (2) The application is approved by the Secretary of Environment and Natural
- 4 Resources."

5 **SECTION 13.23.(e)** G.S. 139-8(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) A district supervisor may apply for and receive a grant under the Agriculture Cost
7 Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control created pursuant to Part 9 of Article 21
8 of Chapter 143 of the General ~~Statutes~~ or ~~Statutes~~, the Community Conservation Assistance
9 Program created pursuant to Part 11 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General ~~Statutes~~
10 ~~Statutes~~, or the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program created pursuant to Article 5
11 of this Chapter if:

- 12 1. The district supervisor does not vote on the application or attempt to
- 13 influence the outcome of any action on the application; and
- 14 2. The application is approved by the Commission."

15 **SECTION 13.23.(f)** The stakeholders that the Director of the Division of Soil and
16 Water Conservation of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the
17 Commissioner of Agriculture shall meet with, as required under G.S. 139-60, as enacted by
18 subsection (a) of this section, shall be the stakeholders involved in identifying and developing
19 best management practices for water conservation and water efficiency by agricultural water
20 users pursuant to S.L. 2010-149.

21 **SECTION 13.23.(g)** The first report required by G.S. 139-60, as enacted by
22 subsection (a) of this section, shall be submitted to the Environmental Review Commission no
23 later than January 31, 2013.

24 **SECTION 13.23.(h)** Of the funds available to the Department of Environment and
25 Natural Resources for Water Resource Projects, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000)
26 shall be transferred to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Soil
27 and Water Conservation, for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to implement the Agricultural Water
28 Resources Assistance Program established in Article 5 of Chapter 139 of the General Statutes,
29 as enacted by subsection (a) of this section. The Soil and Water Conservation Commission may
30 use up to fifteen percent (15%) of these funds for the costs of the Division of Soil and Water
31 Conservation and the costs of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts to provide engineering
32 assistance, to provide technical assistance, and to administer the Agricultural Water Resources
33 Assistance Program. Any of these funds that are not expended or encumbered as of June 30,
34 2012, shall not revert and shall remain available for purposes set forth in this subsection until
35 expended.

36
37 **CONTRACT TO OUTSOURCE GIFT SHOPS AT NC ZOO TO DIRECT PROFITS TO**
38 **ZOO FUND**

39 **SECTION 13.24.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall
40 enter into a contract for the operation of at least three of the gift shops located at the North
41 Carolina Zoological Park during the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the 2012-2013 fiscal year, and
42 this contract shall provide that any profits that result from operating these gift shops during the
43 2011-2012 fiscal year and the 2012-2013 fiscal year are credited at the end of each quarter to
44 the Special Zoo Fund created under G.S. 143B-336.1. The provisions of Article 3 and Article 8
45 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes apply to any contract entered into under this section.

46
47 **TRANSFER FORESTRY DIVISION AND FORESTRY COUNCIL FROM DENR TO**
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49 **SECTION 13.25.(a)** The Division of Forest Resources is transferred from the
50 Department of Environment and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture and
51 Consumer Services with all the elements of a Type I transfer as defined by G.S. 143A-6.

52 **SECTION 13.25.(b)** G.S. 143B-279.3(a) reads as rewritten:

53 "(a) All functions, powers, duties, and obligations previously vested in the following
54 subunits of the following departments are transferred to and vested in the Department of
55 Environment and Natural Resources by a Type I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6:

- 56 ...
- 57 (6) ~~Forest Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and~~
 - 58 ~~Community Development.~~
 - 59"

1 **SECTION 13.25.(c)** Article 7 of Chapter 143A of the General Statutes is amended
2 by adding a new section to read:

3 **"§ 143A-65.1. Division of Forest Resources.**

4 The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall have charge of the work of
5 forest maintenance, forest fire prevention, reforestation, and the protection of lands and water
6 supplies by the preservation of forests; it shall also have the care of State forests and State
7 recreational forests."

8 **SECTION 13.25.(d)** All functions, powers, duties, and obligations previously
9 vested in the Forestry Council are transferred from the Department of Environment and Natural
10 Resources to and vested in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by a Type II
11 transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6.

12 **SECTION 13.25.(e)** G.S. 143B-279.3(b) reads as rewritten:

13 "(b) All functions, powers, duties, and obligations previously vested in the following
14 commissions, boards, councils, and committees of the following departments are transferred to
15 and vested in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources by a Type II transfer, as
16 defined in G.S. 143A-6:

17 ...
18 (13) ~~Forestry Council, Department of Natural Resources and Community~~
19 ~~Development.~~

20 "

21 **SECTION 13.25.(f)** Part 12 of Article 7 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes
22 (G.S. 143B-308, 143B-309, and 143B-310) is recodified in Article 7 of Chapter 143A of the
23 General Statutes as G.S. 143A-66.1, 143A-66.2, and 143A-66.3.

24 **SECTION 13.25.(g)** G.S. 143A-66.1, as recodified in subsection (f) of this section,
25 reads as rewritten:

26 **"§ 143A-66.1. Forestry Council – creation; powers and duties.**

27 There is hereby created the Forestry Council of the Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
28 ~~Resources~~Agriculture and Consumer Services. The Forestry Council shall have the following
29 functions and duties:

- 30 (1) To advise the ~~Secretary of Environment and Natural~~
31 ~~Resources~~Commissioner of Agriculture with respect to all matters
32 concerning the protection, management, and preservation of State-owned,
33 privately owned, and municipally owned forests in the State, including but
34 not limited to:
- 35 a. Profitable use of the State's forests consistent with the principles of
 - 36 sustained productivity.
 - 37 b. Best management practices, including those for protection of soil,
 - 38 water, wildlife, and wildlife habitat, to be used in managing the
 - 39 State's forests and their resources.
 - 40 c. Restoration of forest ecosystems and protection of rare and
 - 41 endangered species occurring in the State's private forests consistent
 - 42 with principles of private ownership of land.
- 43 (2) To maintain oversight of a continuous monitoring and planning process, to
44 provide a long-range, comprehensive plan for the use, management, and
45 sustainability of North Carolina's forest resources, and to report regularly on
46 progress made toward meeting the objectives of the plan.
- 47 (3) To provide a forum for the identification, discussion, and development of
48 recommendations for the resolution of conflicts in the management of North
49 Carolina's forests.
- 50 (4) To undertake any other studies, make any reports, and advise the ~~Secretary~~
51 ~~of Environment and Natural Resources~~Commissioner of Agriculture on any
52 matter as the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ may direct."

53 **SECTION 13.25.(h)** G.S. 143A-66.2, as recodified in subsection (f) of this section,
54 reads as rewritten:

55 **"§ 143A-66.2. Forestry Council – members; chairperson; selection; removal;**
56 **compensation; quorum.**

57 (a) The Forestry Advisory Council of the Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
58 ~~Resources~~Agriculture and Consumer Services shall consist of 18 members appointed as
59 follows:

- (1) Three persons who are registered foresters and who represent the primary forest products industry, one each from the Mountains, Piedmont and Coastal Plain.
- (2) One person who represents the secondary wood-using industry.
- (3) One person who represents the logging industry.
- (4) Four persons who are nonindustrial woodland owners actively involved in forest management, one of whom has agricultural interests, and at least one each from the Mountains, Piedmont, and Coastal Plain.
- (5) Three persons who are members of statewide environmental or wildlife conservation organizations.
- (6) One consulting forester.
- (7) Two persons who are forest scientists with knowledge of the functioning and management of forest ecosystems.
- (8) One person who represents a banking institution that manages forestland.
- (9) One person with expertise in urban forestry.
- (10) One person with active experience in city and regional planning.

...
 (h) All clerical and other services required by the Council, including the support required to carry out studies it is requested to make, shall be supplied by the ~~Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, Commissioner of Agriculture.~~"

SECTION 13.25.(i) G.S. 106-22 is amended by adding new subdivisions to read:

"(18) Forests. – Have charge of forest maintenance, forest fire protection, reforestation, and the protection of the forests.

(19) State forests. – Have charge of all State forests and measures for forest fire prevention.

(20) State recreational forests. – Have charge of all State recreational forests."

SECTION 13.25.(j) G.S. 113-8 reads as rewritten:

"§ 113-8. Powers and duties of the Department.

The Department shall make investigations of the natural resources of the State, and take such measures as it may deem best suited to promote the conservation and development of such resources.

It shall have ~~charge of the work of forest maintenance, forest fire prevention, reforestation, and the protection of lands and water supplies by the preservation of forests;supplies;~~ it shall also have the care of State forests and parks, and other recreational areas now owned or to be acquired by the State, including the lakes referred to in G.S. 146-7.

It shall make such examination, survey and mapping of the geology, mineralogy and topography of the State, including their industrial and economic utilization, as it may consider necessary; make investigations of water supplies and water powers, prepare and maintain a general inventory of the water resources of the State, and take such measures as it may consider necessary to promote their development.

It shall have the duty of enforcing all laws relating to the conservation of marine and estuarine resources.

The Department may take such other measures as it may deem advisable to obtain and make public a more complete knowledge of the State and its resources, and it is authorized to cooperate with other departments and agencies of the State in obtaining and making public such information.

The Department may acquire such real and personal property as may be found desirable and necessary for the performance of the duties and functions of the Department and pay for same out of any funds appropriated for the Department or available unappropriated revenues of the Department, when such acquisition is approved by the Governor and Council of State. The title to any real estate acquired shall be in the name of the State of North Carolina for the use and benefit of the Department."

SECTION 13.25.(k) G.S. 113-22 is repealed.

SECTION 13.25.(l) G.S. 106-22 is amended by adding new subdivisions to read:

"(18) Forests. – Have charge of forest maintenance, forest fire protection, reforestation, and the protection of the forests.

(19) State forests. – Have charge of all State forests and measures for forest fire prevention.

(20) Property for State forests. – Acquire real and personal property as desirable and necessary for the performance of the duties and functions of the Department under subdivision (19) of this section and pay for the property out of any funds appropriated for the Department or available unappropriated revenues of the Department, when such acquisition is approved by the Governor and Council of State. The title to any real estate acquired under this subdivision shall be in the name of the State of North Carolina for the use and benefit of the Department.

(21) State recreational forests. – Have charge of all State recreational forests.

(22) Property for State recreational forests. – Acquire real and personal property as desirable and necessary for the performance of the duties and functions of the Department under subdivision (21) of this section and pay for the property out of any funds appropriated for the Department or available unappropriated revenues of the Department, when such acquisition is approved by the Governor and Council of State. The title to any real estate acquired under this subdivision shall be in the name of the State of North Carolina for the use and benefit of the Department."

SECTION 13.25.(m) The title of Subchapter II of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

"SUBCHAPTER II. STATE FORESTS AND PARKS."

SECTION 13.25.(n) Article 2 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

"Article 2.

"Acquisition and Control of State Forests and Parks.

"§ 113-29. Policy and plan to be inaugurated by Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Definitions.

(a) In this Article, unless the context requires otherwise, "Department" means the Department of Environment and Natural Resources; and "Secretary" means the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources.

(b) ~~The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall inaugurate the following policy and plan looking to the cooperation with private and public forest owners in this State insofar as funds may be available through legislative appropriation, gifts of money or land, or such cooperation with landowners and public agencies as may be available:~~

- (1) ~~The extension of the forest fire prevention organization to all counties in the State needing such protection.~~
- (2) ~~To cooperate with federal and other public agencies in the restoration of forest growth on land unwisely cleared and subsequently neglected.~~
- (3) ~~To furnish trained and experienced experts in forest management, to inspect private forestlands and to advise with forest landowners with a view to the general observance of recognized and practical rules of growing, cutting and marketing timber. The services of such trained experts of the Department must naturally be restricted to those landowners who agree to carry out so far as possible the recommendations of said Department.~~
- (4) ~~To prepare and distribute printed and other material for the use of teachers and club leaders and to provide instruction to schools and clubs and other groups of citizens in order to train the younger generation in the principles of wise use of our forest resources.~~
- (5) ~~To acquire small areas of suitable land in the different regions of the State on which to establish small, model forests which shall be developed and used by the said Department as State demonstration forests for experiment and demonstration in forest management.~~

"§ 113-29.1. Growing of timber on unused State lands authorized.

~~The Department of Administration may allocate to the Department, for management as a State forest, any vacant and unappropriated lands, any marshlands or swamplands, and any other lands title to which is vested in the State or in any State agency or institution, where such lands are not being otherwise used and are not suitable for cultivation. Lands under the supervision of the Wildlife Resources Commission and designated and in use as wildlife management areas, refuges, or fishing access areas and lands used as research stations shall not be subject to the provisions of this section. The Department shall plant timber-producing trees~~

1 on all lands allocated to it for that purpose by the Department of Administration. The Secretary
2 may contract with the appropriate prison authorities for the furnishing, upon such conditions as
3 may be agreed upon from time to time between such prison authorities and the Secretary, of
4 prison labor for use in the planting, cutting, and removal of timber from State forests which are
5 under the management of the Department.

6 ~~"§ 113-30. Use of lands acquired by counties through tax foreclosures as demonstration
7 forests.~~

8 The boards of county commissioners of the various counties of North Carolina are herewith
9 authorized to turn over to the said Department title to such tax delinquent lands as may have
10 been acquired by said counties under tax sale and as in the judgment of the Secretary may be
11 suitable for the purposes named in G.S. 113-29, subdivision (5).

12 ~~"§ 113-31. Procedure for acquisition of delinquent tax lands from counties.~~

13 In the carrying out of the provisions of G.S. 113-30, the several boards of county
14 commissioners shall furnish forthwith on written request of the Department a complete list of
15 all properties acquired by the county under tax sale and which have remained unredeemed for a
16 period of two years or more. On receipt of this list the Secretary shall have the lands examined
17 and if any one or more of these properties is in his judgment suitable for the purposes set forth
18 in G.S. 113-30, request shall be made to the county commissioners for the acquisition of such
19 land by the Department at a price not to exceed the actual amount of taxes due without
20 penalties. On receipt of this request the county commissioners shall make permanent transfer of
21 such tract or tracts of land to the Department through fee simple deed or other legal transfer,
22 said deed to be approved by the Attorney General of North Carolina, and shall then receive
23 payment from the Department as above outlined.

24 ~~"§ 113-32. Purchase of lands for use as demonstration forests.~~

25 Where no suitable tax delinquent lands are available and in the judgment of the Department
26 the establishment of a demonstration forest is advisable, the Department may purchase
27 sufficient land for the establishment of such a demonstration forest at a fair and agreed upon
28 price, the deed for such land to be subject to approval of the Attorney General, but nothing in
29 G.S. 113-29 to 113-33 shall allow the Department to acquire land under the right of eminent
30 domain.

31 ~~"§ 113-33. Forest management appropriation.~~

32 Necessary funds for carrying out the provisions of G.S. 113-29 and 113-30 to 113-33 shall
33 be set up in the regular budget as an item entitled "forest management."

34 ~~"§ 113-34. Power to acquire lands as State forests, parks, and other recreational areas;
35 donations or leases by United States; leases for recreational purposes.~~

36 (a) The Governor may, upon recommendation of the Department, accept gifts of land to
37 the State to be held, protected, and administered by the Department as State forests, and to be
38 used so as to demonstrate the practical utility of timber culture and water conservation, and as
39 refuges for game. The gifts of land must be absolute except in cases where the mineral interest
40 on the land has previously been sold. The Department may purchase lands in the name of the
41 State, suitable chiefly for the production of timber, as State forests, for experimental,
42 demonstration, educational, park, and protection purposes, using for these purposes any special
43 appropriations or funds available. The Department may acquire by gift, purchase, or
44 condemnation under the provisions of Chapter 40A of the General Statutes, areas of land in
45 different sections of the State that may in the opinion of the Department be necessary for the
46 purpose of establishing or developing State forests, State parks, and other areas and
47 developments essential to the effective operation of the State forestry and State park activities
48 under its charge. Condemnation proceedings shall be instituted and prosecuted in the name of
49 the State, and any property so acquired shall be administered, developed, and used for
50 experiment and demonstration in forest management, for public recreation, recreation and for
51 other purposes authorized or required by law. Before any action or proceeding under this
52 section can be exercised, the approval of the Governor and Council of State shall be obtained
53 and filed with the clerk of the superior court in the county or counties where the property is
54 located. The Attorney General shall ensure that all deeds to the State for land acquired under
55 this section are properly executed before the gift is accepted or payment of the purchase money
56 is made.

57 (b) The Department may accept as gifts to the State any forest and submarginal
58 farmland acquired by the federal government that is suitable for the purpose of creating and
59 maintaining State forests, game refuges, public shooting grounds, State parks, State lakes, and

1 other recreational areas, or to enter into longtime leases with the federal government for the
2 areas and administer them with funds secured from their administration in the best interest of
3 longtime public use, supplemented by any appropriations made by the General Assembly. The
4 Department may segregate revenue derived from State hunting and fishing licenses, use
5 permits, and concessions and other proper revenue secured through the administration of State
6 forests, game refuges, public shooting grounds, State parks, State lakes, and other recreational
7 areas to be deposited in the State treasury to the credit of the Department to be used for the
8 administration of these areas.

9 (c) The Department, with the approval of the Governor and Council of State, may enter
10 into leases of lands and waters for State parks, State lakes, and recreational purposes.

11 (d), (e) Repealed by Session Laws 2003-284, s. 35.1(a), effective July 1, 2003.

12 (f) The authority granted to the Department under this section is in addition to any
13 authority granted to the Department under any other provision of law.

14 **"§ 113-34.1. Power to acquire conservation lands not included in the State Parks System.**

15 The Department of Administration may acquire and allocate to the Department of
16 Environment and Natural Resources for management by the Division of Parks and Recreation
17 lands that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources finds are important for
18 conservation purposes but which are not included in the State Parks System. Lands acquired
19 pursuant to this section are not subject to Article 2C of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes and
20 may be traded or transferred as necessary to protect, develop, and manage the Mountains to Sea
21 State Park Trail, other State parks, or other conservation lands. This section does not expand
22 the power granted to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources under
23 G.S. 113-34(a) to acquire land by condemnation.

24 **"§ 113-35. ~~State timber may be sold by Department; forest nurseries; control~~Control
25 over State parks; operation of public service facilities; concessions to private
26 concerns; authority to charge fees and adopt rules.**

27 (a) ~~Timber and other products of State forests may be sold, cut, and removed under
28 rules of the Department. The Department may establish and operate forest tree nurseries and
29 forest tree seed orchards. Forest tree seedlings and seed from these nurseries and seed orchards
30 may be sold to landowners of the State for purposes of forestation under rules adopted by the
31 Department. When the Secretary determines that a surplus of seedlings or seed exists, this
32 surplus may be sold, and the sale shall be in conformity with the following priority of sale:
33 first, to agencies of the federal government for planting in the State of North Carolina; second,
34 to commercial nurseries and nurserymen within this State; and third, without distinction, to
35 federal agencies, to other states, and to recognized research organizations for planting either
36 within or outside of this State. The Department shall make reasonable rules governing the use
37 by the public of State forests, State parks, State lakes, game refuges, and public shooting
38 grounds~~ parks and State lakes under its charge. These rules shall be posted in conspicuous
39 places on and adjacent to the properties of the State and at the courthouse of the county or
40 counties in which the properties are located. A violation of these rules is punishable as a Class
41 3 misdemeanor.

42 (a1) The Department may adopt rules under which the Secretary may issue a special-use
43 permit authorizing the use of pyrotechnics in State parks in connection with public exhibitions.
44 The rules shall require that experts supervise the use of pyrotechnics and that written
45 authorization for the use of pyrotechnics be obtained from the board of commissioners of the
46 county in which the pyrotechnics are to be used, as provided in G.S. 14-410. The Secretary may
47 impose any conditions on a permit that the Secretary determines to be necessary to protect
48 public health, safety, and welfare. These conditions shall include a requirement that the
49 permittee execute an indemnification agreement with the Department and obtain general
50 liability insurance covering personal injury and property damage that may result from the use
51 of pyrotechnics with policy limits determined by the Secretary.

52 (b) The Department may construct, operate, and maintain within the ~~State forests~~, State
53 parks, State lakes, and other areas under its charge suitable public service facilities and
54 conveniences, and may charge and collect reasonable fees for the use of these facilities and
55 conveniences. The Department may also charge and collect reasonable fees for each of the
56 following:

- 57 (1) The erection, maintenance, and use of docks, piers, and any other structures
58 permitted in or on State lakes under rules adopted by the Department.

1 (2) ~~Hunting privileges on State forests and fishing~~Fishing privileges in State
2 forests, State parks, parks and State lakes, provided that these privileges shall
3 be extended only to holders of State hunting and fishing licenses who
4 comply with all State game and fish laws.

5 (3) Vehicle access for off-road driving at the beach at Fort Fisher State
6 Recreation Area.

7 (4) The erection, maintenance, and use of a marina at Carolina Beach.

8 (b1) Members of the public who pay a fee under subsection (b) of this section for access
9 to Fort Fisher State Recreation Area may have 24-hour access to Fort Fisher State Recreation
10 Area from September 15 through March 15 of each year.

11 (c) The Department may make reasonable rules for the operation and use of boats or
12 other craft on the surface of the waters under its charge. The Department may charge and
13 collect reasonable fees for the use of boats and other watercraft that are purchased and
14 maintained by the Department; however, the Department shall not charge a fee for the use or
15 operation of any other boat or watercraft on these waters.

16 (d) The Department may grant to private individuals or companies concessions for
17 operation of public service facilities for such periods and upon such conditions as the
18 Department deems to be in the public interest. The Department may adopt reasonable rules for
19 the regulation of the use by the public of the lands and waters under its charge and of the public
20 service facilities and conveniences authorized under this section. A violation of these rules is
21 punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.

22 (e) The authority granted to the Department under this section is in addition to any
23 authority granted to the Department under any other provision of law.

24 ~~"§ 113-36. Applications of proceeds from sale of products.~~

25 (a) ~~Application of Proceeds Generally.~~—Except as provided in this section, all money
26 received from the sale of wood, timber, minerals, or other products from the State forests shall
27 be paid into the State treasury and to the credit of the Department; and such money shall be
28 expended in carrying out the purposes of this Article and of forestry in general, under the
29 direction of the Secretary.

30 (b) ~~Tree Cone and Seed Purchase Fund.~~—A percentage of the money obtained from the
31 sale of seedlings and remaining unobligated at the end of a fiscal year, shall be placed in a
32 special, continuing and nonreverting Tree Cone and Seed Purchase Fund under the control and
33 direction of the Secretary. The percentage of the sales placed in the fund shall not exceed ten
34 percent (10%). At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall select the percentage for
35 the upcoming fiscal year depending upon the anticipated costs of tree cones and seeds which
36 the department must purchase. Money in this fund shall not be allowed to accumulate in excess
37 of the amount needed to purchase a four year supply of tree cones and seed, and shall be used
38 for no purpose other than the purchase of tree cones and seeds.

39 (c) ~~Forest Seedling Nursery Program Fund.~~—The Forest Seedling Nursery Program
40 Fund is created within the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of
41 Forest Resources, as a special revenue fund. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
42 section, this Fund shall consist of receipts from the sale of seed and seedlings as authorized in
43 G.S. 113-35 and any gifts, bequests, or grants for the benefit of this Fund. No General Fund
44 appropriations shall be credited to this Fund. Any balance remaining in this Fund at the end of
45 any fiscal year shall not revert. The Department may use this Fund only to develop, improve,
46 repair, maintain, operate, or otherwise invest in the Forest Seedling Nursery Program.

47 (d) ~~Bladen Lakes State Forest Fund.~~—The Bladen Lakes State Forest Fund is created
48 within the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Forest Resources, as
49 a special revenue fund. This Fund shall consist of receipts from the sale of forest products from
50 Bladen Lakes State Forest as authorized in G.S. 113-35 and any gifts, bequests, or grants for
51 the benefit of this Fund. No General Fund appropriations shall be credited to this Fund. Any
52 balance remaining in this Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert. The Department
53 may use this Fund only to develop, improve, repair, maintain, operate, or otherwise invest in
54 the Bladen Lakes State Forest.

55 ~~"§ 113-37. Legislative authority necessary for payment.~~

56 Nothing in this Article shall operate or be construed as authority for the payment of any
57 money out of the State treasury for the purchase of lands or for other purposes unless by
58 appropriation for said purpose by the General Assembly.

59 ~~"§ 113-38. Distribution of funds from sale of forestlands.~~

1 All funds paid by the National Forest Commission, by authority of act of Congress,
2 approved May 23, 1908 (35 Stat., 260), for the Counties of Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Craven,
3 Haywood, Henderson, Hyde, Jackson, Macon, Montgomery, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga,
4 and Yancey, shall be paid to the proper county officers, and said funds shall, when received, be
5 placed in the account of the general county funds: Provided, however, that in Buncombe
6 County said funds shall be entirely for the use and benefit of the school district or districts in
7 which said national forestlands shall be located.

8 All funds which may hereafter come into the hands of the State Treasurer from like sources
9 shall be likewise distributed.

10 **"§ 113-39. License fees for hunting and fishing on government-owned property**
11 **unaffected.**

12 No wording in G.S. 113-307.1(a), or any other North Carolina statute or law, or special act,
13 shall be construed to abrogate the vested rights of the State of North Carolina to collect fees for
14 license for hunting and fishing on any government-owned land or in any government-owned
15 stream in North Carolina including the license for county, State or nonresident hunters or
16 fishermen; or upon any lands or in any streams hereafter acquired by the federal government
17 within the boundaries of the State of North Carolina. The lands and streams within the
18 boundaries of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to be ~~excepted~~ exempt from this
19 section.

20 **"§ 113-40. Donations of property for forestry or park purposes; agreements with federal**
21 **government or agencies for acquisition.**

22 The Department is hereby authorized and empowered to accept gifts, donations or
23 contributions of land suitable for ~~forestry or~~ park purposes and to enter into agreements with
24 the federal government or other agencies for acquiring by lease, purchase or otherwise such
25 lands as in the judgment of the Department are desirable for ~~State forests or~~ State parks.

26 **"§ 113-41. Expenditure of funds for development, etc.; disposition of products from**
27 **lands; rules.**

28 When lands are acquired or leased under G.S. 113-40, the Department is hereby authorized
29 to make expenditures from any funds not otherwise obligated, for the management,
30 development and utilization of such areas; to sell or otherwise dispose of products from such
31 lands, and to make such rules as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of G.S. 113-40 to
32 113-44.

33 **"§ 113-42. Disposition of revenues received from lands acquired.**

34 All revenues derived from lands now owned or later acquired under the provisions of
35 G.S. 113-40 to 113-44 shall be set aside for the use of the Department in acquisition,
36 management, development and use of such lands until all obligations incurred have been paid
37 in full. Thereafter, fifty percent (50%) of all net profits accruing from the administration of
38 such lands shall be applicable for such purposes as the General Assembly may prescribe, and
39 fifty percent (50%) shall be paid into the school fund to be used in the county or counties in
40 which lands are located.

41 **"§ 113-43. State not obligated for debts created hereunder.**

42 Obligations for the acquisition of land incurred by the Department under the authority of
43 G.S. 113-40 to 113-44 shall be paid solely and exclusively from revenues derived from such
44 lands and shall not impose any liability upon the general credit and taxing power of the State.

45 **"§ 113-44. Disposition of lands acquired.**

46 The Department shall have full power and authority to sell, exchange or lease lands under
47 its jurisdiction when in its judgment it is advantageous to the State to do so in the highest
48 orderly development and management of ~~State forests and~~ State parks: Provided, however, said
49 sale, lease or exchange shall not be contrary to the terms of any contract which it has entered
50 into."

51 **SECTION 13.25.(o)** Chapter 106 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
52 new Article to read:

53 "Article 71.

54 "Acquisition and Control of State Forests and State Recreational Forests.

55 **"§ 106-840. Policy and plan to be inaugurated by Department of Agriculture and**
56 **Consumer Services.**

57 (a) In this Article, unless the context requires otherwise, "Department" means the
58 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and "Commissioner" means Commissioner
59 of Agriculture.

1 (b) For purposes of this Chapter, "State recreational forest " means a forest managed
2 primarily for natural resource preservation, scenic enjoyment, and recreational purposes.

3 (c) The Department shall inaugurate the following policy and plan looking to the
4 cooperation with private and public forest owners in this State insofar as funds may be
5 available through legislative appropriation, gifts of money or land, or such cooperation with
6 landowners and public agencies as may be available:

- 7 (1) The extension of the forest fire prevention organization to all counties in the
8 State needing such protection.
- 9 (2) To cooperate with federal and other public agencies in the restoration of
10 forest growth on land unwisely cleared and subsequently neglected.
- 11 (3) To furnish trained and experienced experts in forest management, to inspect
12 private forestlands and to advise with forest landowners with a view to the
13 general observance of recognized and practical rules of growing, cutting, and
14 marketing timber. The services of such trained experts of the Department
15 must naturally be restricted to those landowners who agree to carry out so
16 far as possible the recommendations of said Department.
- 17 (4) To prepare and distribute printed and other material for the use of teachers
18 and club leaders and to provide instruction to schools and clubs and other
19 groups of citizens in order to train the younger generation in the principles of
20 wise use of our forest resources.
- 21 (5) To acquire small areas of suitable land in the different regions of the State on
22 which to establish small, model forests which shall be developed and used
23 by the said Department as State demonstration forests for experiment and
24 demonstration in forest management.

25 **"§ 106-841. Growing of timber on unused State lands authorized.**

26 The Department of Administration may allocate to the Department, for management as a
27 State forest, any vacant and unappropriated lands, any marshlands or swamplands, and any
28 other lands title to which is vested in the State or in any State agency or institution, where such
29 lands are not being otherwise used and are not suitable for cultivation. Lands under the
30 supervision of the Wildlife Resources Commission and designated and in use as wildlife
31 management areas, refuges, or fishing access areas and lands used as research stations shall not
32 be subject to the provisions of this section. The Department shall plant timber-producing trees
33 on all lands allocated to it for that purpose by the Department of Administration. The
34 Commissioner may contract with the appropriate prison authorities for the furnishing, upon
35 such conditions as may be agreed upon from time to time between such prison authorities and
36 the Commissioner, of prison labor for use in the planting, cutting, and removal of timber from
37 State forests which are under the management of the Department.

38 **"§ 106-842. Use of lands acquired by counties through tax foreclosures as demonstration
39 forests.**

40 The boards of county commissioners of the various counties of North Carolina are herewith
41 authorized to turn over to the said Department title to such tax-delinquent lands as may have
42 been acquired by said counties under tax sale and as in the judgment of the Commissioner may
43 be suitable for the purposes named in subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of G.S. 106-840.

44 **"§ 106-843. Procedure for acquisition of delinquent tax lands from counties.**

45 In the carrying out of the provisions of G.S. 106-842, the several boards of county
46 commissioners shall furnish forthwith on written request of the Department a complete list of
47 all properties acquired by the county under tax sale and which have remained unredeemed for a
48 period of two years or more. On receipt of this list, the Commissioner shall have the lands
49 examined and, if any one or more of these properties is in the Commissioner's judgment
50 suitable for the purposes set forth in G.S. 106-842, request shall be made to the county
51 commissioners for the acquisition of such land by the Department at a price not to exceed the
52 actual amount of taxes due without penalties. On receipt of this request, the county
53 commissioners shall make permanent transfer of such tract or tracts of land to the Department
54 through fee-simple deed or other legal transfer, said deed to be approved by the Attorney
55 General of North Carolina, and shall then receive payment from the Department as above
56 outlined.

57 **"§ 106-844. Purchase of lands for use as demonstration forests.**

58 Where no suitable tax-delinquent lands are available and, in the judgment of the
59 Department, the establishment of a demonstration forest is advisable, the Department may

1 purchase sufficient land for the establishment of such a demonstration forest at a fair and
2 agreed-upon price, the deed for such land to be subject to approval of the Attorney General, but
3 nothing in G.S. 106-840 to G.S. 106-845 shall allow the Department to acquire land under the
4 right of eminent domain.

5 **"§ 106-845. Forest management appropriation.**

6 Necessary funds for carrying out the provisions of G.S. 106-840 and G.S. 106-842 to
7 G.S. 106-845 shall be set up in the regular budget as an item entitled "forest management."

8 **"§ 106-846. Power to acquire lands as State forests; donations or leases by United States;
9 leases for recreational purposes.**

10 (a) The Governor may, upon recommendation of the Department, accept gifts of land to
11 the State to be held, protected, and administered by the Department as State forests, and to be
12 used so as to demonstrate the practical utility of timber culture and water conservation, and as
13 refuges for game. The gifts of land must be absolute except in cases where the mineral interest
14 on the land has previously been sold. The Department may purchase lands in the name of the
15 State, suitable chiefly for the production of timber, as State forests, for experimental,
16 demonstration, educational, and protection purposes, using for these purposes any special
17 appropriations or funds available. The Department may acquire by condemnation under the
18 provisions of Chapter 40A of the General Statutes areas of land in different sections of the State
19 that may in the opinion of the Department be necessary for the purpose of establishing or
20 developing State forests and other areas and developments essential to the effective operation
21 of the State forestry activities under its charge. Condemnation proceedings shall be instituted
22 and prosecuted in the name of the State, and any property so acquired shall be administered,
23 developed, and used for experiment and demonstration in forest management, for public
24 recreation, and for other purposes authorized or required by law. Before any action or
25 proceeding under this section can be exercised, the approval of the Governor and Council of
26 State shall be obtained and filed with the clerk of the superior court in the county or counties
27 where the property is located. The Attorney General shall ensure that all deeds to the State for
28 land acquired under this section are properly executed before the gift is accepted or payment of
29 the purchase money is made.

30 (b) The Department may accept as gifts to the State any forest and submarginal
31 farmland acquired by the federal government that is suitable for the purpose of creating and
32 maintaining State forests or enter into longtime leases with the federal government for the areas
33 and administer them with funds secured from their administration in the best interest of
34 longtime public use, supplemented by any appropriations made by the General Assembly. The
35 Department may segregate revenue derived from State hunting and fishing licenses, use
36 permits, and concessions, and other proper revenue secured through the administration of State
37 forests, to be deposited in the State treasury to the credit of the Department to be used for the
38 administration of these areas.

39 (c) The authority granted to the Department under this section is in addition to any
40 authority granted to the Department under any other provision of law.

41 **"§ 106-847. State timber may be sold by Department; forest nurseries; operation of**
42 **public service facilities; concessions to private concerns; authority to charge**
43 **fees and adopt rules.**

44 (a) Timber and other products of State forests may be sold, cut, and removed under
45 rules of the Department. The Department may establish and operate forest tree nurseries and
46 forest tree seed orchards. Forest tree seedlings and seed from these nurseries and seed orchards
47 may be sold to landowners of the State for purposes of forestation under rules adopted by the
48 Department. When the Commissioner determines that a surplus of seedlings or seed exists, this
49 surplus may be sold, and the sale shall be in conformity with the following priority of sale:
50 first, to agencies of the federal government for planting in the State of North Carolina; second,
51 to commercial nurseries and nurserymen within this State; and third, without distinction, to
52 federal agencies, to other states, and to recognized research organizations for planting either
53 within or outside of this State. The Department shall make reasonable rules governing the use
54 by the public of State forests under its charge. These rules shall be posted in conspicuous places
55 on and adjacent to the properties of the State and at the courthouse of the county or counties in
56 which the properties are located. A violation of these rules is punishable as a Class 3
57 misdemeanor.

58 (b) The Department may construct, operate, and maintain within the State forests and
59 other areas under its charge suitable public service facilities and conveniences, and may charge

1 and collect reasonable fees for the use of these facilities and conveniences. The Department
2 may also charge and collect reasonable fees for hunting privileges on State forests and fishing
3 privileges in State forests, provided that these privileges shall be extended only to holders of
4 State hunting and fishing licenses who comply with all State game and fish laws.

5 (c) The Department may grant to private individuals or companies concessions for
6 operation of public service facilities for such periods and upon such conditions as the
7 Department deems to be in the public interest. The Department may adopt reasonable rules for
8 the regulation of the use by the public of the lands and waters under its charge and of the public
9 service facilities and conveniences authorized under this section. A violation of these rules is
10 punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.

11 (d) The authority granted to the Department under this section is in addition to any
12 authority granted to the Department under any other provision of law.

13 **"§ 106-848. Applications of proceeds from sale of products.**

14 (a) Application of Proceeds Generally. – Except as provided in this section, all money
15 received from the sale of wood, timber, minerals, or other products from the State forests shall
16 be paid into the State treasury and to the credit of the Department; and such money shall be
17 expended in carrying out the purposes of this Article and of forestry in general, under the
18 direction of the Commissioner.

19 (b) Tree Cone and Seed Purchase Fund. – A percentage of the money obtained from the
20 sale of seedlings and remaining unobligated at the end of a fiscal year shall be placed in a
21 special, continuing, and nonreverting Tree Cone and Seed Purchase Fund under the control and
22 direction of the Commissioner. The percentage of the sales placed in the Fund shall not exceed
23 ten percent (10%). At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Commissioner shall select the
24 percentage for the upcoming fiscal year depending upon the anticipated costs of tree cones and
25 seeds which the Department must purchase. Money in this Fund shall not be allowed to
26 accumulate in excess of the amount needed to purchase a four-year supply of tree cones and
27 seed and shall be used for no purpose other than the purchase of tree cones and seeds.

28 (c) Forest Seedling Nursery Program Fund. – The Forest Seedling Nursery Program
29 Fund is created within the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of
30 Forest Resources, as a special revenue fund. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
31 section, this Fund shall consist of receipts from the sale of seed and seedlings as authorized in
32 G.S. 106-847 and any gifts, bequests, or grants for the benefit of this Fund. No General Fund
33 appropriations shall be credited to this Fund. Any balance remaining in this Fund at the end of
34 any fiscal year shall not revert. The Department may use this Fund only to develop, improve,
35 repair, maintain, operate, or otherwise invest in the Forest Seedling Nursery Program.

36 (d) Bladen Lakes State Forest Fund. – The Bladen Lakes State Forest Fund is created
37 within the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Forest Resources, as
38 a special revenue fund. This Fund shall consist of receipts from the sale of forest products from
39 Bladen Lakes State Forest as authorized in G.S. 106-847 and any gifts, bequests, or grants for
40 the benefit of this Fund. No General Fund appropriations shall be credited to this Fund. Any
41 balance remaining in this Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert. The Department
42 may use this Fund only to develop, improve, repair, maintain, operate, or otherwise invest in
43 the Bladen Lakes State Forest.

44 **"§ 106-849. Legislative authority necessary for payment.**

45 Nothing in this Article shall operate or be construed as authority for the payment of any
46 money out of the State treasury for the purchase of lands or for other purposes unless by
47 appropriation for said purpose by the General Assembly.

48 **"§ 106-850. Distribution of funds from sale of forestlands.**

49 All funds paid by the National Forest Commission, by authority of an act of Congress,
50 approved May 23, 1908, (35 Stat. 260), for the Counties of Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Craven,
51 Haywood, Henderson, Hyde, Jackson, Macon, Montgomery, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga,
52 and Yancey, shall be paid to the proper county officers, and said funds shall, when received, be
53 placed in the account of the general county funds: Provided, however, that in Buncombe
54 County said funds shall be entirely for the use and benefit of the school administrative unit in
55 which said national forestlands shall be located.

56 All funds which may hereafter come into the hands of the State Treasurer from like sources
57 shall be likewise distributed.

58 **"§ 106-851. License fees for hunting and fishing on government-owned property**
59 **unaffected.**

1 No wording in G.S. 113-307.1(a), or any other North Carolina public, local, or special act,
2 shall be construed to abrogate the vested rights of the State of North Carolina to collect fees for
3 license for hunting and fishing on any government-owned land or in any government-owned
4 stream in North Carolina including the license for county, State, or nonresident hunters or
5 fishermen; or upon any lands or in any streams hereafter acquired by the federal government
6 within the boundaries of the State of North Carolina. The lands and streams within the
7 boundaries of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are exempt from this section.

8 **"§ 106-852. Donations of property for forestry purposes; agreements with federal**
9 **government or agencies for acquisition.**

10 The Department may accept gifts, donations, or contributions of land suitable for forestry
11 purposes and to enter into agreements with the federal government or other agencies for
12 acquiring by lease, purchase, or otherwise such lands as in the judgment of the Department are
13 desirable for State forests and State recreational forests.

14 **"§ 106-853. Expenditure of funds for development, etc.; disposition of products from**
15 **lands; rules.**

16 When lands are acquired or leased under G.S. 106-852, the Department may make
17 expenditures from any funds not otherwise obligated, for the management, development, and
18 utilization of such areas; to sell or otherwise dispose of products from such lands, and to make
19 such rules as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of G.S. 106-852 to G.S. 106-856.

20 **"§ 106-854. Disposition of revenues received from lands acquired.**

21 All revenues derived from lands now owned or later acquired under the provisions of
22 G.S. 106-852 to G.S. 106-856 shall be set aside for the use of the Department in acquisition,
23 management, development, and use of such lands until all obligations incurred have been paid
24 in full. Thereafter, fifty percent (50%) of all net profits accruing from the administration of
25 such lands shall be applicable for such purposes as the General Assembly may prescribe and
26 fifty percent (50%) shall be paid into the school fund to be used in the county or counties in
27 which lands are located.

28 **"§ 106-855. State not obligated for debts created hereunder.**

29 Obligations for the acquisition of land incurred by the Department under the authority of
30 G.S. 106-852 to G.S. 106-856 shall be paid solely and exclusively from revenues derived from
31 such lands and shall not impose any liability upon the general credit and taxing power of the
32 State.

33 **"§ 106-856. Disposition of lands acquired.**

34 The Department shall have full power and authority to sell, exchange, or lease lands under
35 its jurisdiction when in its judgment it is advantageous to the State to do so in the highest
36 orderly development and management of State forests: Provided, however, said sale, lease, or
37 exchange shall not be contrary to the terms of any contract that it has entered into.

38 **"§ 106-857. Management of DuPont State Recreational Forest.**

39 (a) DuPont State Forest is designated as a State Recreational Forest. The Department
40 shall manage DuPont State Recreational Forest: (i) primarily for natural resource preservation,
41 scenic enjoyment and recreational purposes, including horseback riding, hiking, bicycling,
42 hunting, and fishing; (ii) so as to provide an exemplary model of scientifically sound,
43 ecologically based natural resource management for the social and economic benefit of the
44 forest's diverse community of users; and (iii) consistent with the grant agreement between the
45 Natural Heritage Trust Fund and the Division of Forest Resources, which grant designates a
46 portion of the forest as a North Carolina Nature Preserve. In addition, the Department may use
47 the forest for the demonstration of different forest management and resource protection
48 techniques for local landowners, natural resource professionals, students, and other forest
49 visitors.

50 (b) The Department shall adopt a land management plan for DuPont State Recreational
51 Forest, which shall be periodically revised as needed, to (i) provide the ecological context
52 within which management of the forest will be conducted; (ii) describe the desired future
53 condition of natural resources throughout the forest toward which management will be directed;
54 and (iii) outline appropriate management techniques to achieve those desired future conditions.

55 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of G.S. 106-847, with respect to DuPont State
56 Recreational Forest, the Department may cut and remove timber for forest management
57 purposes only, including for the purposes of fire, pest, and disease prevention and control. The
58 Department may cut, remove, and sell timber for the purpose of revenue generation only upon
59 approval of the Governor and the Council of State.

(d) Notwithstanding G.S. 106-856, with respect to property comprising DuPont State Recreational Forest, the Department may sell, lease, or exchange such property only upon approval of the Governor and the Council of State.

(e) The Department may acquire inholdings or lands adjacent to DuPont State Recreational Forest for recreational purposes, natural resource protection or scenic enjoyment purposes, and other purposes described in G.S. 106-846 as appropriate for a recreational forest, and such acquisitions shall be made in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 106-846.

(f) In accordance with subsection (b) of G.S. 106-847, the Department may construct, operate, and maintain within DuPont State Recreational Forest suitable public service facilities and conveniences, and may charge and collect reasonable fees for the use of these facilities and conveniences. The Department may also charge and collect reasonable fees for hunting and fishing privileges in the forest, provided that these privileges shall be extended only to holders of State hunting and fishing licenses who comply with all State game and fish laws.

(g) In accordance with subsection (c) of G.S. 106-847, the Department may grant to private individuals or companies concessions for operation of public service facilities for such periods and upon such conditions as the Department deems to be in the public interest.

(h) The Department shall adopt rules for operation and management of DuPont State Recreational Forest in consultation with interested parties, including, but not limited to, local governments with jurisdiction over the area, the Friends of DuPont Forest, and other stakeholders with interests in the property for recreation and protection of its wildlife populations, water quality, biodiversity, or historical and cultural value.

(i) The Department shall report no later than October 1 of each year to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Natural and Economic Resources, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Environmental Review Commission on the Department's management activities at DuPont State Recreational Forest during the preceding fiscal year and plans for management of DuPont State Recreational Forest for the upcoming fiscal year."

SECTION 13.25.(p) Article 4 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes (G.S. 113-51, 113-52, 113-53.1, 113-54, 113-55, 113-55.1, 113-55.2, 113-56, 113-56.1, 113-57, 113-58, 113-59, 113-60, 113-60.1, 113-60.2, and 113-60.3) is recodified as a new Article 72 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, G.S. 106-860 through G.S. 106-875.

SECTION 13.25.(q) Article 72 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, as recodified under subsection (p) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"Article 72.

"Protection and Development of Forests; Fire Control.

"§ 106-860. Powers of Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~. Agriculture and Consumer Services.

(a) The Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services may take such action as it may deem necessary to provide for the prevention and control of forest fires in any and all parts of this State, and it is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States for the protection of the forested watersheds of streams in this State.

(b) In this Article, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture.

~~(1)(2)~~ (2) "Department" means the Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~. Agriculture and Consumer Services.

~~(2)~~ "Secretary" means the Secretary of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~.

"§ 106-861. Forest rangers.

~~The Secretary-Commissioner~~ may appoint one county forest ranger and one or more deputy forest rangers in each county of the State in which, after careful investigation, the amount of forestland and the risks from forest fires shall, in his judgment, warrant the establishment of a forest fire organization.

"§ 106-862. Forest laws defined.

The forest laws consist of:

(1) G.S. 14-136 to G.S. 14-140;

(2) Articles ~~2, 4, 4A, 4C, and 6A~~ 71 through 79 of this Chapter;

(3) G.S. 77-13 and G.S. 77-14;

- 1 (4) Other statutes enacted for the protection of forests and woodlands from fire,
2 insects, or disease and concerning obstruction of streams and ditches in
3 forests and woodlands; and
4 (5) Regulations and ordinances adopted under the authority of the above
5 statutes.

6 **"§ 106-863. Duties of forest rangers; payment of expenses by State and counties.**

7 Forest rangers shall have charge of measures for controlling forest fires, protection of
8 forests from pests and diseases, and the development and improvement of the forests for
9 maximum production of forest products; shall post along highways and in other conspicuous
10 places copies of the forest fire laws and warnings against fires, which shall be supplied by the
11 ~~Secretary;Commissioner;~~ shall patrol and man lookout towers and other points during dry and
12 dangerous seasons under the direction of the ~~Secretary;Commissioner;~~ and shall perform such
13 other acts and duties as shall be considered necessary by the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ in the
14 protection, development and improvement of the forested area of each of the counties within
15 the State. No county may be held liable for any part of the expenses thus incurred unless
16 specifically authorized by the board of county commissioners under prior written agreement
17 with the ~~Secretary;Commissioner;~~ appropriations for meeting the county's share of such
18 expenses so authorized by the board of county commissioners shall be provided annually in the
19 county budget. For each county in which financial participation by the county is authorized, the
20 ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall keep or cause to be kept an itemized account of all expenses thus
21 incurred and shall send such accounts periodically to the board of county commissioners of said
22 county; upon approval by the board of the correctness of such accounts, the county
23 commissioners shall issue or cause to be issued a warrant on the county treasury for the
24 payment of the county's share of such expenditures, said payment to be made within one month
25 after receipt of such statement from the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~. Appropriations made by a
26 county for the purposes set out in Articles ~~4, 4A, 4C and 6A~~72, 73, 75, and 79 of this Chapter
27 in the cooperative forest protection, development and improvement work are not to replace
28 State and federal funds which may be available to the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ for the work in
29 said county, but are to serve as a supplement thereto. Funds appropriated to the Department for
30 a fiscal year for the purposes set out in Articles ~~4, 4A, 4C and 6A~~72, 73, 75, and 79 of this
31 Chapter shall not be expended in a county unless that county shall contribute at least
32 twenty-five percent (25%) of the total cost of the forestry program.

33 **"§ 106-864. Powers of forest rangers to prevent and extinguish fires; authority to issue
34 citations and warning tickets.**

35 (a) Forest rangers shall prevent and extinguish forest fires and shall have control and
36 direction of all persons and equipment while engaged in the extinguishing of forest fires.
37 During a season of drought, the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ or his designate may establish a fire
38 patrol in any district, and in case of fire in or threatening any forest or woodland, the forest
39 ranger shall attend forthwith and use all necessary means to confine and extinguish such fire.
40 The forest ranger or deputy forest ranger may summon any resident between the ages of 18 and
41 45 years, inclusive, to assist in extinguishing fires and may require the use of crawler tractors
42 and other property needed for such purposes; any person so summoned and who is physically
43 able who refuses or neglects to assist or to allow the use of equipment and such other property
44 required shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and upon conviction shall only be subject to
45 a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). No
46 action for trespass shall lie against any forest ranger, deputy forest ranger, or person summoned
47 by him for crossing lands, backfiring, burning out or performing his duties as a forest ranger or
48 deputy forest ranger.

49 (b) Forest rangers are authorized to issue and serve citations under the terms of
50 G.S. 15A-302 and warning tickets under the terms of ~~G.S. 113-55.2~~G.S. 106-866 for offenses
51 under the forest laws. This subsection may not be interpreted to confer the power of arrest on
52 forest rangers, and does not make them criminal justice officers within the meaning of
53 G.S. 17C-2.

54 **"§ 106-865. Powers of forest law-enforcement officers.**

55 The ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ is authorized to appoint as many forest law-enforcement
56 officers as he deems necessary to carry out the forest law-enforcement responsibilities of the
57 Department. Forest law-enforcement officers shall have all the powers and the duties of a forest
58 ranger enumerated in ~~G.S. 113-54 and 113-55~~G.S. 106-863 and G.S. 106-864. Forest
59 law-enforcement officers shall, in addition to their other duties, have the powers of peace

1 officers to enforce the forest laws. Any forest law-enforcement officer may arrest, without
2 warrant, any person or persons committing any crime in his presence or whom such officer has
3 probable cause for believing has committed a crime in his presence and bring such person or
4 persons forthwith before a district court or other officer having jurisdiction. Forest
5 law-enforcement officers shall also have authority to obtain and serve warrants including
6 warrants for violation of any duly promulgated rule of the Department.

7 **"§ 106-866. Warning tickets for violations of the forest laws.**

8 (a) To encourage the cooperation of the public in achieving the objectives of the forest
9 laws, the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ may provide for the issuance of warning tickets instead of
10 the initiation of criminal prosecution by forest rangers and forest law-enforcement officers.
11 Issuance of the warning tickets shall be in accordance with criteria administratively
12 promulgated by the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ within the requirements of this section. These
13 criteria are exempt from Article 2A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes.

14 (b) No warning ticket may be issued unless all of the following conditions are met:

- 15 (1) The forest ranger or the forest law-enforcement officer must be convinced
16 that the offense was not committed intentionally.
- 17 (2) The offense is not one, or a type of offense, for which the ~~Secretary~~
18 ~~Commissioner~~ has prohibited the issuance of warning tickets.
- 19 (3) At the time of the violation it was not reasonably foreseeable that the
20 conduct of the offender could result in any significant destruction of forests
21 or woodlands or constitute a hazard to the public.

22 (c) A warning ticket may not be issued if the offender has previously been charged
23 with, or issued a warning ticket for, the same or a similar offense within the preceding three
24 years. A list of persons who have been issued warning tickets under this section within the
25 preceding three years shall be maintained and periodically updated by the
26 ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~.

27 (d) This section does not entitle any person who has committed an offense to the right
28 to be issued a warning ticket, and the issuance of a warning ticket does not prohibit the later
29 initiation of criminal prosecution for the same offense for which the warning ticket was issued.

30 **"§ 106-867. Compensation of forest rangers.**

31 Forest rangers shall receive compensation from the Department at a reasonable rate to be
32 fixed by said Department for the time actually engaged in the performance of their duties; and
33 reasonable expenses for equipment, transportation, or food supplies incurred in the
34 performance of their duties, according to an itemized statement to be rendered the ~~Secretary~~
35 ~~Commissioner~~ every month, and approved by him. Forest rangers shall render to the ~~Secretary~~
36 ~~Commissioner~~ a statement of the services rendered by the men employed by them or their
37 deputy rangers, as provided in this Article, within one month of the date of service, which bill
38 shall show in detail the amount and character of the service performed, the exact duration
39 thereof, the name of each person employed, and any other information required by the
40 ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~. If said bill be duly approved by the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~, it shall
41 be paid by direction of the Department out of any funds provided for that purpose.

42 **"§ 106-868. Overtime compensation for forest fire fighting.**

43 The Department shall, within funds appropriated to the Department, provide overtime
44 compensation to the professional employees of the Division of Forest Resources involved in
45 fighting forest fires.

46 **"§ 106-869. Woodland defined.**

47 For the purposes of this Article, woodland is taken to include all forest areas, both timber
48 and cutover land, and all second-growth stands on areas that have at one time been cultivated.

49 **"§ 106-870. Misdemeanor to destroy posted forestry notice.**

50 Any person who shall maliciously or willfully destroy, deface, remove, or disfigure any
51 sign, poster, or warning notice, posted by order of the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~, under the
52 provisions of this Article, or any other act which may be passed for the purpose of protecting
53 and developing the forests in this State, shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

54 **"§ 106-871. Cooperation between counties and State in forest protection and
55 development.**

56 The board of county commissioners of any county is hereby authorized and empowered to
57 cooperate with the Department in the protection, reforestation, and promotion of forest
58 management of their own forests within their respective counties, and to appropriate and pay
59 out of the funds under their control such amount as is provided in ~~G.S. 113-54-G.S. 106-863~~.

"§ 106-872. Instructions on forest preservation and development.

(a) It shall be the duty of all district, county, township rangers, and all deputy rangers provided for in this Chapter to distribute in all of the public schools and high schools of the county in which they are serving as such fire rangers all such tracts, books, periodicals and other literature that may, from time to time, be sent out to such rangers by the State and federal forestry agencies touching or dealing with forest preservation, development, and forest management.

(b) It shall be the duty of the various rangers herein mentioned under the direction of the ~~Secretary, Commissioner~~, and the duty of the teachers of the various schools, both public and high schools, to keep posted at some conspicuous place in the various classrooms of the school buildings such appropriate bulletins and posters as may be sent out from the forestry agencies herein named for that purpose and keep the same constantly before their pupils; and said teachers and rangers shall prepare lectures or talks to be made to the pupils of the various schools on the subject of forest fires, their origin and their destructive effect on the plant life and tree life of the forests of the State, the development and scientific management of the forests of the State, and shall be prepared to give practical instruction to their pupils from time to time and as often as they shall find it possible so to do.

"§ 106-873. Authority of Governor to close forests and woodlands to hunting, fishing and trapping.

During periods of protracted drought or when other hazardous fire conditions threaten forest and water resources and appear to require extraordinary precautions, the Governor of the State, upon the joint recommendation of the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ and the Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, may by official proclamation:

- (1) Close any or all of the woodlands and inland waters of the State to hunting, fishing and trapping for the period of the emergency.
- (2) Forbid for the period of the emergency the building of campfires and the burning of brush, grass or other debris within 500 feet of any woodland in any county, counties, or parts thereof.
- (3) Close for the period of the emergency any or all of the woodlands of the State to such other persons and activities as he deems proper under the circumstances, except to the owners or tenants of such property and their agents and employees, or persons holding written permission from any owner or his recognized agent to enter thereon for any lawful purpose other than hunting, fishing or trapping.

"§ 106-874. Publication of proclamation; annulment thereof.

Such proclamation shall become effective 24 hours after certified time of issue, and shall be published in such newspapers and posted in such places and in such manner as the Governor may direct. It shall be annulled in the same manner by another proclamation by the Governor when he is satisfied, upon joint recommendation of the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ and the Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, that the period of the emergency has passed.

"§ 106-875. Violation of proclamation a misdemeanor.

Any person, firm or corporation who enters upon any woodlands or inland waters of the State for the purpose of hunting, fishing or trapping, or who builds a campfire or burns brush, grass or other debris within 500 feet of any woodland, after a proclamation has been issued by the Governor forbidding such activities, or who violates any other provisions of the Governor's proclamation with regard to permissible activities in closed woodlands shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor."

SECTION 13.25.(r) Article 4A of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes (G.S. 113-60.4, 113-60.5, 113-60.6, 113-60.7, 113-60.8, 113-60.9, 113-60.10) is recodified as a new Article 73 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, G.S. 106-880 through G.S. 106-886.

SECTION 13.25.(s) Article 73 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, as recodified under subsection (r) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"Article 73.

"Protection of Forest Against Insect Infestation and Disease.

"§ 106-880. Purpose and intent.

(a) The purpose of this Article is to place within the Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources, Agriculture and Consumer Services~~ the authority and responsibility for investigating insect infestations and disease infections which affect stands of forest trees, the

1 devising of control measures for interested landowners and others, and taking measures to
2 control, suppress, or eradicate outbreaks of forest insect pests and tree diseases.

3 (b) In this Article, unless the context requires otherwise, the expression "Department"
4 means the Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~; "Secretary" ~~Agriculture and~~
5 ~~Consumer Services~~, and "Commissioner" means the ~~Secretary of Environment and Natural~~
6 ~~Resources~~; Commissioner of Agriculture.

7 **"§ 106-881. Authority of the Department.**

8 The authority and responsibility for carrying out the purpose, intent and provisions of this
9 Article are hereby delegated to the Department. The administration of the provisions of this
10 Article shall be under the general supervision of the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~. ~~The provisions of~~
11 ~~this Article shall not abrogate or change any power or authority as may be vested in the North~~
12 ~~Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services under existing statutes.~~

13 **"§ 106-882. Definitions.**

14 As used in this Article, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- 15 (1) "Control zone" means an area of potential or actual infestation or infection,
16 boundaries of which are fixed and clearly described in a manner to definitely
17 identify the zone.
- 18 (2) "Forestland" means land on which forest trees occur.
- 19 (3) "Forest trees" means only those trees which are a part and constitute a stand
20 of potential immature or mature commercial timber trees, provided that the
21 term "forest trees" shall be deemed to include shade trees of any species
22 around houses, along highways, and within cities and towns, if the same
23 constitute insect and disease menaces to nearby timber trees or timber
24 stands.
- 25 (4) "Infection" means attack by any disease affecting forest trees which is
26 declared by the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ to be dangerously injurious thereto.
- 27 (5) "Infestation" means attack by means of any insect, which is by the ~~Secretary~~
28 ~~Commissioner~~ declared to be dangerously injurious to forest trees.

29 **"§ 106-883. Action against insects and diseases.**

30 Whenever the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~, or his agent, determines that there exists an
31 infestation of forest insect pests or an infection of forest tree diseases, injurious or potentially
32 injurious to the timber or forest trees within the State of North Carolina, and that said
33 infestation or infection is of such a character as to be a menace to the timber or forest growth of
34 the State, the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall declare the existence of a zone of infestation or
35 infection and shall declare and fix boundaries so as to definitely describe and identify said zone
36 of infestation or infection, and the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ or his agent shall give notice in
37 writing by mail or otherwise to each forest landowner within the designated control zone
38 advising him of the nature of the infestation or infection, the recommended control measures,
39 and offer him technical advice on methods of carrying out controls.

40 **"§ 106-884. Authority of ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ and his agents to go upon private land**
41 **within control zones.**

42 The ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ or his agents shall have the power to go upon the land within
43 any zone of infestation or infection and take measures to control, suppress or eradicate the
44 insect, infestation or disease infection. If any person refuses to allow the ~~Secretary~~
45 ~~Commissioner~~ or his agents to go upon his land, or if any person refuses to adopt adequate
46 means to control or eradicate the insect, infestation or disease infection, the ~~Secretary~~
47 ~~Commissioner~~ may apply to the superior court of the county in which the land is located for an
48 injunction or other appropriate remedy to restrain the landowner from interfering with the
49 ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ or his agents in entering the control zone and adopting measures to
50 control, suppress or eradicate the insect infestation or disease infection, provided the cost of
51 court or control thereof shall not be a liability against the forest landowner nor constitute a lien
52 upon the real property of such infested area.

53 **"§ 106-885. Cooperative agreements.**

54 In order to more effectively carry out the purposes of this Article, the Department is hereby
55 authorized to enter into cooperative agreement with the federal government and other public
56 and private agencies, and with the owners of forestland.

57 **"§ 106-886. Annulment of control zone.**

58 Whenever the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ determines that the forest insect or disease control
59 work within a designated control zone is no longer necessary or feasible, then the ~~Secretary~~

1 Commissioner shall declare the zone of infestation or infection no longer pertinent to the
2 purposes of this Article and such zone will then no longer be recognized."

3 **SECTION 13.25.(t)** Article 4B of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes
4 (G.S. 113-60.11, 113-60.12, 113-60.13, 113-60.14, and 113-60.15) is recodified as a new
5 Article 74 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, G.S. 106-890 through G.S. 106-894.

6 **SECTION 13.25.(u)** G.S. 106-893, as recodified in subsection (t) of this section,
7 reads as rewritten:

8 **"§ 106-893. Compact Administrator; North Carolina members of advisory committee.**

9 The ~~Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources~~Commissioner of Agriculture is
10 hereby designated as Compact Administrator for this State and shall consult with like officials
11 of the other member states and shall implement cooperation between such states in forest fire
12 prevention and control.

13 At some time before the adjournment of each regular session of the General Assembly, the
14 Governor shall choose one person from the membership of the House of Representatives, and
15 shall choose one person from the membership of the Senate, who shall serve on the advisory
16 committee of the Southeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact as provided for in
17 Article III of said Compact. At the time of the selection of the House and Senate members of
18 such advisory committee, the Governor shall choose one alternate member from the House of
19 Representatives and one from the Senate who shall serve on such advisory committee in case of
20 the death, absence or disability of the regular members so chosen."

21 **SECTION 13.25.(v)** G.S. 106-894, as recodified in subsection (t) of this section,
22 reads as rewritten:

23 **"§ 106-894. Agreements with noncompact states.**

24 The Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~Agriculture and Consumer Services
25 is hereby authorized to enter into written agreements with the State forest fire control agency of
26 any other state or any province of Canada which is party to a regional forest fire protection
27 compact. The provisions of any written agreement entered into pursuant to this Article shall be
28 substantially in the form of the authority heretofore granted under the provisions of this Article,
29 Southeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact."

30 **SECTION 13.25.(w)** Article 4C of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes
31 (G.S. 113-60.21, 113-60.22, 113-60.23, 113-60.24, 113-60.25, 113-60.26, 113-60.27,
32 113-60.28, 113-60.29, 113-60.30, and 113-60.31) is recodified as a new Article 75 of Chapter
33 106 of the General Statutes, G.S. 106-900 through G.S. 106-910.

34 **SECTION 13.25.(x)** Article 75 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, as
35 recodified by subsection (w) of this section, reads as rewritten:

36 "Article 75.

37 "Regulation of Open Fires.

38 **"§ 106-900. Purpose and findings.**

39 The purpose of this Article is to regulate certain open burning in order to protect the public
40 from the hazards of forest fires and air pollution and to adapt such regulation to the needs and
41 circumstances of the different areas of North Carolina. The General Assembly finds that open
42 burning in proximity to woodlands must be regulated in all counties to protect against forest
43 fires and air pollution. The General Assembly further finds that in certain counties a high
44 percentage of the land area contains organic soils or forest types which may pose greater
45 problems of forest fire and air pollution controls, and that in counties in which a great amount
46 of land-clearing operations is taking place on these organic soils or these forest types,
47 additional control of open burning is required. The counties subject to the need for additional
48 control are classified as high hazard counties for purpose of this Article.

49 **"§ 106-901. Definitions.**

50 As used in this Article:

- 51 (1) "Department" means the Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
52 ~~Resources~~Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- 53 (2) "Forest ranger" means the county forest ranger or deputy forest ranger
54 designated under ~~G.S. 113-52~~G.S. 106-861.
- 55 (3) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association,
56 public or private institution, political subdivision, or government agency.
- 57 (4) "Woodland" means woodland as defined in ~~G.S. 113-57~~G.S. 106-869.

58 **"§ 106-902. High hazard counties; permits required; standards.**

1 (a) The provisions of this section apply only to the counties of Beaufort, Bladen,
2 Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Gates, Hyde, Jones,
3 Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington which are classified as
4 high hazard counties in accordance with ~~G.S. 113-60.21~~G.S. 106-900.

5 (b) It is unlawful for any person to willfully start or cause to be started any fire in any
6 woodland under the protection of the Department or within 500 feet of any such woodland
7 without first having obtained a permit from the Department. Permits for starting fires may be
8 obtained from forest rangers or other agents authorized by the county forest ranger to issue
9 such permits in the county in which the fire is to be started. Such permits shall be issued by the
10 ranger or other agent unless permits for the area in question have been prohibited or cancelled
11 in accordance with ~~G.S. 113-60.25 or 113-60.27~~G.S. 106-904 or G.S. 106-906.

12 (c) It is unlawful for any person to willfully burn any debris, stumps, brush or other
13 flammable materials resulting from ground clearing activities and involving more than five
14 contiguous acres, regardless of the proximity of the burning to woodland and on which such
15 materials are placed in piles or windrows without first having obtained a special permit from
16 the Department. Areas less than five acres in size will require a regular permit in accordance
17 with ~~G.S. 113-60.23(b)~~G.S. 106-902(b).

18 (1) Prevailing winds at the time of ignition must be away from any city, town,
19 development, major highway, or other populated area, the ambient air of
20 which may be significantly affected by smoke, fly ash, or other air
21 contaminates from the burning.

22 (2) The location of the burning must be at least 1,000 feet from any dwelling or
23 structure located in a predominately residential area other than a dwelling or
24 structure located on the property on which the burning is conducted unless
25 permission is granted by the occupants.

26 (3) The amount of dirt or organic soil on or in the material to be burned must be
27 minimized and the material arranged in a way suitable to facilitate rapid
28 burning.

29 (4) Burning may not be initiated when it is determined by a forest ranger, based
30 on information supplied by a competent authority that stagnant air conditions
31 or inversions exist or that such conditions may occur during the duration of
32 the burn.

33 (5) Heavy oils, asphaltic material, or items containing natural or synthetic
34 rubber may not be used to ignite the material to be burned or to promote the
35 burning of such material.

36 (6) Initial burning may be commenced only between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and
37 3:00 P.M. and no combustible material may be added to the fire between
38 3:00 P.M. on one day and 9:00 A.M. on the following day, except that when
39 favorable meteorological conditions exist, any forest ranger authorized to
40 issue the permit may authorize in writing a deviation from the restrictions.

41 **"§ 106-903. Open burning in non-high hazard counties; permits required; standards.**

42 (a) The provisions of this section apply only to the counties not designated as high
43 hazard counties in ~~G.S. 113-60.23(a)~~G.S. 106-902(a).

44 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite
45 any material in any woodland under the protection of the Department or within 500 feet of any
46 such woodland during the hours starting at midnight and ending at 4:00 P.M. without first
47 obtaining a permit from the Department. Permits may be obtained from forest rangers or other
48 agents authorized by the forest ranger to issue such permits in the county in which the fire is to
49 be started. Such permits shall be issued by the ranger or other agent unless permits for the area
50 in question have been prohibited or cancelled under ~~G.S. 113-60.25 or 113-60.27~~G.S. 106-904
51 or G.S. 106-906.

52 **"§ 106-904. Open burning prohibited statewide.**

53 During periods of hazardous forest fire conditions or during air pollution episodes declared
54 pursuant to Article 21B of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, the ~~secretary~~Commissioner is
55 authorized to prohibit all open burning regardless of whether a permit is required under
56 ~~G.S. 113-60.23 or 113-60.24~~G.S. 106-902 or G.S. 106-903. The ~~secretary~~Commissioner shall
57 issue a press release containing relevant details of the prohibition to news media serving the
58 area affected.

59 **"§ 106-905. Permit conditions.**

1 Permits issued under this Article shall be issued in the name of the person undertaking the
2 burning and shall specify the specific area in which the burning is to occur, the type and
3 amount of material to be burned, the duration of the permit, and such other factors as are
4 necessary to identify the burning which is allowed under the permit.

5 **"§ 106-906. Permit suspension and cancellation.**

6 Upon a determination that hazardous forest fire conditions exist the ~~secretary~~
7 Commissioner is authorized to cancel any permit issued under this Article and suspend the
8 issuance of any new permits. Upon a determination by the Environmental Management
9 Commission or its agent that open burning permitted under this Article is causing significant
10 contravention of ambient air quality standards or that an air pollution episode exists pursuant to
11 Article 21B of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, the ~~secretary~~Commissioner shall cancel
12 any permits issued under authority of this Article and shall suspend the issuance of any new
13 permits.

14 **"§ 106-907. Control of existing fires.**

15 (a) If a fire is set without a permit required by ~~G.S. 113-60.23, 113-60.24 or~~
16 ~~113-60.25~~G.S. 106-902, 106-903, or 106-904, and is set in an area in which permits are
17 prohibited or cancelled at the time the fire is set, the person responsible for setting the fire or
18 causing the fire to be set shall immediately extinguish the fire or take such other action as
19 directed by any forest ranger authorized to issue permits under
20 ~~G.S. 113-60.23(e)~~G.S. 106-902(c). In the event that the person responsible does not
21 immediately undertake efforts to extinguish the fire or take such other action as directed by the
22 forest ranger, the Department may enter the property and take reasonable steps to extinguish or
23 control the fire and the person responsible for setting the fire shall reimburse the Department
24 for the expenses incurred by the Department. A showing that a fire is associated with
25 land-clearing activities is prima facie evidence that the person undertaking the land clearing is
26 responsible for setting the fire or causing the fire to be set.

27 (b) If a fire requiring a permit under ~~G.S. 113-60.23(e)~~G.S. 106-902(c) is set without a
28 permit and a forest ranger authorized to issue such permits determines that a permit would not
29 have been issued for the fire at the time it was set, the person responsible for setting the fire or
30 causing the fire to be set shall immediately take such action as the forest ranger directs to
31 extinguish or control the fire. In the event the person responsible does not immediately
32 undertake efforts to extinguish the fire or take such other action as directed by the forest ranger,
33 the Department may enter the property and take reasonable steps to extinguish or control the
34 fire and the person responsible for setting the fire shall reimburse the Department for the
35 expenses incurred by the Department. A showing that a fire is associated with land-clearing
36 activities is prima facie evidence that the person undertaking the land clearing is responsible
37 for setting the fire or causing the fire to be set.

38 (c) If a fire is set in accordance with a permit but the burning is taking place contrary to
39 the conditions of the permit, any forest ranger with authority to issue permits in the area in
40 question may order the permittee in writing to undertake the steps necessary to comply with the
41 conditions of his permit. If the permittee is not making a reasonable effort to comply with the
42 order, the forest ranger may enter the property and take reasonable steps to extinguish or
43 control the fire and the permittee shall reimburse the Department for the expenses incurred by
44 the Department.

45 **"§ 106-908. Penalties.**

46 Any person violating the provisions of this Article or of any permit issued under the
47 authority of this Article shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. The penalties imposed by this
48 section shall be separate and apart and not in lieu of any civil or criminal penalties which may
49 be imposed by G.S. 143-215.114A or G.S. 143-215.114B. The penalties imposed are also in
50 addition to any liability the violator incurs as a result of actions taken by the Department under
51 ~~G.S. 113-60.28~~G.S. 106-907.

52 **"§ 106-909. Effect on other laws.**

53 This Article shall not be construed as affecting or abridging the lawful authority of local
54 governments to pass ordinances relating to open burning within their boundaries. Nothing in
55 this Article shall relieve any person from compliance with the provisions of Article 21B of
56 Chapter 143 of the General Statutes and regulations adopted thereunder. In the event that
57 permits are required for open burning associated with land clearing under the authority of
58 Article 21B of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, the authority to issue such permits shall be

1 delegated to forest rangers who are authorized to issue permits under
2 ~~G.S. 113-60.23(e)~~. G.S. 106-902(c).

3 **"§ 106-910. Exempt fires; no permit fees.**

4 (a) This Article shall not apply to any fires started, or caused to be started, within 100
5 feet of an occupied dwelling house if such fire shall be confined (i) within an enclosure from
6 which burning material may not escape or (ii) within a protected area upon which a watch is
7 being maintained and which is provided with adequate fire protection equipment.

8 (b) No charge shall be made for the granting of any permit required by this Article."

9 **SECTION 13.25.(y)** Article 4D of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes
10 (G.S. 113-60.32 and G.S. 113-60.33) is recodified as a new Article 76 of Chapter 106 of the
11 General Statutes, G.S. 106-915 and G.S. 106-916.

12 **SECTION 13.25.(z)** Article 76 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, as
13 recodified by subsection (y) of this section, reads as rewritten:

14 "Article 76.

15 "Fire Fighters on Standby Duty.

16 **"§ 106-915. Definitions.**

17 As used in this Article:

- 18 (1) "Fire fighter" means an employee of the Division of Forest Resources of the
19 Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and
20 Consumer Services who engages in fire suppression duties.
21 (2) "Fire suppression duties" means involvement in on-site fire suppression,
22 participation in Project Fire Team while it is mobilized, Operations Room
23 duty during on-going fires or when required by high readiness plans, mop-up
24 activities to secure fire sites, scouting and detecting forest fires, performance
25 of standby duty, and any other activity that directly contributes to the
26 detection, response to, and control of fires.

27 **"§ 106-916. Standby duty.**

28 (a) Standby duty is time during which a fire fighter is required to remain within 25
29 miles of his duty station and be available to return to the duty station on call. The Department
30 of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall provide each fire fighter on standby duty with an
31 electronic paging device that makes the wearer accessible to his duty station.

32 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, for at least two out of 14 consecutive
33 days that a fire fighter is on duty, the Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
34 ~~Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services shall permit the fire fighter to be more than 25
35 miles from his duty station so long as the fire fighter gives the Department of ~~Environment and~~
36 ~~Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services a telephone number where he can be
37 reached; each month, the days the fire fighter is permitted to be more than 25 miles from his
38 duty station shall include one full weekend. On the days the fire fighter is permitted to be more
39 than 25 miles from his duty station, the Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~
40 Agriculture and Consumer Services may call him only when there is a bona fide emergency."

41 **SECTION 13.25.(aa)** Article 4E of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes
42 (G.S. 113-60.40, 113-60.41, 113-60.42, 113-60.43, 113-60.44, and 113-60.45) is recodified as
43 a new Article 77 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, G.S. 106-920 through G.S. 106-925.

44 **SECTION 13.25.(bb)** Article 77 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, as
45 recodified by subsection (aa) of this section, reads as rewritten:

46 "Article 77.

47 "North Carolina Prescribed Burning Act.

48 **"§ 106-920. Legislative findings.**

49 The General Assembly finds that prescribed burning of forestlands is a management tool
50 that is beneficial to North Carolina's public safety, forest and wildlife resources, environment,
51 and economy. The General Assembly finds that the following are benefits that result from
52 prescribed burning of forestlands:

- 53 (1) Prescribed burning reduces the naturally occurring buildup of vegetative
54 fuels on forestlands, thereby reducing the risk and severity of wildfires and
55 lessening the loss of life and property.
56 (2) The State's ever-increasing population is resulting in urban development
57 directly adjacent to fire-prone forestlands, referred to as a woodland-urban
58 interface area. The use of prescribed burning in these woodland-urban
59 interface areas substantially reduces the risk of wildfires that cause damage.

- 1 (3) Many of North Carolina's natural ecosystems require periodic fire for their
2 survival. Prescribed burning is essential to the perpetuation, restoration, and
3 management of many plant and animal communities. Prescribed burning
4 benefits game, nongame, and endangered wildlife species by increasing the
5 growth and yield of plants that provide forage and an area for escape and
6 brooding and that satisfy other habitat needs.
- 7 (4) Forestlands are economic, biological, and aesthetic resources of statewide
8 significance. In addition to reducing the frequency and severity of
9 wildfires, prescribed burning of forestlands helps to prepare sites for
10 replanting and natural seeding, to control insects and diseases, and to
11 increase productivity.
- 12 (5) Prescribed burning enhances the resources on public use lands, such as State
13 and national forests, wildlife refuges, nature preserves, and game lands.
14 Prescribed burning enhances private lands that are managed for wildlife
15 refuges, nature preserves, and game lands. Prescribed burning enhances
16 private lands that are managed for wildlife, recreation, and other purposes.

17 As North Carolina's population grows, pressures resulting from liability issues and smoke
18 complaints discourage or limit prescribed burning so that these numerous benefits to
19 forestlands often are not attainable. By recognizing the benefits of prescribed burning and by
20 adopting requirements governing prescribed burning, the General Assembly helps to educate
21 the public, avoid misunderstandings, and reduce complaints about this valuable management
22 tool.

23 **"§ 106-921. Definitions.**

24 As used in this Article:

- 25 (1) "Certified prescribed burner" means an individual who has successfully
26 completed a certification program approved by the Division of Forest
27 Resources of the Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
28 ~~Resources, Agriculture and Consumer Services.~~
- 29 (2) "Prescribed burning" means the planned and controlled application of fire to
30 naturally occurring vegetative fuels under safe weather and safe
31 environmental and other conditions, while following appropriate
32 precautionary measures that will confine the fire to a predetermined area and
33 accomplish the intended management objectives.
- 34 (3) "Prescription" means a written plan prepared by a certified prescribed burner
35 for starting, controlling, and extinguishing a prescribed burning.

36 **"106-922. Immunity from liability.**

37 (a) Any prescribed burning conducted in compliance with ~~G.S. 113-60.43~~G.S. 106-923
38 is in the public interest and does not constitute a public or private nuisance.

39 (b) A landowner or the landowner's agent who conducts a prescribed burning in
40 compliance with ~~G.S. 113-60.43~~G.S. 106-923 shall not be liable in any civil action for any
41 damage or injury caused by or resulting from smoke.

42 (c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), this section does not apply when a
43 nuisance or damage results from a negligently or improperly conducted prescribed burning.

44 **"§ 106-923. Prescribed burning.**

45 (a) Prior to conducting a prescribed burning, the landowner shall obtain a prescription
46 for the prescribed burning prepared by a certified prescribed burner and filed with the Division
47 of Forest Resources, Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources, Agriculture and~~
48 ~~Consumer Services.~~ A copy of the prescription shall be provided to the landowner. A copy of
49 this prescription shall be in the possession of the responsible burner on site throughout the
50 duration of the prescribed burning. The prescription shall include:

- 51 (1) The landowner's name and address.
52 (2) A description of the area to be burned.
53 (3) A map of the area to be burned.
54 (4) An estimate in tons of the fuel located on the area.
55 (5) The objectives of the prescribed burning.
56 (6) A list of the acceptable weather conditions and parameters for the prescribed
57 burning sufficient to minimize the likelihood of smoke damage and fire
58 escaping onto adjacent areas.

- 1 (7) The name of the certified prescribed burner responsible for conducting the
2 prescribed burning.
- 3 (8) A summary of the methods that are adequate for the particular circumstances
4 involved to be used to start, control, and extinguish the prescribed burning.
- 5 (9) Provision for reasonable notice of the prescribed burning to be provided to
6 nearby homes and businesses to avoid effects on health and property.
- 7 (b) The prescribed burning shall be conducted by a certified prescribed burner in
8 accordance with a prescription that satisfies subsection (a) of this section. The certified
9 prescribed burner shall be present on the site and shall be in charge of the burning throughout
10 the period of the burning. A landowner may conduct a prescribed burning without being a
11 certified prescribed burner if the landowner is burning a tract of forestland of 50 acres or less
12 owned by that landowner and is following all conditions established in a prescription prepared
13 by a certified prescribed burner.
- 14 (c) Prior to conducting a prescribed burning, the landowner or the landowner's agent
15 shall obtain an open-burning permit under Article 4C of this Chapter from the Division of
16 Forest Resources, Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and
17 Consumer Services. This open-burning permit must remain in effect throughout the period of
18 the prescribed burning. The prescribed burning shall be conducted in compliance with all the
19 following:
- 20 (1) The terms and conditions of the open-burning permit under ~~Article~~
21 ~~4C~~ Article 75 of this Chapter.
- 22 (2) The State's air pollution control statutes under Article 21 and Article 21B of
23 Chapter 143 of the General Statutes and any rules adopted pursuant to these
24 statutes.
- 25 (3) Any applicable local ordinances relating to open burning.
- 26 (4) The voluntary smoke management guidelines adopted by the Division of
27 Forest Resources, Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
28 ~~Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- 29 (5) Any rules adopted by the Division of Forest Resources, Department of
30 ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services, to
31 implement this Article.

32 **"§ 106-924. Adoption of rules.**

33 The Division of Forest Resources, Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
34 ~~Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services, may adopt rules that govern prescribed burning
35 under this Article.

36 **"§ 106-925. Exemption.**

37 This Article does not apply when the ~~Secretary of Environment and Natural~~
38 ~~Resources~~ Commissioner of Agriculture has cancelled burning permits pursuant to
39 ~~G.S. 113-60.27~~ G.S. 106-906 or prohibited all open burning pursuant to
40 ~~G.S. 113-60.25~~ G.S. 106-904."

41 **SECTION 13.25.(cc)** Article 5 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes
42 (G.S. 113-61, 113-62, 113-63, 113-64, 113-65, 113-66, 113-67, 113-68, 113-69, 113-70,
43 113-71, 113-72, 113-73, 113-74, 113-75, 113-76, and 113-77) is recodified as a new Article 78
44 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, G.S. 106-930 through G.S. 106-946.

45 **SECTION 13.25.(dd)** Article 78 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, as
46 recodified by subsection (cc) of this section, reads as rewritten:

47 "Article 78.

48 "Corporations for Protection and Development of Forests.

49 **"§ 106-930. Private limited dividend corporations may be formed.**

50 (a) In this Article, unless the context requires otherwise, "Department" means the
51 Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~; and "~~Secretary~~" Agriculture and Consumer
52 Services, and "~~Commissioner~~" means the ~~Secretary of Environment and Natural~~
53 ~~Resources~~ Commissioner of Agriculture.

54 (b) Three or more persons, who associate themselves by an agreement in writing for the
55 purpose, may become a private limited dividend corporation to finance and carry out projects
56 for the protection and development of forests and for such other related purposes as the
57 Secretary shall approve, subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities, and possessing all
58 the rights, powers, and privileges, of corporations organized under the general corporation laws
59 of the State of North Carolina, except where such provisions are in conflict with this Article.

"§ 106-931. Manner of organizing.

A corporation formed under this Article shall be organized and incorporated in the manner provided for organization of corporations under the general corporation laws of the State of North Carolina, except where such provisions are in conflict with this Article. The certificate of organization of any such corporation shall contain a statement that it is organized under the provisions of this Article and that it consents to be and shall be at all times subject to the rules and supervision of the Secretary, and shall set forth as or among its purposes the protection and development of forests and the purchase, acquisition, sale, conveyance and other dealing in the same and the products therefrom, subject to the rules from time to time imposed by the Secretary.

"§ 106-932. Directors.

There shall not be less than three directors, one of whom shall always be a person designated by the Secretary, which one need not be a stockholder.

"§ 106-933. Duties of supervision by ~~Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources~~ Commissioner.

Corporations formed under this Article shall be regulated by the ~~Secretary~~ Commissioner in the manner provided in this Article. Traveling and other expenses incurred by him in the discharge of the duties imposed upon him by this Article shall be charged to, and paid by, the particular corporation or corporations on account of which such expenses are incurred. His general expenses incurred in the discharge of such duties which cannot be fairly charged to any particular corporation or corporations shall be charged to, and paid by, all the corporations then organized and existing under this Article pro rata according to their respective stock capitalizations. The ~~Secretary~~ Commissioner shall:

- (1) Adopt rules to implement this Article and to protect and develop forests subject to its jurisdiction.
- (2) Order all corporations organized under this Article to do such acts as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of law and the rules adopted by the ~~Secretary~~ Commissioner, or to refrain from doing any acts in violation thereof.
- (3) Keep informed as to the general condition of all such corporations, their capitalization and the manner in which their property is permitted, operated or managed with respect to their compliance with all provisions of law and orders of the ~~Secretary~~ Commissioner.
- (4) Require every such corporation to file with the ~~Secretary~~ Commissioner annual reports and, if the ~~Secretary~~ Commissioner shall consider it advisable, other periodic and special reports, setting forth such information as to its affairs as the ~~Secretary~~ Commissioner may require.

"§ 106-934. Powers of ~~Secretary~~ Commissioner.

The ~~Secretary~~ Commissioner may:

- (1) Examine at any time all books, contracts, records, documents and papers of any such corporation.
- (2) In his discretion prescribe uniform methods and forms of keeping accounts, records and books to be observed by such corporation, and prescribe by order accounts in which particular outlays and receipts are to be entered, charged or credited. The ~~Secretary~~ Commissioner shall not, however, have authority to require any revaluation of the real property or other fixed assets of such corporations, but he shall allow proper charges for the depletion of timber due to cutting or destruction.
- (3) Enforce the provisions of this Article, a rule implementing this Article, or an order issued under this Article by filing a petition for a writ of mandamus or application for an injunction in the superior court of the county in which the respondent corporation has its principal place of business. The final judgment in any such proceeding shall either dismiss the proceeding or direct that a writ of mandamus or an injunction, or both, issue as prayed for in the petition or in such modified or other form as the court may determine will afford appropriate relief.

"§ 106-935. Provision for appeal by corporations to Governor.

If any corporation organized under this Article is dissatisfied with or aggrieved at any rule or order imposed upon it by the ~~Secretary~~ Commissioner, or any valuation or appraisal of any

1 of its property made by the ~~Secretary, Commissioner~~, or any failure of or refusal by the
2 ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ to approve of or consent to any action which it can take only with
3 such approval or consent, it may appeal to the Governor by filing with him a claim of appeal
4 upon which the decision of the Governor shall be final. Such determination, if other than a
5 dismissal of the appeal, shall be set forth by the Governor in a written mandate to the
6 ~~Secretary, Commissioner~~, who shall abide thereby and take such actions as the same may direct.

7 **"§ 106-936. Limitations as to dividends.**

8 The shares of stock of corporations organized under this Article shall have a par value and,
9 except as provided in ~~G.S. 113-69~~G.S. 106-938 in respect to distributions in kind upon
10 dissolution, no dividend shall be paid thereon at a rate in excess of six per centum (6%) per
11 annum on stock having a preference as to dividends, or eight per centum (8%) per annum on
12 stock not having a preference as to dividends, except that any such dividends may be
13 cumulative without interest.

14 **"§ 106-937. Issuance of securities restricted.**

15 No such corporation shall issue stock, bonds or other securities except for money,
16 timberlands, or interests therein, located in the State of North Carolina or other property,
17 actually received, or services rendered, for its use and its lawful purposes. Timberlands, or
18 interests therein, and other property or services so accepted therefor, shall be upon a valuation
19 approved by the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~.

20 **"§ 106-938. Limitation on bounties to stockholders.**

21 Stockholders shall at no time receive or accept from any such corporation in repayment of
22 their investment in its stock any sums in excess of the par value of the stock together with
23 cumulative dividends at the rate set forth in ~~G.S. 113-67~~G.S. 106-936 except that nothing in
24 this section contained shall be construed to prohibit the distribution of the assets of such
25 corporation in kind to its stockholders upon dissolution thereof.

26 **"§ 106-939. Earnings above dividend requirements payable to State.**

27 Any earnings of such corporation in excess of the amounts necessary to pay dividends to
28 stockholders at the rate set forth in ~~G.S. 113-67~~G.S. 106-936 shall be paid over to the State of
29 North Carolina prior to the dissolution of such corporation. Net income or net losses
30 (determined in such manner as the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall consider properly to show
31 such income or losses) from the sale of the capital assets of such corporation, whether such sale
32 be upon dissolution or otherwise, shall be considered in determining the earnings of such
33 corporation for the purposes of this section. In determining such earnings unrealized
34 appreciation or depreciation of real estate or other fixed assets shall not be considered.

35 **"§ 106-940. Dissolution of corporation.**

36 Any such corporation may be dissolved at any time in the manner provided by and under
37 the provisions of the general corporation laws of the State of North Carolina, except that the
38 court shall dismiss any petition for dissolution of any such corporation filed within 20 years of
39 the date of its organization unless the same is accompanied by a certificate of the ~~Secretary~~
40 ~~Commissioner~~ consenting to such dissolution.

41 **"§ 106-941. Cutting and sale of timber.**

42 Any such corporation may cut and sell the timber on its land or permit the cutting thereof,
43 but all such cuttings shall be in accordance with the rules, restrictions and limitations imposed
44 by the ~~Secretary, Commissioner~~, who shall impose such rules, restrictions and limitations with
45 respect thereto as may reasonably conform to the accepted custom and usage of good forestry
46 and forest economy, taking into consideration the situation, nature and condition of the tract so
47 cut or to be cut, and the financial needs of such corporation from time to time.

48 **"§ 106-942. Corporation may not sell or convey without consent of
49 ~~Secretary, Commissioner~~, or pay higher interest rate than 6%.**

50 No such corporation ~~shall~~ shall do any of the following:

- 51 (1) Sell, assign or convey any real property owned by it or any right, title or
52 interest therein, except upon notice to the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ of the
53 terms of such sale, transfer or assignment, and unless the ~~Secretary~~
54 ~~Commissioner~~ shall consent thereto, and if the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall
55 require it, unless the purchaser thereof shall agree that such real estate shall
56 remain subject to the rules and supervision of the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~
57 for such period as the latter may ~~require~~ require.
- 58 (2) Pay interest returns on its mortgage indebtedness at a higher rate than six per
59 centum (6%) per annum without the consent of the ~~Secretary, Commissioner~~.

- 1 (3) Mortgage any real property without first having obtained the consent of the
2 ~~Secretary-Commissioner.~~

3 **"§ 106-943. Power to borrow money limited.**

4 Any such corporation formed under this Article may, subject to the approval of the
5 ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~, borrow funds and secure their payment thereof by note or notes and
6 mortgage or by the issue of bonds under a trust indenture. The notes or bonds so issued and
7 secured and the mortgage or trust indenture relating thereto may contain such clauses and
8 provisions as shall be approved by the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~, including the right to enter into
9 possession in case of default; but the operations of the mortgagee or receiver entering in such
10 event or of the purchaser of the property upon foreclosure shall be subject to the rules of the
11 ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ for such period as the mortgage or trust indenture may specify.

12 **"§ 106-944. ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ to approve development of forests.**

13 No project for the protection and development of forests proposed by any such corporation
14 shall be undertaken without the approval of the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~, and such approval
15 shall not be given unless:

- 16 (1) The ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall have received a statement duly executed
17 and acknowledged on behalf of the corporation proposing such project, in
18 such adequate detail as the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall require of the
19 activities to be included in the project, such statement to set forth the
20 proposals as to
21 a. Fire prevention and protection,
22 b. Protection against insects and tree diseases,
23 c. Protection against damage by livestock and game,
24 d. Means, methods and rate of, and restrictions upon, cutting and other
25 utilization of the forests, and
26 e. Planting and spacing of trees.
27 (2) There shall be submitted to the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ a financial plan
28 satisfactory to him setting forth in detail the amount of money needed to
29 carry out the entire project, and how such sums are to be allocated, with
30 adequate assurances to the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ as to where such funds
31 are to be secured.
32 (3) The ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall be satisfied that the project gives
33 reasonable assurance of the operation of the forests involved on a
34 sustained-yield basis except insofar as the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall
35 consider the same impracticable.
36 (4) The corporation proposing such project shall agree that the project shall at
37 all times be subject to the supervision and inspection of the
38 ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~, and that it will at all times comply with such rules
39 concerning the project as the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall from time to
40 time impose.

41 **"§ 106-945. Application of corporate income.**

42 The gross annual income of any such corporation, whether received from sales of timber,
43 timber operations, stumpage permits or other sources, shall be applied as follows: first, to the
44 payment of all fixed charges, and all operating and maintenance charges and expenses
45 including taxes, assessments, insurance, amortization charges in amounts approved by the
46 ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ to amortize mortgage or other indebtedness and reserves essential to
47 operation; second, to surplus, and/or to the payment of dividends not exceeding the maximum
48 fixed by this Article; third, the balance, if any, in reduction of debts.

49 **"§ 106-946. Reorganization of corporations.**

50 Reorganization of corporations organized under this Article shall be subject to the
51 supervision of the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ and no such reorganization shall be had without the
52 authorization of the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~."

53 **SECTION 13.25.(ee)** Article 6A of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes
54 (G.S. 113-81.1, 113-81.2, and 113-81.3) is recodified as a new Article 79 of Chapter 106 of the
55 General Statutes, G.S. 106-950 through G.S. 106-952.

56 **SECTION 13.25.(ff)** Article 79 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, as
57 recodified by subsection (ee) of this section, reads as rewritten:

58 "Article 79.

59 "Forestry Services and Advice for Owners and Operators of Forestland.

"§ 106-950. Authority to render scientific forestry services.

(a) In this Article, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture.

~~(1)(2)~~ (2) "Department" means the Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~. Agriculture and Consumer Services.

~~(2)~~ "Secretary" means the Secretary of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~.

(b) The Department is hereby authorized to designate, upon request, forest trees of forest landowners and forest operators for sale or removal, by blazing or otherwise, and to measure or estimate the volume of same under the terms and conditions hereinafter provided. The Department is also authorized to cooperate with landowners of the State and with counties, municipalities and State agencies by making available forestry services consisting of specialized equipment and operators, or by renting such equipment, and to perform such labor and services as may be necessary to carry out approved forestry practices, including site preparation, forest planting, prescribed burning, and other appropriate forestry practices. For such services or rentals, a reasonable fee representing the ~~Secretary's~~ Commissioner's estimate of not less than the costs of such services or rentals shall be charged, provided however, when the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ deems it in the public interest, said services may be provided without charge, for the purpose of encouraging the use of approved scientific forestry practice on the private or other forestlands within the State, or for the purpose of providing practical demonstrations of said practices. Receipts from these activities and rentals shall be credited to the budget of the Department for the furtherance of these activities.

"§ 106-951. Services under direction of ~~Secretary~~; Commissioner; compensation; when services without charge.

(a) The administration of the provisions of this Article shall be under the direction of the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~. The ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~, or his authorized agent, upon receipt of a request from a forest landowner or operator for technical forestry assistance or service, may designate forest trees for removal for lumber, veneer, poles, piling, pulpwood, cordwood, ties, or other forest products by blazing, spotting with paint or otherwise designating in an approved manner; he may measure or estimate the commercial volume contained in the trees designated; he may furnish the landowner or operator with a statement of the volume of the trees so designated and estimated; he may assist in finding a suitable market for the products so designated, and he may offer general forestry advice concerning the management of the forest.

(b) For such designating, measuring or estimating services the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ may make a charge, on behalf of the Department, in an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the sale price or fair market value of the stumpage so designated and measured or estimated. Upon receipt from the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ of a statement of such charges, the landowner or operator or his agent shall make payment to the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ within 30 days.

(c) In those cases where the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ deems it desirable to so designate and measure or estimate trees without charge, such services shall be given for the purpose of encouraging the use of approved scientific forestry principles on the private or other forestlands within the State, and to establish practical demonstrations of said principles.

"§ 106-952. Deposit of receipts with State treasury.

All moneys paid to the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ for services rendered under the provisions of this Article shall be deposited into the State treasury to the credit of the Department."

SECTION 13.25.(gg) Article 11 of Chapter 113A of the General Statutes (G.S. 113A-176, 113A-177, 113A-178, 113A-179, 113A-180, 113A-180.1, 113A-181, 113A-182, and 113A-183) is recodified as a new Article 80 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, G.S. 106-955 through G.S. 106-963.

SECTION 13.25.(hh) Article 80 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, as recodified by subsection (gg) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"Article 80.

"Forest Development Act.

"§ 106-955. Title.

This Article shall be known as the "Forest Development Act."

"§ 106-956. Statement of purpose.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

- 1 (1) It is in the public interest of the State to encourage the development of the
2 State's forest resources and the protection and improvement of the forest
3 environment.
- 4 (2) Unfavorable environmental impacts, particularly the rapid loss of forest land
5 to urban development, are occurring as a result of population growth. It is in
6 the State's interest that corrective action be developed now to offset forest
7 land losses in the future.
- 8 (3) Regeneration of potentially productive forest land is a high-priority problem
9 requiring prompt attention and action. Private forest land will become more
10 important to meet the needs of the State's population.
- 11 (4) Growing demands on forests and related land resources cannot be met by
12 intensive management of public and industrial forest lands alone.
- 13 (b) The purpose of this Article is to direct the ~~Secretary-Commissioner of Agriculture to~~
14 implement a forest development program to:
- 15 (1) Provide financial assistance to eligible landowners to increase the
16 productivity of the privately owned forests of the State through the
17 application of forest renewal practices and other practices that improve tree
18 growth and overall forest health.
- 19 (2) Insure that forest operations in the State are conducted in a manner designed
20 to protect the soil, air, and water resources, including but not limited to
21 streams, lakes and estuaries through actions of landowners on lands for
22 which assistance is sought under provisions in this Article.
- 23 (3) Implement a program of voluntary landowner participation through the use
24 of a forest development fund to meet the above goals.
- 25 (c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in implementing the program under this
26 Article, the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ will cause it to be coordinated with other related programs
27 in such a manner as to encourage the utilization of private agencies, firms and individuals
28 furnishing services and materials needed in the application of practices included in the forest
29 development program.
- 30 **"§ 106-957. Definitions.**
- 31 As used in this Article:
- 32 (1) "Approved forest management plan" means the forest management plan
33 submitted by the eligible landowner and approved by the
34 ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~. Such plan shall include forest management
35 practices to insure both maximum forest productivity and environmental
36 protection of the lands to be treated under the management plan.
- 37 (2) "Approved practices" mean those silvicultural practices approved by the
38 Secretary for the purpose of commercially growing timber through the
39 establishment of forest stands, of insuring the proper regeneration of forest
40 stands to commercial production levels following the harvest of mature
41 timber, or of insuring maximum growth potential of forest stands to
42 commercial production levels. Such practices shall include those required to
43 accomplish site preparation, natural and artificial forestation, noncommercial
44 removal of residual stands for silvicultural purposes, cultivation of
45 established young growth of desirable trees for silvicultural purposes, and
46 improvement of immature forest stands for silvicultural purposes. In each
47 case, approved practices will be determined by the needs of the individual
48 forest stand. These practices shall include existing practices and such
49 practices as are developed in the future to insure both maximum forest
50 productivity and environmental protection.
- 51 (2a) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture.
- 52 (3) "Department" means the Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
53 ~~Resources, Agriculture and Consumer Services.~~
- 54 (3a) "Eligible land" means land owned by an eligible landowner.
- 55 (4) "Eligible landowner" means a private individual, group, association or
56 corporation owning land suitable for forestry purposes. Where forest land is
57 owned jointly by more than one individual, group, association or
58 corporation, as tenants in common, tenants by the entirety, or otherwise, the
59 joint owners shall be considered, for the purpose of this Article, as one

1 eligible landowner and entitled to receive cost-sharing payments as provided
2 herein only once during each fiscal year.

3 (5) Recodified as § 113A-178(3a).

4 (6) "Forest development assessment" means an assessment on primary forest
5 products from timber severed in North Carolina for the funding of the
6 provisions of this Article, as authorized by the General Assembly.

7 (7) "Forest development cost-sharing payment" means financial assistance to
8 partially cover the costs of implementing approved practices in such
9 amounts as the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall determine, subject to the
10 limitations of this Article.

11 (8) "Forest development fund" means the Forest Development Fund created by
12 ~~G.S. 113A-183~~.G.S. 106-963.

13 (8a) "Maintain" means to retain the reforested area as forestland for a 10-year
14 period and to comply with the provisions in the approved forest management
15 plan.

16 (9) ~~"Secretary" means the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources.~~

17 **"§ 106-958. Powers and duties.**

18 (a) The ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall have the powers and duties to administer the
19 provisions of this Article.

20 (b) The Department shall serve as the disbursing agency for funds to be expended from
21 and deposited to the credit of the Forest Development Fund.

22 (c) Subject to the limitations set forth in ~~G.S. 113A-183(d)~~.G.S. 106-963(d), the
23 ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ is authorized to employ administrative, clerical and field personnel to
24 support the program created by this Article and to compensate such employees from the Forest
25 Development Fund for services rendered in direct support of the program.

26 (d) The ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ is authorized to purchase equipment for the
27 implementation of this program from the Forest Development Fund subject to the limitations of
28 ~~G.S. 113A-183(e)~~.G.S. 106-963(e). All equipment purchased with these funds will be assigned
29 to and used only for the forest development program, except for emergency use in forest fire
30 suppression and other activities relating to the protection of life or property. The Forest
31 Development Fund will be reimbursed from other program funds for equipment costs incurred
32 during such emergency use.

33 **"§ 106-959. Administration of cost sharing.**

34 The ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall have authority to administer the cost sharing provisions
35 of this Article, including but not limited to the following:

36 (1) Prescribe the manner and requirements of making application for cost
37 sharing funds.

38 (2) Identify those approved forestry practices as defined in
39 ~~G.S. 113A-178(2)~~G.S. 106-957(2) which shall be approved for cost sharing
40 under the provisions of this Article.

41 (3) Review periodically the cost of forest development practices and establish
42 allowable ranges for cost sharing purposes for approved practices under
43 varying conditions throughout the State.

44 (4) Determine, prior to approving forest development cost sharing payments to
45 any landowner, that all proposed practices are appropriate and are
46 comparable in cost to the prevailing cost of those practices in the general
47 area in which the land is located. Should the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~
48 determine that the submitted cost of any practice is excessive, he shall
49 approve forest development cost sharing payments based upon an allowable
50 cost established under ~~G.S. 113A-180(3)~~.G.S. 106-959(3).

51 (5) Determine, prior to approving forest development cost sharing payments,
52 that an approved forest management plan as defined in
53 ~~G.S. 113A-178(1)~~G.S. 106-957(1) for the eligible land has been filed with
54 the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ and that the landowner has indicated in writing
55 his intent to comply with the terms of such management plan.

56 (6) Determine, prior to approving forest development cost sharing payments,
57 that the approved practices for which payment is requested have been
58 completed in a satisfactory manner, conform to the approved forest

1 management plan submitted under ~~G.S. 113A-180(5)~~, G.S. 106-959(5), and
2 otherwise meet the requirements of this Article.

- 3 (7) Disburse from the Forest Development Fund to eligible landowners cost
4 sharing payments for satisfactory completion of practices provided for by
5 this Article and the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall, insofar as is practicable,
6 disburse the funds from the State's appropriation on a matching basis with
7 the funds generated by the Primary Forest Product Assessment.

8 **"§ 106-960. Cost-share agreements.**

9 (a) In order to receive forest development cost-share payments, an eligible landowner
10 shall enter into a written agreement with the Department describing the eligible land, setting
11 forth the approved practices implemented for the area and covered by the approved forest
12 management plan, and agreeing to maintain those practices for a 10-year period.

13 (b) In the absence of Vis major or Act of God or other factors beyond the landowner's
14 control, a landowner who fails to maintain the practice or practices for a 10-year period in
15 accordance with the agreement set forth in subsection (a) of this section shall repay to the Fund
16 all cost-sharing funds received for that area.

17 (c) If the landowner voluntarily relinquishes control or title to the land on which the
18 approved practices have been established, the landowner shall:

- 19 (1) Obtain a written statement, or a form approved by the Department, from the
20 new owner or transferee in which the new owner or transferee agrees to
21 maintain the approved practices for the remainder of the 10-year period; or
22 (2) Repay to the Fund all cost-sharing funds received for implementing the
23 approved practices on the land.

24 If a written statement is obtained from the new owner or transferee, the original landowner will
25 no longer be responsible for maintaining the approved practices or repaying the cost-sharing
26 funds. The responsibility for maintaining those practices for the remainder of the 10 years shall
27 devolve to the new owner or transferee.

28 **"§ 106-961. Limitation of payments.**

29 (a) An eligible landowner may receive forest development cost sharing payments for
30 satisfactory completion of approved practices as determined by the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~,
31 except that the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ shall approve no assistance in an amount exceeding the
32 lesser of (i) a sum equal to sixty percent (60%) of the landowner's actual per acre cost incurred
33 in implementing the approved practice or (ii) a sum equal to sixty percent (60%) of the
34 prevailing per acre cost as determined by the ~~Secretary-Commissioner~~ under
35 ~~G.S. 113A-180(3)~~ G.S. 106-959(3) for implementing that approved practice.

36 (b) The maximum amount of forest development cost sharing funds allowed to any
37 landowner in one fiscal year will be the amount required to complete all approved practices on
38 100 acres of land at the prevailing cost sharing rate established under
39 ~~G.S. 113A-181(a)~~ G.S. 106-961(a).

40 (c) Eligible landowners may not use State cost sharing funds if funds from any federal
41 cost sharing program are used on the same acreage for forestry practices during the same fiscal
42 year.

43 **"§ 106-962. Participation by government political subdivisions.**

44 No governmental agency, federal, State or local, will be eligible for forest development
45 payments under the provision of this Article.

46 **"§ 106-963. Forest Development Fund.**

47 (a) The Forest Development Fund is created in the Department of ~~Environment and~~
48 ~~Natural Resources~~ as a special fund. Revenue in the Fund does not revert at the end of a fiscal
49 year, and interest and other investment income earned by the Fund accrues to it. The Fund is
50 created to provide revenue to implement this Article. The Fund consists of the following
51 revenue:

- 52 (1) Assessments on primary forest products collected under ~~Article 12 of~~
53 ~~Chapter 113A~~ Article 81 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes.
54 (2) General Fund appropriations.
55 (3) Gifts and grants made to the Fund.

56 (d) In any fiscal year, no more than five percent (5%) of the available funds generated
57 by the Primary Forest Product Processor Assessment Act may be used for program support
58 under the provisions of ~~G.S. 113A-179(e)~~ G.S. 106-958(c).

1 (e) Funds used for the purchase of equipment under the provisions of ~~G.S. 113A-179(d)~~
2 G.S. 106-958(d) shall be limited to appropriations from the General Fund to the Forest
3 Development Fund designated specifically for equipment purchase."

4 **SECTION 13.25.(ii)** Article 12 of Chapter 113A of the General Statutes
5 (G.S. 113A-189, 113A-190, 113A-191, 113A-192, 113A-193, 113A-194, 113A-195, and
6 113A-196) is recodified as a new Article 81 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes,
7 G.S. 106-965 through G.S. 106-972.

8 **SECTION 13.25.(jj)** Article 81 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes, as
9 recodified by subsection (ii) of this section, reads as rewritten:

10 "Article 81.

11 "Primary Forest Product Assessment Act.

12 **"§ 106-965. Short title.**

13 This Article shall be known as the Primary Forest Product Assessment Act.

14 **"§ 106-966. Statement of purpose.**

15 (a) The purpose of this Article is to create an assessment on primary forest products
16 processed from North Carolina timber to provide a source of funds to finance the forestry
17 operations provided for in the Forest Development Act of 1977.

18 (b) All assessments levied under the provisions of this Article shall be used only for the
19 purposes specified in ~~G.S. 113A-193(e)~~G.S. 106-969(c) and in the Forest Development
20 ~~Act, Article 11 of this Chapter.~~

21 **"§ 106-967. Definitions.**

22 The following words, terms and phrases hereinafter used for the purpose of this Article are
23 defined as follows:

- 24 (1) "Primary forest product" shall include those products of the tree after it is
25 severed from the stump and cut to its first roundwood product for further
26 conversion. These products include but are not limited to whole trees for
27 chipping, whole tree logs, sawlogs, pulpwood, veneer bolts, and posts, poles
28 and piling.
- 29 (2) "Processor" shall mean the individual, group, association, or corporation that
30 procures primary forest products at their initial point of concentration for
31 conversion to secondary products or for shipment to others for such
32 conversion.
- 33 (3) "Forest Development Fund" shall mean the special fund established by ~~the~~
34 ~~Forest Development Act of 1977.~~G.S. 106-963.
- 35 (4) For the purpose of this Article, the following are not considered "primary
36 forest products":
- 37 a. Christmas trees and associated greens;
- 38 b. Material harvested from an individual's own land and used on said
39 land for the construction of fences, buildings or other personal use
40 developments;
- 41 c. Fuel wood harvested for personal use or use in individual homes.

42 **"§ 106-968. Operation of assessment system.**

43 (a) The General Assembly hereby levies an assessment on all primary forest products
44 harvested from lands within the State of North Carolina.

45 (b) This assessment shall be at the rates as established in
46 ~~G.S. 113A-194(b)~~G.S. 106-970(b) and the proceeds of such assessment shall be deposited in
47 the Forest Development Fund.

48 **"§ 106-969. Duties.**

49 (a) The Secretary, Department of Revenue, shall:

- 50 (1) Develop the necessary administrative procedures to collect the assessment;
- 51 (2) Collect the assessment from the primary forest product processors;
- 52 (3) Deposit funds collected from the assessment in the Forest Development
53 Fund;
- 54 (4) Audit the records of processors to determine compliance with the provisions
55 of this Article.

56 (b) ~~The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources~~Commissioner of Agriculture
57 shall:

- 58 (1) Provide to the Secretary, Department of Revenue, lists of processors subject
59 to the assessment;

- 1 (2) Advise the Secretary, Department of Revenue, of the appropriate methods to
2 convert measurements of primary forest products by other systems to those
3 authorized in this Article;
- 4 (3) Establish in November prior to those sessions in which the General
5 Assembly considers the State budget, the estimated total assessment that will
6 be collectible in the next budget period and so inform the General Assembly;
- 7 (4) Within 30 days of certification of the State budget, notify the Secretary,
8 Department of Revenue, of the need to collect the assessment for those years
9 covered by the approved budget.
- 10 (5) By January 15 of each odd-numbered year, report to the General Assembly
11 on the number of acres reforested, type of owners assisted, geographic
12 distribution of funds, the amount of funds encumbered and other matters.
13 The report shall include the information by forestry district and statewide
14 and shall be for the two fiscal years prior to the date of the report.
- 15 (c) The Secretary of Revenue shall be reimbursed for those actual expenditures incurred
16 as a cost of collecting the assessment for the Forest Development Fund. This amount shall be
17 transferred from the Forest Development Fund in equal increments at the end of each quarter of
18 the fiscal year to the Department of Revenue. This amount shall not exceed five percent (5%)
19 of the total assessments collected on primary forest products during the preceding fiscal year.

20 **"§ 106-970. Assessment rates.**

- 21 (a) The assessment rates shall be based on the following standards:
- 22 (1) For primary forest products customarily measured in board feet, the
23 "International 1/4 Inch Log Rule" or equivalent will be used;
- 24 (2) For primary forest products customarily measured in cords, the standard
25 cord of 128 cubic feet or equivalent will be used;
- 26 (3) For any other type of forest product separated from the soil, the ~~Secretary of~~
27 ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Commissioner of Agriculture shall
28 determine a fair unit assessment rate, based on the cubic foot volume of one
29 thousand foot board measure, International 1/4 Inch Log Rule or one
30 standard cord, 128 cubic feet.
- 31 (b) The assessment levied on primary forest products shall be at the following rates:
- 32 (1) Fifty cents (50¢) per thousand board feet for softwood sawtimber, veneer
33 logs and bolts, and all other softwood products normally measured in board
34 feet;
- 35 (2) Forty cents (40¢) per thousand board feet for hardwood and bald cypress
36 sawtimber, veneer, and all other hardwood and bald cypress products
37 normally measured in board feet;
- 38 (3) Twenty cents (20¢) per cord for softwood pulpwood and other softwood
39 products normally measured in cords;
- 40 (4) Twelve cents (12¢) per cord for hardwood pulpwood and other hardwood
41 and bald cypress products normally measured in cords;
- 42 (5) All material harvested within North Carolina for shipment outside the State
43 for primary processing will be assessed at a percentage of the invoice value.
44 This percentage will be established to yield rates equal to those if the
45 material were processed within the State.

46 **"§ 106-971. Collection of assessment.**

- 47 (a) The assessment shall be levied against the processor of the primary forest product.
- 48 (b) The assessment shall be submitted on a quarterly basis of the State's fiscal year due
49 and payable the last day of the month following the end of each quarter.
- 50 (c) The assessment shall be remitted to the Secretary, Department of Revenue, by check
51 or money order, with such production reports as may be required by said Secretary.
- 52 (d) The processor shall maintain for a period of three fiscal years and make available to
53 the Secretary, Department of Revenue, such production records necessary to verify proper
54 reporting and payment of revenue due the Forest Development Fund.
- 55 (e) The production reports of the various processors shall be used only for assessment
56 purposes. Production information will not be made a part of the public record on an individual
57 processor basis.
- 58 (f) Any official or employee of the State who discloses information obtained from a
59 production report, except as may be necessary for administration and collection of the

1 assessment, or in the performance of official duties, or in administration or judicial proceedings
2 related to the levy or collection of the assessment, shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor
3 punishable only by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

4 **"§ 106-972. Enforcement of collection.**

5 The Secretary of Revenue shall enforce collection of the primary forest product assessment
6 in accordance with the remedies and procedures contained in Article 9 of Chapter 105 of the
7 General Statutes."

8 **SECTION 13.25.(kk)** G.S. 1-339.17(c1) reads as rewritten:

9 "(c1) When the public sale is a sale of timber by sealed bid, the notice shall also be given
10 in writing, not less than 21 days before the date on which bids are opened, to a reasonable
11 number of prospective timber buyers, which in all cases shall include the timber buyers listed in
12 the office of the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
13 Services for the county or counties in which the timber to be sold is located."

14 **SECTION 13.25.(ll)** G.S. 20-81.12(b35) reads as rewritten:

15 "(b35) First in Forestry. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the First
16 in Forestry plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer quarterly
17 one-half of the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the
18 sale of the First in Forestry plates to the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of
19 Agriculture and Consumer Services for a State forests and forestry education program and shall
20 transfer quarterly one-half of the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account
21 derived from the sale of the First in Forestry plates to the Forest Education and Conservation
22 Foundation for their programs."

23 **SECTION 13.25.(mm)** G.S. 97-2(2) reads as rewritten:

24 "(2) Employee. – The term "employee" means every person engaged in an
25 employment under any appointment or contract of hire or apprenticeship,
26 express or implied, oral or written, including aliens, and also minors,
27 whether lawfully or unlawfully employed, but excluding persons whose
28 employment is both casual and not in the course of the trade, business,
29 profession, or occupation of his employer, and as relating to those so
30 employed by the State, the term "employee" shall include all officers and
31 employees of the State, including such as are elected by the people, or by the
32 General Assembly, or appointed by the Governor to serve on a per diem,
33 part-time or fee basis, either with or without the confirmation of the Senate;
34 as relating to municipal corporations and political subdivisions of the State,
35 the term "employee" shall include all officers and employees thereof,
36 including such as are elected by the people. The term "employee" shall
37 include members of the North Carolina National Guard while on State active
38 duty under orders of the Governor and members of the North Carolina State
39 Defense Militia while on State active duty under orders of the Governor. The
40 term "employee" shall include deputy sheriffs and all persons acting in the
41 capacity of deputy sheriffs, whether appointed by the sheriff or by the
42 governing body of the county and whether serving on a fee basis or on a
43 salary basis, or whether deputy sheriffs serving upon a full-time basis or a
44 part-time basis, and including deputy sheriffs appointed to serve in an
45 emergency, but as to those so appointed, only during the continuation of the
46 emergency. The sheriff shall furnish to the board of county commissioners a
47 complete list of all deputy sheriffs named or appointed by him immediately
48 after their appointment and notify the board of commissioners of any
49 changes made therein promptly after such changes are made. Any reference
50 to an employee who has been injured shall, when the employee is dead,
51 include also his legal representative, dependents, and other persons to whom
52 compensation may be payable: Provided, further, that any employee, as
53 herein defined, of a municipality, county, or of the State of North Carolina,
54 while engaged in the discharge of his official duty outside the jurisdictional
55 or territorial limits of the municipality, county, or the State of North Carolina
56 and while acting pursuant to authorization or instruction from any superior
57 officer, shall have the same rights under this Article as if such duty or
58 activity were performed within the territorial boundary limits of his
59 employer.

1 Every executive officer elected or appointed and empowered in
2 accordance with the charter and bylaws of a corporation shall be considered
3 as an employee of such corporation under this Article.

4 Any such executive officer of a corporation may, notwithstanding any
5 other provision of this Article, be exempt from the coverage of the
6 corporation's insurance contract by such corporation's specifically excluding
7 such executive officer in such contract of insurance, and the exclusion to
8 remove such executive officer from the coverage shall continue for the
9 period such contract of insurance is in effect, and during such period such
10 executive officers thus exempted from the coverage of the insurance contract
11 shall not be employees of such corporation under this Article.

12 All county agricultural extension service employees who do not receive
13 official federal appointments as employees of the United States Department
14 of Agriculture and who are field faculty members with professional rank as
15 designated in the memorandum of understanding between the North
16 Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, North Carolina State University, A
17 & T State University, and the boards of county commissioners shall be
18 deemed to be employees of the State of North Carolina. All other county
19 agricultural extension service employees paid from State or county funds
20 shall be deemed to be employees of the county board of commissioners in
21 the county in which the employee is employed for purposes of workers'
22 compensation.

23 The term "employee" shall also include members of the Civil Air Patrol
24 currently certified pursuant to G.S. 143B-491(a) when performing duties in
25 the course and scope of a State-approved mission pursuant to Article 11 of
26 Chapter 143B of the General Statutes.

27 "Employee" shall not include any person performing voluntary service as
28 a ski patrolman who receives no compensation for such services other than
29 meals or lodging or the use of ski tow or ski lift facilities or any combination
30 thereof.

31 Any sole proprietor or partner of a business or any member of a limited
32 liability company may elect to be included as an employee under the
33 workers' compensation coverage of such business if he is actively engaged in
34 the operation of the business and if the insurer is notified of his election to
35 be so included. Any such sole proprietor or partner or member of a limited
36 liability company shall, upon such election, be entitled to employee benefits
37 and be subject to employee responsibilities prescribed in this Article.

38 "Employee" shall include an authorized pickup firefighter of the Division
39 of Forest Resources of the Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
40 ~~Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services when that individual is
41 engaged in emergency fire suppression activities for the Division of Forest
42 Resources. As used in this section, "authorized pickup firefighter" means an
43 individual who has completed required fire suppression training as a
44 wildland firefighter and who is available as needed by the Division of Forest
45 Resources for emergency fire suppression activities, including immediate
46 dispatch to wildfires and standby for initial attack on fires during periods of
47 high fire danger.

48 It shall be a rebuttable presumption that the term "employee" shall not
49 include any person performing services in the sale of newspapers or
50 magazines to ultimate consumers under an arrangement whereby the
51 newspapers or magazines are to be sold by that person at a fixed price and
52 the person's compensation is based on the retention of the excess of the fixed
53 price over the amount at which the newspapers or magazines are charged to
54 the person."

55 **SECTION 13.25.(nn)** G.S. 105-259(b)(41) reads as rewritten:

56 "(41) To furnish the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of
57 ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services
58 pertinent contact and financial information concerning companies that are
59 involved in the primary processing of timber products so that the Secretary

1 of Environment and Natural Resources is able to comply with
2 G.S. 113A-193 under the Primary Forest Product Assessment Act."

3 **SECTION 13.25.(oo)** G.S. 105-277.7(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

4 "(2) A representative of the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of
5 ~~Environment and Natural Resources, Agriculture and Consumer Services,~~
6 designated by the Director of that Division."

7 **SECTION 13.25.(pp)** G.S. 105-296(j) reads as rewritten:

8 "(j) The assessor must annually review at least one eighth of the parcels in the county
9 classified for taxation at present-use value to verify that these parcels qualify for the
10 classification. By this method, the assessor must review the eligibility of all parcels classified
11 for taxation at present-use value in an eight-year period. The period of the review process is
12 based on the average of the preceding three years' data. The assessor may request assistance
13 from the Farm Service Agency, the Cooperative Extension Service, the Division of Forest
14 Resources of the Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources, Agriculture and~~
15 ~~Consumer Services,~~ or other similar organizations.

16 The assessor may require the owner of classified property to submit any information,
17 including sound management plans for forestland, needed by the assessor to verify that the
18 property continues to qualify for present-use value taxation. The owner has 60 days from the
19 date a written request for the information is made to submit the information to the assessor. If
20 the assessor determines the owner failed to make the information requested available in the
21 time required without good cause, the property loses its present-use value classification and the
22 property's deferred taxes become due and payable as provided in G.S. 105-277.4(c). If the
23 property loses its present-use value classification for failure to provide the requested
24 information, the assessor must reinstate the property's present-use value classification when the
25 owner submits the requested information within 60 days after the disqualification unless the
26 information discloses that the property no longer qualifies for present-use value classification.
27 When a property's present-use value classification is reinstated, it is reinstated retroactive to the
28 date the classification was revoked and any deferred taxes that were paid as a result of the
29 revocation must be refunded to the property owner. The owner may appeal the final decision of
30 the assessor to the county board of equalization and review as provided in G.S. 105-277.4(b1).

31 In determining whether property is operating under a sound management program, the
32 assessor must consider any weather conditions or other acts of nature that prevent the growing
33 or harvesting of crops or the realization of income from cattle, swine, or poultry operations.
34 The assessor must also allow the property owner to submit additional information before
35 making this determination."

36 **SECTION 13.25.(qq)** G.S. 106-202.14(b)(3) reads as rewritten:

37 "(3) The Division of Forest Resources, Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
38 ~~Resources, Agriculture and Consumer Services,;~~".

39 **SECTION 13.25.(rr)** G.S. 113-291.10(a)(3) reads as rewritten:

40 "(3) The Director of the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of
41 ~~Environment and Natural Resources, Agriculture and Consumer Services,~~ or
42 a designee;"

43 **SECTION 13.25.(ss)** G.S. 143-166.2(d) reads as rewritten:

44 "(d) The term "law-enforcement officer", "officer", or "fireman" shall mean a sheriff and
45 all law-enforcement officers employed full-time, permanent part-time, or temporarily by a
46 sheriff, the State of North Carolina or any county or municipality thereof, whether paid or
47 unpaid; and all full-time custodial employees and probation and parole officers of the North
48 Carolina Department of Correction; and all full time institutional and full-time, permanent
49 part-time, and temporary detention employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice and
50 Delinquency Prevention and full-time, permanent part-time, and temporary detention officers
51 employed by any sheriff, county or municipality, whether paid or unpaid. The term "firemen"
52 shall mean both "eligible firemen" as defined in G.S. 58-86-25 and all full-time, permanent
53 part-time and temporary employees of the ~~North Carolina~~ Division of Forest Resources,
54 Department of ~~Environment and Natural Resources, Agriculture and Consumer Services,~~ during
55 the time they are actively engaged in fire-fighting activities; and shall mean all full-time
56 employees of the North Carolina Department of Insurance during the time they are actively
57 engaged in fire-fighting activities, during the time they are training fire fighters or rescue squad
58 workers, and during the time they are engaged in activities as members of the State Emergency
59 Response Team, when the Team has been activated; and shall mean all otherwise eligible

1 persons who, while actively engaged as firefighters or rescue squad workers, are acting in the
2 capacity of a fire or rescue instructor outside their own department or squad. The term "rescue
3 squad worker" shall mean a person who is dedicated to the purpose of alleviating human
4 suffering and assisting anyone who is in difficulty or who is injured or becomes suddenly ill by
5 providing the proper and efficient care or emergency medical services. In addition, this person
6 must belong to an organized rescue squad which is eligible for membership in the North
7 Carolina Association of Rescue Squads, Inc., and the person must have attended a minimum of
8 36 hours of training and meetings in the last calendar year. Each rescue squad belonging to the
9 North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads, Inc., must file a roster of those members
10 meeting the above requirements with the State Treasurer on or about January 1 of each year,
11 and this roster must be certified to by the secretary of said association. In addition, the term
12 "rescue squad worker" shall mean a member of an ambulance service certified by the
13 Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 131E of the
14 General Statutes. The Department of Health and Human Services shall furnish a list of
15 ambulance service members to the State Treasurer on or about January 1 of each year. The term
16 "Civil Air Patrol members" shall mean those senior members of the North Carolina Wing-Civil
17 Air Patrol 18 years of age or older and currently certified pursuant to G.S. 143B-491(a). The
18 term "fireman" shall also mean county fire marshals when engaged in the performance of their
19 county duties. The term "rescue squad worker" shall also mean county emergency services
20 coordinators when engaged in the performance of their county duties."

21 **SECTION 13.25.(tt)** G.S. 143-166.7 reads as rewritten:

22 **"§ 143-166.7. Applicability of Article.**

23 The provisions of this Article shall apply and be in full force and effect with respect to any
24 law-enforcement officer, fireman, rescue squad worker or senior Civil Air Patrol member killed
25 in the line of duty on or after May 13, 1975. The provisions of this Article shall apply with
26 respect to full-time, permanent part-time and temporary employees of ~~North Carolina Division~~
27 ~~of Forest Resources, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Agriculture and~~
28 ~~Consumer Services,~~ killed in line of duty on or after July 1, 1975. The provisions of this Article
29 shall apply to county fire marshals and emergency services coordinators killed in the line of
30 duty on and after July 1, 1988."

31 **SECTION 13.25.(uu)** G.S. 143-214.25A(a) reads as rewritten:

32 "(a) The Division of Water Quality of the Department shall develop a program to train
33 and certify individuals to determine the presence of surface waters that would require the
34 application of rules adopted by the Commission for the protection of riparian buffers. The
35 Division may train and certify employees of the Division as determined by the Director of the
36 Division of Water Quality; employees of units of local government to whom responsibility for
37 the implementation and enforcement of the riparian buffer protection rules is delegated
38 pursuant to G.S. 143-214.23; and Registered Foresters under Chapter 89B of the General
39 Statutes who are employees of the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of
40 Agriculture and Consumer Services as determined by the Director of the Division of Forest
41 Resources. The Director of the Division of Water Quality may review the determinations made
42 by individuals who are certified pursuant to this section, may override a determination made by
43 an individual certified under this section, and, if the Director of the Division of Water Quality
44 determines that an individual is failing to make correct determinations, revoke the certification
45 of that individual."

46 **SECTION 13.25.(vv)** G.S. 143-215.74M(d)(11) reads as rewritten:

47 "(11) The Director of the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of
48 Agriculture and Consumer Services or the Director's designee."

49 **SECTION 13.25.(ww)** G.S. 166A-18 reads as rewritten:

50 **"§ 166A-18. Division of Forest Resources designated as emergency response agency.**

51 The Division of Forest Resources of the Department of ~~Environment and Natural~~
52 ~~Resources~~ Agriculture and Consumer Services is designated an emergency response agency of
53 the State of North Carolina for purposes of:

- 54 (1) Supporting the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of
55 Crime Control and Public Safety in responding to all-risk incidents.
- 56 (2) Receipt of any applicable State or federal funding.
- 57 (3) Training of other State and local agencies in disaster and emergency
58 management.

(4) Any other disaster and emergency response roles for which the Division has special training or qualifications."

SECTION 13.25.(xx) The Revisor of Statutes shall make the conforming statutory changes necessary to reflect the transfers under this section. The Revisor of Statutes may correct any reference in the General Statutes to the statutes that are recodified by this section and make any other conforming changes necessitated by this section.

SECTION 13.25.(yy) The transfers under this section become effective July 1, 2011, and funds transferred shall be net of any changes enacted by this section.

SECTION 13.25.(zz) Any references in this act to the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall be construed to refer to the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Any references in this act to the Forestry Council of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall be construed to refer to the Forestry Council of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

OTHER MATTERS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF TWO DENR DIVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

SECTION 13.25A.(a) The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall transfer at least four central business office staff of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services concurrently with the transfer under this act of the Division of Forest Resources and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Office of State Budget and Management, and the Office of State Personnel shall jointly determine which positions from the central business office staff of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources should be transferred under this subsection and shall determine if any additional positions from the central business office should be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services due to the transfer of the Division of Forest Resources and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services under this section.

SECTION 13.25A.(b) The Attorney General shall continue to provide legal counsel and legal support to the Division of Forest Resources and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation after these divisions are transferred from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services under this act.

SECTION 13.25A.(c) Subsequent to the transfer of the Division of Forest Resources and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services under this act, the Division of Forest Resources and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation, including the staff and equipment of these two divisions, may continue to occupy the office space that these two divisions occupied prior to the transfer under this act, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall cooperate with this continued use of the office space.

SECTION 13.25A.(d) The Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning the sharing of existing databases and any software programs used in the administration of the programs of the Division of Forest Resources and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation and any other matters addressed in this section in order to assure the uninterrupted continuation of services under these programs during and after the transfer of the Division of Forest Resources and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services under this act.

CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND

SECTION 13.26.(a) G.S. 113A-253.1 is repealed.

SECTION 13.26.(b) G.S. 113A-253(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Fund Established. – The Clean Water Management Trust Fund is established as a special revenue fund. The Fund receives revenue from the following sources and may receive revenue from other sources:

1 (1) Annual appropriations under ~~G.S. 143-15.3B~~ appropriations.

2 (2) Scenic River special registration plates under G.S. 20-81.12."

3 **SECTION 13.26.(c)** The funds appropriated in this act to the Clean Water
4 Management Trust Fund shall be allocated as follows:

5 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 113A-253(d), the sum of three
6 million dollars (\$3,000,000) shall be used for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and
7 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year for the costs of administering the Clean Water
8 Management Trust Fund, including costs to support the Board of Trustees of
9 the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and its staff, the operating costs of
10 the Board of Trustees of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and its
11 staff, and the costs of making debt payments to retire debt as provided under
12 G.S. 113A-253(c);

13 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 113A-253(c) and G.S. 113A-254, the
14 sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) shall be used
15 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year for State
16 matching funds for the Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative
17 and any other United States Department of Defense program that provides
18 for military buffers and protects the overall military training mission; and

19 (3) The sum of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) shall be used for the
20 2011-2012 fiscal year and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year for the costs for
21 wastewater projects, water quality restoration projects, minigrants, land
22 acquisition and conservation easements, and stormwater projects consistent
23 with the provisions of Article 18 of Chapter 113A of the General Statutes.

24 **SECTION 13.26.(d)** Any funds that become available to the Clean Water
25 Management Trust Fund during the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the 2012-2013 fiscal year that
26 are in excess of the funds allocated under subsection (c) of this section for that fiscal year shall
27 be used as provided in subdivision (1) and subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this section.
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29 **NEW FUNDING SOURCE FOR WILDLIFE RESOURCE COMMISSION** 30 **OPERATING BUDGET**

31 **SECTION 13.27.(a)** G.S. 105-164.44B is repealed.

32 **SECTION 13.27.(b)** The Office of State Budget and Management, the State
33 Controller, and the Wildlife Resources Commission shall jointly effectuate, beginning with the
34 Wildlife Resources Commission's operating budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the transition
35 from the Wildlife Resources Commission receiving sales tax proceeds to fund its operating
36 budget to the Wildlife Resources Commission receiving an appropriation of sixteen million
37 dollars (\$16,000,000) from the General Fund to fund its operating budget.
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39 **ANNUAL REPORT TO GOV OPS ON WILDLIFE RESOURCES FUND** 40 **EXPENDITURES**

41 **SECTION 13.28.(a)** G.S. 143-250 reads as rewritten:

42 "**§ 143-250. Wildlife Resources Fund.**

43 All moneys in the game and fish fund or any similar State fund when this Article becomes
44 effective shall be credited forthwith to a special fund in the office of the State Treasurer, and
45 the State Treasurer shall deposit all such moneys in said special fund, which shall be known as
46 the Wildlife Resources Fund.

47 All unexpended appropriations made to the Department of Conservation and Development,
48 the Board of Conservation and Development, the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries or to
49 any other State agency for any purpose pertaining to wildlife and wildlife resources shall also
50 be transferred to the Wildlife Resources Fund.

51 Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all moneys derived from hunting, fishing,
52 trapping, and related license fees, exclusive of commercial fishing license fees, including the
53 income received and accruing from the investment of license revenues, and all funds thereafter
54 received from whatever sources shall be deposited to the credit of the Wildlife Resources Fund
55 and made available to the Commission until expended subject to the provisions of this Article.
56 License revenues include the proceeds from the sale of hunting, fishing, trapping, and related
57 licenses, from the sale, lease, rental, or other granting of rights to real or personal property
58 acquired or produced with license revenues, and from federal aid project reimbursements to the
59 extent that license revenues originally funded the project for which the reimbursement is being

1 made. For purposes of this section, real property includes lands, buildings, minerals, energy
 2 resources, timber, grazing rights, and animal products. Personal property includes equipment,
 3 vehicles, machines, tools, and annual crops. The Wildlife Resources Fund herein created shall
 4 be subject to the provisions of the State Budget Act, Chapter 143C of the General Statutes of
 5 North Carolina as amended, and the provisions of the General Statutes of North Carolina as
 6 amended, and the provisions of the Personnel Act, Chapter 143, Article 2 of the General
 7 Statutes of North Carolina as amended.

8 All moneys credited to the Wildlife Resources Fund shall be made available to carry out the
 9 intent and purposes of this Article in accordance with plans approved by the North Carolina
 10 Wildlife Resources Commission, and all such funds are hereby appropriated, reserved, set aside
 11 and made available until expended, for the enforcement and administration of this Article,
 12 Chapter 75A, Article 1, and Chapter 113, Subchapter IV of the General Statutes of North
 13 Carolina. ~~The No later than October 1 of each year, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall~~
 14 ~~report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations before expending from~~
 15 ~~the Wildlife Resources Fund more than the amount authorized in the budget enacted by the~~
 16 ~~General Assembly for the fiscal period on the expenditures from the Wildlife Resources Fund~~
 17 ~~during the fiscal year that ended the previous July 1 of that year and on the planned~~
 18 ~~expenditures for the current fiscal year.~~

19 In the event any uncertainty should arise as to the funds to be turned over to the North
 20 Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission the Governor shall have full power and authority to
 21 determine the matter and his recommendation shall be final and binding to all parties
 22 concerned."

23 **SECTION 13.28.(b)** The first report required under G.S. 143-250, as amended by
 24 subsection (a) of this section, is due no later than October 1, 2011.

25
 26 **ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR BEAVER DAMAGE CONTROL PROGRAM**
 27 **FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

28 **SECTION 13.29.** G.S. 113-291.10(f) reads as rewritten:

29 "(f) Each county that volunteers to participate in this program for a given fiscal year
 30 shall provide written notification of its wish to participate no later than September 30 of that
 31 year and shall commit the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) in local funds no later than
 32 September 30 of that year. ~~At least three hundred forty nine thousand dollars (\$349,000) Funds,~~
 33 ~~as appropriated for this program~~ each fiscal year of the ~~biennium~~ biennium, shall be paid from
 34 funds available to the Wildlife Resources Commission to provide the State share necessary to
 35 support this program, provided the sum of at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in
 36 federal funds is available each fiscal year of the biennium to provide the federal share."
 37

38 **PART XIV. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

39
 40 **NER BLOCK GRANTS**

41 **SECTION 14.1.(a)** Appropriations from federal block grant funds are made for the
 42 fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, according to the following schedule:

43
 44 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

45	01. State Administration	\$ 1,000,000
46		
47	02. State Technical Assistance	450,000
48		
49	03. Scattered Site Housing	8,000,000
50		
51	04. Economic Development	7,210,000
52		
53	05. Small Business/Entrepreneurship	3,000,000
54		
55	06. NC Catalyst	5,000,000
56		
57	07. Infrastructure	19,740,000
58		
59		

1 08. Capacity Building

600,000

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3 TOTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4 BLOCK GRANT – 2012 Program Year \$ 45,000,000

5 **SECTION 14.1.(b)** Decreases in Federal Fund Availability. – If federal funds are
6 reduced below the amounts specified above after the effective date of this act, then every
7 program in each of these federal block grants shall be reduced by the same percentage as the
8 reduction in federal funds.

9 **SECTION 14.1.(c)** Increases in Federal Fund Availability for Community
10 Development Block Grant. – Any block grant funds appropriated by the Congress of the United
11 States in addition to the funds specified in this section shall be expended as follows: each
12 program category under the Community Development Block Grant shall be increased by the
13 same percentage as the increase in federal funds.

14 **SECTION 14.1.(d)** Limitations on Community Development Block Grant Funds. –
15 Of the funds appropriated in this section for the Community Development Block Grant, the
16 following shall be allocated in each category for each program year: up to one million dollars
17 (\$1,000,000) may be used for State Administration; up to four hundred fifty thousand dollars
18 (\$450,000) may be used for State Technical Assistance; up to eight million dollars (\$8,000,000)
19 may be used for Scattered Site Housing; up to seven million two hundred ten thousand dollars
20 (\$7,210,000) may be used for Economic Development; up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000)
21 may be used for Small Business/Entrepreneurship; up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall
22 be used for NC Catalyst; up to nineteen million seven hundred forty thousand dollars
23 (\$19,740,000) may be used for Infrastructure; up to six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000)
24 may be used for Capacity Building. If federal block grant funds are reduced or increased by the
25 Congress of the United States after the effective date of this act, then these reductions or
26 increases shall be allocated in accordance with subsection (b) or (c) of this section, as
27 applicable.

28 **SECTION 14.1.(e)** The Department of Commerce shall consult with the Joint
29 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to reallocating Community
30 Development Block Grant Funds. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, whenever
31 the Director of the Budget finds that:

- 32 (1) A reallocation is required because of an emergency that poses an imminent
33 threat to public health or public safety, the Director of the Budget may
34 authorize the reallocation without consulting the Commission. The
35 Department of Commerce shall report to the Commission on the reallocation
36 no later than 30 days after it was authorized and shall identify in the report
37 the emergency, the type of action taken, and how it was related to the
38 emergency.
- 39 (2) The State will lose federal block grant funds or receive less federal block
40 grant funds in the next fiscal year unless a reallocation is made, the
41 Department of Commerce shall provide a written report to the Commission
42 on the proposed reallocation and shall identify the reason that failure to take
43 action will result in the loss of federal funds. If the Commission does not
44 hear the issue within 30 days of receipt of the report, the Department may
45 take the action without consulting the Commission.

46 **SECTION 14.1.(f)** By September 1, 2011, the Division of Community Assistance,
47 Department of Commerce, shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
48 Operations and the Fiscal Research Division on the use of Community Development Block
49 Grant Funds appropriated in the prior fiscal year. The report shall include the following:

- 50 (1) A discussion of each of the categories of funding and how the categories
51 were selected, including information on how a determination was made that
52 there was a statewide need in each of the categories.
- 53 (2) Information on the number of applications that were received in each
54 category and the total dollar amount requested in each category.
- 55 (3) A list of grantees, including the grantee's name, county, category under
56 which the grant was funded, the amount awarded, and a narrative description
57 of the project.

58 **SECTION 14.1.(g)** For purposes of this section, eligible activities under the
59 category of Infrastructure in subsection (a) of this section are limited to the installation of

1 public water or sewer lines and improvements to water or sewer treatment plants that have
2 specific problems such as being under moratoriums or special orders of consent.
3 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, funds allocated to the
4 Infrastructure category in subsection (a) of this section shall not be reallocated to any other
5 category.
6

7 ONE NORTH CAROLINA FUND

8 **SECTION 14.2.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the One North Carolina
9 Fund for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Department of Commerce may use up to two hundred
10 fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to cover its expenses in administering the One North Carolina
11 Fund and other economic development incentive grant programs during the 2011-2012 fiscal
12 year. The Department of Commerce shall not use more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars
13 (\$250,000) for administrative costs in any one fiscal year.

14 **SECTION 14.2.(b)** G.S. 143B-437.07 reads as rewritten:

15 "§ 143B-437.07. Economic development grant reporting.

16 (a) Report. – The Department of Commerce must publish on or before March 1 of each
17 year the following information, information required by this subsection, itemized by business
18 entity, for all grant programs administered by the Department that disbursed or awarded grant
19 monies to businesses during the previous calendar year: for each business or joint private
20 venture to which the State has, in whole or in part, granted one or more economic development
21 incentives during the previous five calendar years. The Department must provide the General
22 Assembly with updated supplemental information consistent with this subsection on a quarterly
23 basis in the form and manner requested by the General Assembly. The information in the report
24 must include all of the following:

- 25 (1) ~~The amount of grant monies awarded during the previous year.~~
- 26 (2) ~~The amount of grant monies disbursed during the previous year.~~
- 27 (3) ~~The amount of grant monies that were disbursed in earlier years to business~~
28 ~~entities that received grant monies during the previous year.~~
- 29 (4) ~~The amount of potential future liability under the grant program.~~
- 30 (5) ~~The number, type, and wage level of jobs created or retained during the~~
31 ~~previous year as a result of a grant.~~
- 32 (6) ~~A description of any other financial assistance received during the previous~~
33 ~~year from all economic development incentive programs administered by the~~
34 ~~Department.~~
- 35 (7) ~~Any amount recaptured from the business entity during the previous year for~~
36 ~~failure to comply with the grant agreement or applicable law.~~
- 37 (1) A unique project identification number and a unique descriptor or title.
- 38 (2) The date of the award agreement.
- 39 (3) The name, mailing address, telephone number, and Web site of the business
40 recipient, or recipients if a joint venture, and the physical location of the site
41 receiving the incentive. If the physical location of the site is undecided, then
42 the name of the county in which the site will be located.
- 43 (4) The development tier designation of the county in which the site is located
44 on the date the incentive is awarded.
- 45 (5) The NAICS six-digit code and NAICS category of business receiving the
46 incentive. The term 'NAICS' has the same meaning as defined in
47 G.S. 105-164.3.
- 48 (6) The sources and dollar value of eligible State incentives by program name.
- 49 (7) The sources and dollar value of local government funds provided by any
50 locality and the nature of the local funding. Examples of the nature of local
51 funding include cash, fee-waivers, in-kind services, and donation of land,
52 buildings, or other assets.
- 53 (8) The intended use of the incentive by any category or categories to which
54 State law restricts or limits uses of incentive funds. If the use of the incentive
55 funds is not restricted, then the intended purpose of the funds.
- 56 (9) The amount of incentive monies disbursed taken during the period.
- 57 (10) The amount of potential future liability under the applicable incentive
58 program.

- 1 (11) The number, type, and wage level of jobs required to be created or retained
2 to receive a disbursement of incentive monies.
3 (12) The actual full-time equivalent jobs employed by the recipient during the
4 period.
5 (13) The projected cost per job created or retained, including State and local
6 funds.
7 (14) Any amount recaptured from the business entity during the period for failure
8 to satisfy the terms of the grant agreement.

9 (b) Online Posting. – The Department of Commerce must post on its Internet Web site a
10 summary of the report compiled in subsection (a) of this section. The summary report must
11 include the information required by subdivisions (2), (9), (11), and (12) of subsection (a) of this
12 section.

13 (c) Economic Development Incentive. – An economic development incentive includes
14 any grant program administered by the Department of Commerce that disburses or awards
15 monies to businesses. Examples of these grant programs include the Job Development
16 Investment Grant Program, the Job Maintenance and Capital Development Fund, One North
17 Carolina Fund, and the Industrial Development Fund, including the Utility Account. The State
18 also incents economic development through the use of tax expenditures in the form of tax
19 credits and refunds. The Department of Revenue must report annually on these statutory
20 economic development incentives, as required under G.S. 105-256."

21 **SECTION 14.2.(c)** Notwithstanding G.S. 143B-437.07, as amended by this act, the
22 Department of Commerce is not required to include information in its annual report relating to
23 economic development incentives provided by local governments prior to July 1, 2011.
24

25 **EXTEND DEADLINE FOR TWENTY PERCENT REDUCTION ON PETROLEUM** 26 **PRODUCTS USE FOR STATE FLEETS/CLARIFY REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

27 **SECTION 14.2B.(a)** Section 19.5(a) of S.L. 2005-276, as amended by Section
28 14.14(a) of S.L. 2009-451, reads as rewritten:

29 "**SECTION 19.5.(a)** All State agencies, universities, and community colleges that have
30 State-owned vehicle fleets shall develop and implement plans to improve the State's use of
31 alternative fuels, synthetic lubricants, and efficient vehicles. The plans shall achieve a twenty
32 percent (20%) reduction or displacement of the current petroleum products consumed by ~~July~~
33 ~~1, 2011.~~ July 1, 2016. Before implementation of any plan, all affected agencies shall report their
34 plan to the State Energy Office within the Department of Commerce. The State Energy Office
35 shall compile a report on the plans submitted and report to the Joint Legislative Commission on
36 Governmental Operations. Agencies shall implement their plans by January 1, 2006.
37 Reductions may be met by petroleum or oils displaced through the use of biodiesel, ethanol,
38 synthetic oils or lubricants, other alternative fuels, the use of hybrid electric vehicles, other
39 fuel-efficient or low-emission vehicles, or additional methods as may be approved by the State
40 Energy Office, thereby reducing the amount of harmful emissions. The plan shall not impede
41 mission fulfillment of the agency and shall specifically address a long-term cost-benefit
42 analysis, allowances for changes in vehicle usage, total miles driven, and exceptions due to
43 technology, budgetary limitations, and emergencies."

44 **SECTION 14.2B.(b)** Section 19.5(c) of S.L. 2005-276, as amended by Section
45 14.14(b) of S.L. 2009-451, reads as rewritten:

46 "**SECTION 19.5.(c)** Agencies shall report by September 1, 2006, and annually thereafter
47 through ~~September 1, 2011,~~ September 1, 2016, to the State Energy Office within the
48 Department of Commerce on the efforts undertaken to achieve the reductions. The State Energy
49 Office shall compile and forward a report to the Joint Legislative Commission on
50 Governmental Operations by November 1, 2006, and annually thereafter through ~~November 1,~~
51 ~~2011,~~ November 1, 2016, on the agencies' progress in meeting their plans."
52

53 **STATUS OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM INDUSTRY IN NC/ANNUAL REPORT**

54 **SECTION 14.3.** G.S. 143B-434.2(d) reads as rewritten:

55 "(d) The Department of Commerce, and the Division of Tourism, Film, and Sports
56 Development within that Department, shall implement the policies set forth in this section. The
57 Division of Tourism, Film, and Sports Development shall make an annual report to the General
58 Assembly regarding the status of the travel and tourism industry in North Carolina; the report
59 shall be submitted to the General Assembly by ~~January 15~~ October 15 of each year beginning

1 ~~January 15, 1992.~~ October 15, 2011. The duties and responsibilities of the Department of
2 Commerce through the Division of Tourism, Film, and Sports Development shall be to:

3"
4

5 **WINE AND GRAPE GROWERS COUNCIL ELIMINATED**

6 **SECTION 14.3B.** Part 2J of Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is
7 repealed.

9 **21ST CENTURY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ELIMINATED/CONFORMING** 10 **CHANGES**

11 **SECTION 14.3C.** Part 2K of Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes
12 reads as rewritten:

13 "Part 2K. North Carolina Certified Retirement Community Program.

14 **"§ 143B-437.100. North Carolina Certified Retirement Community Program – creation;
15 powers and duties.**

16 (a) Program. – There is established the North Carolina Certified Retirement
17 Community Program as part of the ~~21st Century Communities program of the~~ North Carolina
18 Department of Commerce. The Department shall coordinate the development and planning of
19 the North Carolina Certified Retirement Community Program with other State and local groups
20 interested in participating in and promoting the North Carolina Certified Retirement
21 Community Program. The Department shall adopt administrative rules to implement the
22 provisions of this Part. For purposes of this Part, "Department" means the North Carolina
23 Department of Commerce, and "Program" means the North Carolina Certified Retirement
24 Community Program.

25 (b) Purpose. – The purpose of the Program is to encourage retirees and those planning
26 to retire to make their homes in North Carolina. In order to further this purpose, the Department
27 shall engage in the following activities:

- 28 (1) Promote the State as a retirement destination to retirees and those persons
29 and families who are planning retirement both in and outside of North
30 Carolina.
- 31 (2) Assist North Carolina communities in their efforts to market themselves as
32 retirement locations and to develop communities that retirees would find
33 attractive for a retirement lifestyle.
- 34 (3) Assist in the development of retirement communities and continuing care
35 facilities under Article 64 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes in order to
36 promote economic development and a potential workforce to enrich North
37 Carolina communities.
- 38 (4) Encourage mature market travel and tourism to North Carolina to evaluate
39 future retirement desirability and to visit those who have chosen to retire in
40 North Carolina.

41 (c) Factors. – The Department shall identify factors that are of interest to retirees or
42 potential retirees in order to inform them of the benefits of living in North Carolina. These
43 factors shall be used to develop a scoring system to determine whether an applicant will qualify
44 as a North Carolina certified retirement community and may include the following:

- 45 (1) North Carolina's State and local tax structure.
- 46 (2) Housing opportunities and cost.
- 47 (3) Climate.
- 48 (4) Personal safety.
- 49 (5) Working opportunities.
- 50 (6) Health care and continuing care services.
- 51 (7) Transportation.
- 52 (8) Continuing education.
- 53 (9) Leisure living.
- 54 (10) Recreation.
- 55 (11) The performing arts.
- 56 (12) Festivals and events.
- 57 (13) Sports.
- 58 (14) Other services and facilities necessary to enable persons to age in the
59 community with a minimum of restrictions.

1 (d) Certification. – The Department shall establish criteria for qualifying as a North
2 Carolina certified retirement community. To be eligible to obtain certification as a North
3 Carolina certified retirement community, the community shall meet each of the following
4 requirements:

- 5 (1) Be located within 30 miles of a hospital and of emergency medical services.
- 6 (2) Take steps to gain the support of churches, clubs, businesses, media, and
7 other entities whose participation will increase the Program's success in
8 attracting retirees or potential retirees.
- 9 (3) Establish a retiree attraction committee. The retiree attraction committee
10 shall fulfill or create subcommittees to fulfill each of the following:
 - 11 a. Conduct a retiree desirability assessment analyzing the community
12 with respect to each of the factors identified by the Department and
13 submit a report of the analysis to the Department.
 - 14 b. Send a representative of the retirement attraction committee to attend
15 State training meetings conducted by the ~~21st Century Communities~~
16 ~~program~~ Department during the certification process.
 - 17 c. Raise funds necessary to run the Program, organize special events,
18 and promote and coordinate the Program with local entities.
 - 19 d. Establish a community image, evaluate target markets, and develop a
20 marketing and public relations plan designed to accomplish the
21 purpose of the Program.
 - 22 e. Develop a system that identifies and makes contact with existing and
23 prospective retirees, that provides tour guides when prospects visit
24 the community, and that responds to inquiries, logs contacts made,
25 invites prospects to special community events, and maintains
26 continual contact with prospects until the prospect makes a
27 retirement location decision.
- 28 (4) Remit an application fee to the ~~21st Century Communities~~
29 ~~program~~ Department equal to the greater of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or
30 the product of fifty cents (50¢) multiplied by the population of the
31 community, as determined by the most recent census.
- 32 (5) Submit the completed marketing and public relations plan designed to
33 accomplish the purpose of the Program to the Department.
- 34 (6) Submit a long-term plan outlining the steps the community will undertake to
35 maintain or improve its desirability as a destination for retirees, including
36 corrections to any services or facilities identified in the retiree desirability
37 assessment.

38 **"§ 143B-437.101. North Carolina Certified Retirement Community Program –**
39 **administration.**

40 (a) Administration and Support. – Upon being certified as a North Carolina certified
41 retirement community, the ~~21st Century Communities program~~ Department shall provide the
42 following assistance to the community:

- 43 (1) Assistance in the training of local Program staff and volunteers.
- 44 (2) Ongoing oversight and guidance in marketing and updating on national
45 retirement trends.
- 46 (3) Inclusion in the State's national advertising and public relations campaigns
47 and travel show promotions, including a prominent feature on the
48 Department's Web site.
- 49 (4) Eligibility for State financial assistance for brochures, support material, and
50 advertising.
- 51 (5) An annual evaluation and progress assessment on maintaining and
52 improving the community's desirability as a home for retirees.

53 (b) Expiration. – A community's certification under this section expires on the fifth
54 anniversary of the date the initial certification is issued. To be considered for recertification by
55 the ~~21st Century Communities program~~ Department, an applicant community shall submit the
56 following:

- 57 (1) A completed new application in accordance with the requirements of this
58 Part.

- 1 (2) Data demonstrating the success or failure of the community's efforts to
2 market and promote itself as a desirable location for retirees and potential
3 retirees.
4 (3) The fee required by G.S. 143B-437.100(d)(4)."
5

6 **EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION FUNDS**

7 **SECTION 14.4.(a)** Funds from the Employment Security Commission Reserve
8 Fund shall be available to the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina to use as
9 collateral to secure federal funds and to pay the administrative costs associated with the
10 collection of the Employment Security Commission Reserve Fund surcharge. The total
11 administrative costs paid with funds from the Reserve in the 2011-2012 fiscal year shall not
12 exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000).

13 **SECTION 14.4.(b)** There is appropriated from the Employment Security
14 Commission Reserve Fund to the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina the sum
15 of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to be used for the
16 following purposes:

- 17 (1) \$19,500,000 for the operation and support of local Employment Security
18 Commission offices.
19 (2) \$200,000 to operate the system that tracks former participants in State
20 education and training programs.
21 (3) \$300,000 to maintain compliance with Chapter 96 of the General Statutes,
22 which directs the Commission to employ the Common Follow-Up
23 Management Information System to evaluate the effectiveness of the State's
24 job training, education, and placement programs.

25 **SECTION 14.4.(c)** There is appropriated from the Employment Security
26 Commission Reserve Fund to the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina an
27 amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to fund
28 State initiatives not currently funded through federal grants.

29 **SECTION 14.4.(d)** There is appropriated from the Worker Training Trust Fund to
30 the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina the sum of one million dollars
31 (\$1,000,000) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to fund "Opportunity NC," which provides
32 work-based training opportunities to recipients of unemployment insurance benefits.
33 Opportunity NC must meet all of the following factors:

- 34 (1) The training, even though it includes actual operation of the facilities of the
35 employer, is similar to what would be given in a vocational school or
36 academic educational instruction.
37 (2) The training is for the benefit of the trainee.
38 (3) The trainees do not displace regular employees, but work under their close
39 observation.
40 (4) The employer who provides the training derives no immediate advantage
41 from the activities of the trainees, and, on occasion, the employer's
42 operations may actually be impeded.
43 (5) The trainees are not necessarily entitled to a job at the conclusion of the
44 training period.
45 (6) The employer and the trainees understand that the trainees are not entitled
46 to wages for the time spent in training.

47 **SECTION 14.4.(e)** Of the funds credited to and held in the State of North
48 Carolina's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund by the Secretary of the Treasury of the
49 United States pursuant to and in accordance with section 903 of the Social Security Act and
50 pursuant to Title II of Division B of P.L. 111-5, the Assistance for Unemployed Workers and
51 Struggling Families Act, the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina may expend
52 the sum of two hundred five million sixty-three thousand five hundred fifty-two dollars
53 (\$205,063,552) as follows: (i) one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be used to
54 design and build the integrated unemployment insurance benefit and tax accounting system and
55 (ii) the remaining funds shall be used for the operation of the unemployment insurance
56 program.
57

58 **TRANSFER EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION TO DEPARTMENT OF** 59 **COMMERCE**

1 **SECTION 14.5.** The statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records,
2 personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of
3 the Employment Security Commission are transferred to the Department of Commerce with all
4 of the elements of a Type I transfer as defined by G.S. 143A-6.

5
6 **EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS**

7 **SECTION 14.5A.(a)** G.S. 96-12.01(a1)(4)c. is amended by adding a new sub-sub-
8 subdivision to read:

9 "3. This section applies as provided under the Tax Relief,
10 Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation
11 Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-312) as it existed on December 17,
12 2010, and is applicable to compensation for weeks of
13 unemployment beginning after December 17, 2010, and
14 ending on or before December 31, 2011, provided that:

15 I. The average rate of (i) insured unemployment, not
16 seasonally adjusted, equaled or exceeded one hundred
17 twenty percent (120%) of the average of such rates for
18 the corresponding 13-week period ending in all of the
19 preceding three calendar years and equaled or
20 exceeded five percent (5%) or (ii) total
21 unemployment, seasonally adjusted, as determined by
22 the United States Secretary of Labor, for the period
23 consisting of the most recent three months for which
24 data for all states are published before the close of the
25 week equals or exceeds six and one-half percent
26 (6.5%); and

27 II. The average rate of total unemployment in this State,
28 seasonally adjusted, as determined by the United
29 States Secretary of Labor, for the three-month period
30 referred to in this subsection, equals or exceeds one
31 hundred ten percent (110%) of the average for any of
32 the corresponding three-month periods ending in the
33 three preceding calendar years."

34 **SECTION 14.5A.(b)** G.S. 96-12.01(a1)(4)e. reads as rewritten:

35 "(4) There is an "on indicator" for this State for a week if the Commission
36 determines, in accordance with the regulations of the United States Secretary
37 of Labor, that for the period consisting of such week and the immediate
38 preceding 12 weeks, the rate of insured unemployment (not seasonally
39 adjusted) under this Chapter:

40 ...

41 e. Total extended benefit amount.

42 1. The total extended benefit amount payment to any eligible
43 individual with respect to the applicable benefit year shall be
44 the least of the following amounts:

45 I. Fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of regular
46 benefits which were payable to the individual under
47 this Chapter in the individual's applicable benefit year;
48 or

49 II. Thirteen times the individual's weekly benefit amount
50 that was payable to the individual under this Chapter
51 for a week of total unemployment in the applicable
52 benefit year.

53 2. I. Effective with respect to weeks beginning in a high
54 unemployment period, sub-subdivision e.1. of this
55 subdivision shall be applied by substituting:

56 A. "Eighty percent (80%)" for "fifty percent
57 (50%)" in sub-subdivision e.1.I., and

58 B. "Twenty" for "thirteen" in sub-subdivision
59 e.1.II.

- II. For purposes of sub-subdivision 2.I., the term "high unemployment period" means any period during which an extended benefit period would be in effect if sub-subdivision c. of this subdivision were applied by substituting "eight percent (8%)" for six and one-half percent (6.5%)".
- 3. This subdivision applies as provided under the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-312) as it existed on December 17, 2010, and is applicable to compensation for weeks of unemployment beginning after December 17, 2010, and ending on or before December 31, 2011, provided that:
 - I. The average rate of total unemployment, seasonally adjusted, as determined by the United States Secretary of Labor, for the period consisting of the most recent three months for which data for all states are published before the close of the week equals or exceeds eight percent (8%); and
 - II. The average rate of total unemployment in this State, seasonally adjusted, as determined by the United States Secretary of Labor, for the three-month period referred to in this subdivision equals or exceeds one hundred ten percent (110%) of the average for any of the corresponding three-month periods ending in the three preceding calendar years."

SECTION 14.5A.(c) The intent of this section is to allow extended benefits to be paid as provided under the Federal Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 so long as the payment of the benefits does not hinder the State's ability to reduce the debt it owes the federal government to pay unemployment benefits. It is not the intent of this section to pay for the extended benefits with contributions paid by employers under Chapter 96 of the North Carolina General Statutes or with contributions paid by employers under the federal payroll tax that would otherwise be used to pay down the amount borrowed from the federal government by the State to pay unemployment benefits. Nothing in this section obligates the State to pay extended benefits provided by this section with contributions payable under Chapter 96 of the General Statutes or with any other State funds. This section is null and void if the payment of the benefits would divert federal payroll tax revenue payable by North Carolina employers that would otherwise be used to pay down the amount borrowed from the federal government by the State to pay unemployment benefits.

SECTION 14.5A.(d) This section becomes effective April 16, 2011, and expires January 1, 2012.

AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEES/UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

SECTION 14.5B. G.S. 96-8(5)n. reads as rewritten:

- "n. With respect to employment on and after January 1, 1978, any person or employing unit who (a) during any calendar quarter in the current calendar year or the preceding calendar year paid wages of ~~twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)~~ fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more for agricultural labor, or (b) on each of some 20 days during the current or preceding calendar year, each day being in a different calendar week, employed at least 10 individuals in employment in agricultural labor for some portion of the day. Provided, that with respect to agricultural labor performed by a crew on and after January 1, 1978, the crew leader shall be deemed an employer if (1) either of the requirements set forth in the first sentence of this paragraph are met; and (2) the crew members are not employed by another person within the meaning of the first sentence of this paragraph; (3) and if the crew leader holds a valid certificate of registration under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act; or substantially all the members of the crew operate

1 or maintain tractors, mechanized harvesting or crop dusting
 2 equipment, or any other mechanized equipment, which is provided
 3 by the crew leader. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "crew
 4 leader" means an individual who (1) furnishes individuals to perform
 5 agricultural labor for any other person, (2) pays (either on his behalf
 6 or on behalf of such other person) the individuals so furnished by
 7 him for the agricultural labor performed by them, and (3) has not
 8 entered into a written agreement with such other person under which
 9 such individual is designated as an employee of such other person.
 10 The farm operator shall be deemed to be the employer of any worker
 11 hired by the farm operator; any assignment to work with a crew or
 12 under a crew leader notwithstanding. All the workers shall be
 13 deemed the employees of the farm operator when the crew leader
 14 does not qualify as the employer under the provisions set out in this
 15 paragraph."
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17 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE/CONTRACTS RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT**
 18 **SECURITY ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM**

19 **SECTION 14.5C.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
 20 Department of Commerce may enter into contracts or, as necessary, enter into sole source
 21 contracts to timely obtain recommendations to achieve employment security organizational
 22 reform recommendations and savings.
 23

24 **TRANSFER STATE PORTS AUTHORITY FROM DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
 25 **TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

26 **SECTION 14.6.(a)** The North Carolina State Ports Authority, as contained in Part
 27 10 of Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, is hereby transferred by a Type II
 28 transfer to the Department of Transportation. The North Carolina State Ports Authority shall
 29 use the State's budgeting, accounting, and human resources systems and shall comply with laws
 30 and policies related to submitting budget requests to the Office of State Budget and
 31 Management.

32 **SECTION 14.6.(b)** Part 10 of Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes
 33 is recodified as Article 20 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes, G.S. 136-260 through
 34 G.S. 136-275.

35 **SECTION 14.6.(c)** G.S. 120-123 reads as rewritten:
 36 "**§ 120-123. Service by members of the General Assembly on certain boards and**
 37 **commissions.**

38 No member of the General Assembly may serve on any of the following boards or
 39 commissions:
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- 41 ...
- 42 (26) The North Carolina State Ports Authority, as established by ~~G.S. 143B-452-~~
 43 G.S. 136-260.
- 44"

44 **SECTION 14.6.(d)** G.S. 143-166.13 reads as rewritten:
 45 "**§ 143-166.13. Persons entitled to benefits under Article.**

46 (a) The following persons who are subject to the Criminal Justice Training and
 47 Standards Act are entitled to benefits under this Article:
 48

- 49 ...
- 50 (15) North Carolina Ports Authority Police, Department of
 51 Commerce;Transportation;
- 52"

52 **SECTION 14.6.(e)** G.S. 143B-346 reads as rewritten:
 53 "**§ 143B-346. Department of Transportation – purpose and functions.**

54 The general purpose of the Department of Transportation is to provide for the necessary
 55 planning, construction, maintenance, and operation of an integrated statewide transportation
 56 system for the economical and safe transportation of people and goods as provided for by law.
 57 The Department shall also provide and maintain an accurate register of transportation vehicles
 58 as provided by statutes, and the Department shall enforce the laws of this State relating to
 59 transportation safety assigned to the Department. The Department of Transportation shall be

1 responsible for all of the transportation functions of the executive branch of the State as
 2 provided by law except those functions delegated to the Utilities Commission, the State Ports
 3 Authority, Commission and the Commissioners of Navigation and Pilotage as provided for by
 4 Chapter 76. The major transportation functions include aeronautics, highways, mass
 5 transportation, motor vehicles, and transportation safety as provided for by State law. The
 6 Department of Transportation shall succeed to all functions vested in the Board of
 7 Transportation and the Department of Motor Vehicles on July 1, 1977."

8 **SECTION 14.6.(f)** G.S. 143B-431 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 143B-431. Department of Commerce – functions.**

10 (a) The functions of the Department of Commerce, except as otherwise expressly
 11 provided by Article 1 of this Chapter or by the Constitution of North Carolina, shall include:

12 (1) All of the executive functions of the State in relation to economic
 13 development including by way of enumeration and not of limitation, the
 14 expansion and recruitment of environmentally sound industry, labor force
 15 development, the promotion of and assistance in the orderly development of
 16 North Carolina counties and communities, the promotion and growth of the
 17 travel and tourism industries, ~~the development of our State's ports, and~~
 18 energy resource management and energy policy development;

19 (2) All functions, powers, duties and obligations heretofore vested in an agency
 20 enumerated in Article 15 of Chapter 143A, to wit:

- 21 a. The State Board of Alcoholic Control,
- 22 b. The North Carolina Utilities Commission,
- 23 c. The Employment Security Commission,
- 24 d. The North Carolina Industrial Commission,
- 25 e. State Banking Commission and the Commissioner of Banks,
- 26 f. Savings Institutions Division,
- 27 g. Repealed by Session Laws 2001-193, s. 10, effective July 1, 2001.
- 28 h. Credit Union Commission,
- 29 i. Repealed by Session Laws 2004-199, s. 27(c), effective August 17,
 30 2004.
- 31 j. The North Carolina Mutual Burial Association Commission,
- 32 k. The North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority,
- 33 ~~l. The North Carolina State Ports Authority,~~

34 all of which enumerated agencies are hereby expressly transferred by a Type
 35 II transfer, as defined by G.S. 143A-6, to this recreated and reconstituted
 36 Department of Commerce; and

37 (3) All other functions, powers, duties and obligations as are conferred by this
 38 Chapter, delegated or assigned by the Governor and conferred by the
 39 Constitution and laws of this State. Any agency transferred to the
 40 Department of Commerce by a Type II transfer, as defined by G.S. 143A-6,
 41 shall have the authority to employ, direct and supervise professional and
 42 technical personnel, and such agencies shall not be accountable to the
 43 Secretary of Commerce in their exercise of quasi-judicial powers authorized
 44 by statute, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Chapter, ~~provided~~
 45 ~~that the authority of the North Carolina State Ports Authority to employ,~~
 46 ~~direct and supervise personnel shall be as provided in Part 10 of this~~
 47 ~~Article:Chapter.~~

48 "...."

49 **SECTION 14.6.(g)** G.S. 143B-433 reads as rewritten:

50 **"§ 143B-433. Department of Commerce – organization.**

51 The Department of Commerce shall be organized to include:

52 (1) The following agencies:

- 53 a. The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.
- 54 b. The North Carolina Utilities Commission.
- 55 c. The Employment Security Commission.
- 56 d. The North Carolina Industrial Commission.
- 57 e. State Banking Commission.
- 58 f. Savings Institutions Division.
- 59 g. Repealed by Session Laws 2001-193, s. 11, effective July 1, 2001.

- h. Credit Union Commission.
- i. Repealed by Session Laws 2004-199, s. 27(d), effective August 17, 2004.
- j. The North Carolina Mutual Burial Association Commission.
- k. North Carolina Cemetery Commission.
- l. The North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority.
- m. Repealed by Session Laws 1985, c. 757, s. 179(d).
- n. North Carolina Science and Technology Research Center.
- ~~o. The North Carolina State Ports Authority.~~
- p. Repealed by Session Laws 2010-180, s. 7(f), effective August 2, 2010.
- q. Economic Development Board.
- r. Labor Force Development Council.
- s., t. Repealed by Session Laws 2000, c. 140, s. 76.(j), effective September 30, 2000.
- u. Navigation and Pilotage Commissions established by Chapter 76 of the General Statutes.
- v. Repealed by Session Laws 1993, c. 321, s. 313b.

...."

SECTION 14.6.(h) G.S. 143B-452, recodified as G.S. 136-260 in subsection (b) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"§ 136-260. Creation of Authority. – membership; appointment, terms and vacancies; officers; meetings and quorum; compensation.

(a) The North Carolina State Ports Authority is hereby ~~created~~created within the Department of Transportation and shall be subject to and under the direct supervision of the Secretary of Transportation. It shall be governed by a board composed of nine members and hereby designated as the Authority. Effective July 1, 1983, it shall be governed by a board composed of 11 members and hereby designated as the Authority. The General Assembly suggests and recommends that no person be appointed to the Authority who is domiciled in the district of the North Carolina House of Representatives or the North Carolina Senate in which a State port is located. Members of the North Carolina Board of Transportation may be appointed to the Authority. The Governor shall appoint seven members to the Authority, and the General Assembly shall appoint two members of the Authority. Effective July 1, 1983, the Authority shall consist of seven persons appointed by the Governor, and four persons appointed by the General Assembly. Effective ~~July 1, 1989,~~July 1, 2011, the Governor shall appoint six members to the Authority, in addition to the Secretary of ~~Commerce,~~Transportation, who shall serve as a voting member of the Authority by virtue of his office. The Secretary of ~~Commerce~~Transportation shall fill the first vacancy occurring after ~~July 1, 1989,~~July 1, 2011, in a position on the Authority over which the Governor has appointive power.

...."

SECTION 14.6.(i) G.S. 146-65 reads as rewritten:

"§ 146-65. Exemptions from Chapter.

This Chapter does not apply to any of the following:

- (1) The acquisition of highway rights-of-way, borrow pits, or other interests or estates in land acquired for the same or similar purposes, or to the disposition thereof, by the Board of Transportation or the North Carolina Turnpike Authority.
- (2) The North Carolina State Ports Authority in exercising its powers under ~~G.S. 143B-452~~ through ~~G.S. 143B-467.~~G.S. 136-260 through G.S. 136-275."

SECTION 14.6.(j) G.S. 150B-1(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Exemptions from Rule Making. – Article 2A of this Chapter does not apply to the following:

- (11) The North Carolina State Ports Authority with respect to fees established pursuant to ~~G.S. 143B-454(a)(11).~~G.S. 136-262(a)(11).

...."

SECTION 14.6.(k) The Revisor of Statutes shall make any other conforming statutory changes that are necessary to reflect the transfer under subsection (a) of this section.

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2 **STUDY COSTS OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO**
3 **AGENCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

4 **SECTION 14.7.(a)** In consultation with the Fiscal Research Division, the
5 Department of Commerce and the ABC Commission, State Banking Commission, Credit
6 Union Division, Cemetery Commission, Utilities Commission, Utilities Commission Public
7 Staff, and the Rural Electrification Authority shall study the following: (i) the types of services
8 provided by the Department of Commerce to each of the agencies during each fiscal year; and
9 (ii) formulas or methods to be used to determine the costs of the services, including the
10 advantages and disadvantages of each formula or method. The Department of Commerce and
11 each of the agencies shall prepare a joint recommendation as to which formula or method to
12 determine the costs of the services should be used. In addition, the Department of Commerce
13 and each of the agencies shall develop a memorandum of understanding that details the services
14 to be provided by the Department of Commerce during each fiscal year.

15 **SECTION 14.7.(b)** By May 1, 2012, the Department of Commerce shall report the
16 results of the study, including formula or method recommendations, required under subsection
17 (a) of this section, to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic
18 Resources, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and
19 Economic Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division. By May 1, 2012, the Department of
20 Commerce shall also submit a copy of each memorandum of understanding required under
21 subsection (a) of this section to the Fiscal Research Division.
22

23 **INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FEES/COMPUTER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT**

24 **SECTION 14.8.** The North Carolina Industrial Commission may retain the
25 additional revenue generated as a result of an increase in the fee charged to parties for the filing
26 of compromised settlements. These funds shall be used for the purpose of replacing existing
27 computer hardware and software used for the operations of the Commission. These funds may
28 also be used to prepare any assessment of hardware and software needs prior to purchase and to
29 develop and administer the needed databases and new Electronic Case Management System,
30 including the establishment of two time-limited positions for application development and
31 support and mainframe migration. The Commission may not retain any fees under this section
32 unless they are in excess of the former two-hundred-dollar (\$200.00) fee charged by the
33 Commission for filing a compromised settlement.
34

35 **UTILITIES COMMISSION/TERMS OF COMMISSIONERS**

36 **SECTION 14.8A.(a)** G.S. 62-10 reads as rewritten:

37 "**§ 62-10. Number; appointment; terms; qualifications; chairman; vacancies;**
38 **compensation; other employment prohibited.**

39 (a) The North Carolina Utilities Commission shall consist of seven commissioners who
40 shall be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the General Assembly by joint
41 resolution. The names of commissioners to be appointed by the Governor shall be submitted by
42 the Governor to the General Assembly for confirmation by the General Assembly on or before
43 May 1, of the year in which the terms for which the appointments are to be made are to expire.
44 Upon failure of the Governor to submit names as herein provided, the Lieutenant Governor and
45 Speaker of the House jointly shall submit the names of a like number of commissioners to the
46 General Assembly on or before May 15 of the same year for confirmation by the General
47 Assembly. Regardless of the way in which names of commissioners are submitted,
48 confirmation of commissioners must be accomplished prior to adjournment of the then current
49 session of the General Assembly. This subsection shall be subject to the provisions of
50 subsection (c) of this section.

51 (b) The terms of the commissioners now serving shall expire at the conclusion of the
52 term for which they were appointed which shall remain as before with two regular eight-year
53 terms expiring on July 1 of each fourth year after July 1, 1965, and the fifth term expiring on
54 July 1 of each eighth year after July 1, 1963. The terms of office of utilities commissioners
55 thereafter shall be ~~eight~~ four years commencing on July 1 of the year in which the predecessor
56 terms expired, and ending on July 1 of the ~~eight~~ fourth year thereafter.

57 (c) In order to increase the number of commissioners to seven, the names of two
58 additional commissioners shall be submitted to the General Assembly on or before May 27,
59 1975, for confirmation by the General Assembly as provided in G.S. 62-10(a). The

1 commissioners so appointed and confirmed shall serve new terms commencing on July 1, 1975,
2 one of which shall be for a period of two years (with the immediate successor serving for a
3 period of six years), and one of which shall be for a period of two years.

4 Thereafter, the terms of office of the additional commissioners shall be for ~~eight~~ four years
5 as provided in G.S. 62-10(b).

6 (d) A commissioner in office shall continue to serve until his successor is duly
7 confirmed and qualified but such holdover shall not affect the expiration date of such
8 succeeding term.

9 (e) On July 1, 1965, and every four years thereafter, one of the commissioners shall be
10 designated by the Governor to serve as chairman of the Commission for the succeeding four
11 years and until his successor is duly confirmed and qualifies. Upon death or resignation of the
12 commissioner appointed as chairman, the Governor shall designate the chairman from the
13 remaining commissioners and appoint a successor as hereinafter provided to fill the vacancy on
14 the Commission.

15 (f) In case of death, incapacity, resignation or vacancy for any other reason in the office
16 of any commissioner prior to the expiration of his term of office, the name of his successor
17 shall be submitted by the Governor within four weeks after the vacancy arises to the General
18 Assembly for confirmation by the General Assembly. Upon failure of the Governor to submit
19 the name of the successor, the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House jointly shall
20 submit the name of a successor to the General Assembly within six weeks after the vacancy
21 arises. Regardless of the way in which names of commissioners are submitted, confirmation of
22 commissioners must be accomplished prior to the adjournment of the then current session of
23 the General Assembly.

24 (g) If a vacancy arises or exists pursuant to either subsection (a) or (c) or (f) of this
25 section when the General Assembly is not in session, and the appointment is deemed urgent by
26 the Governor, the commissioner may be appointed and serve on an interim basis pending
27 confirmation by the General Assembly.

28 (h) The salary of each commissioner and that of the commissioner designated as
29 chairman shall be set by the General Assembly in the Current Operations Appropriations Act.
30 In lieu of merit and other increment raises paid to regular State employees, each commissioner,
31 including the commissioner designated as chairman, shall receive as longevity pay an amount
32 equal to four and eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the annual salary set forth in the Current
33 Operations Appropriations Act payable monthly after five years of service, and nine and
34 six-tenths percent (9.6%) after 10 years of service. "Service" means service as a member of the
35 Utilities Commission.

36 (h1) In addition to compensation for their services, each member of the Commission who
37 lives at least 50 miles from the City of Raleigh shall be paid a weekly travel allowance for each
38 week the member travels to the City of Raleigh from the member's home for business of the
39 Commission. The allowance shall be calculated for each member by multiplying the actual
40 round-trip mileage from that member's home to the City of Raleigh by the rate-per-mile which
41 is the business standard mileage rate set by the Internal Revenue Service in Rev. Proc. 93-51,
42 December 27, 1993.

43 (i) The standards of judicial conduct provided for judges in Article 30 of Chapter 7A of
44 the General Statutes shall apply to members of the Commission. Members of the Commission
45 shall be liable to impeachment for the causes and in the manner provided for judges of the
46 General Court of Justice in Chapter 123 of the General Statutes. Members of the Commission
47 shall not engage in any other employment, business, profession, or vocation while in office.

48 (j) Except as provided in subsection (h1) of this section, members of the Commission
49 shall be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses at the rates allowed to State officers
50 and employees by G.S. 138-6(a)."

51 **SECTION 14.8A.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2011, and applies to
52 all vacancies on the Utilities Commission occurring on or after that date.

53 **STATE-AID REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

54 **SECTION 14.10.(a)** The North Carolina Association of Community Development
55 Corporations, North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development, Inc., FFA
56 Foundation, Ag in the Classroom, Land Loss Prevention Project, North Carolina Minority
57 Support Center, North Carolina Community Development Initiative, Inc., Councils of
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Government, High Point Market Authority, and Partnership for the Sounds, Inc., shall do the following:

- (1) By September 1 of each year, and more frequently as requested, report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division on prior State fiscal year program activities, objectives, and accomplishments and prior State fiscal year itemized expenditures and fund sources.
- (2) Provide to the Fiscal Research Division a copy of the organization's annual audited financial statement within 30 days of issuance of the statement.

SECTION 14.10.(b) Remaining allotments after September 1 shall not be released to any nonprofit organization that does not satisfy the reporting requirements provided in subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 14.10.(c) No more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in State funds shall be used for the annual salary of any one employee of an entity named in subsection (a) of this section.

GRASSROOTS SCIENCE PROGRAM

SECTION 14.11.(a) The Grassroots Science Program within the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is transferred to the Department of Commerce.

SECTION 14.11.(b) Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Commerce for State Aid, the sum of two million eight hundred ninety-nine thousand eight hundred eighty-five dollars (\$2,899,885) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the sum of two million eight hundred ninety-nine thousand eight hundred eighty-five dollars (\$2,899,885) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year is allocated as grants-in-aid for each fiscal year as follows:

	2011-2012	2012-2013
Aurora Fossil Museum	\$49,000	\$49,000
Cape Fear Museum	\$132,125	\$132,125
Carolina Raptor Center	\$92,050	\$92,050
Catawba Science Center	\$120,100	\$120,100
Colburn Earth Science Museum, Inc.	\$61,170	\$61,170
Core Sound Waterfowl Museum	\$49,000	\$49,000
Discovery Place	\$543,945	\$543,945
Eastern NC Regional Science Center	\$49,000	\$49,000
Fascinate-U	\$66,530	\$66,530
Granville County Museum Commission, Inc.–Harris Gallery	\$49,000	\$49,000
Greensboro Children's Museum	\$110,845	\$110,845
The Health Adventure Museum of Pack Place Education, Arts and Science Center, Inc.	\$127,695	\$127,695
Highlands Nature Center	\$65,050	\$65,050
Imagination Station	\$70,600	\$70,600
The Iredell Museums, Inc.	\$50,310	\$50,310
Kidsenses	\$66,700	\$66,700
Museum of Coastal Carolina	\$64,025	\$64,025
The Natural Science Center of Greensboro, Inc.	\$152,920	\$152,920
North Carolina Museum of Life and Science	\$311,685	\$311,685
Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute	\$49,000	\$49,000
Port Discover: Northeastern North Carolina's Center for Hands-On Science, Inc.	\$49,000	\$49,000
Rocky Mount Children's Museum	\$59,290	\$59,290
Schiele Museum of Natural History and Planetarium, Inc.	\$188,370	\$188,370
Sci Works Science Center and Environmental Park of Forsyth County	\$120,215	\$120,215

1	Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park		
2	and Eco-Center	\$49,000	\$49,000
3	Western North Carolina Nature Center	\$92,630	\$92,630
4	Wilmington Children's Museum	\$60,630	\$60,630
5			
6	Total	\$2,899,885	\$2,899,885

7 **SECTION 14.11.(c)** No later than March 1, 2012, the Department of Commerce
 8 shall report to the Fiscal Research Division all of the following information for each museum
 9 that receives funds under this section:

- 10 (1) The actual operating budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
- 11 (2) The proposed operating budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
- 12 (3) The total attendance at the museum during the 2011 calendar year.

13 **SECTION 14.11.(d)** No later than March 1, 2013, the Department of Commerce
 14 shall report to the Fiscal Research Division all of the following information for each museum
 15 that receives funds under this section:

- 16 (1) The actual operating budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
- 17 (2) The proposed operating budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.
- 18 (3) The total attendance at the museum during the 2012 calendar year.

19 **SECTION 14.11.(e)** As a condition for qualifying to receive funding under this
 20 section, all of the following documentation shall, no later than November 1 of each year of the
 21 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, be submitted for each museum under this section to the Department
 22 of Commerce for fiscal years ending between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010, and only those
 23 costs that are properly documented under this subsection are allowed by the Department in
 24 calculating the distribution of funds under this section:

- 25 (1) Each museum under this section shall submit its IRS (Internal Revenue
 26 Service) Form 990 to show its annual operating expenses, its annual report,
 27 and a reconciliation that explains any differences between expenses as
 28 shown on the IRS Form 990 and the annual report.
- 29 (2) Each friends association of a museum under this section shall submit its IRS
 30 Form 990 to show its reported expenses for the museum, its annual report,
 31 and a reconciliation that explains any differences between expenses as
 32 shown on the IRS Form 990 and the annual report, unless the association
 33 does not have both an IRS Form 990 and an annual report available; in
 34 which case, it shall submit either an IRS Form 990 or an annual report.
- 35 (3) The chief financial officer of each county or municipal government that
 36 provides funds for the benefit of the museum shall submit a detailed signed
 37 statement of documented costs spent for the benefit of the museum that
 38 includes documentation of the name, address, title, and telephone number of
 39 the person making the assertion that the museum receives funds from the
 40 county or municipality for the benefit of the museum.
- 41 (4) The chief financial officer of each county or municipal government or each
 42 friends association that provides indirect or allocable costs that are not
 43 directly charged to a museum under this section but that benefit the museum
 44 shall submit in the form of a detailed statement enumerating each cost by
 45 type and amount that is verified by the financial officer responsible for the
 46 completion of the documentation and that includes the name, address, title,
 47 and telephone number of the person making the assertion that the county,
 48 municipality, or association provides indirect or allocable costs to the
 49 museum.

50 **SECTION 14.11.(f)** As used in subsection (e) of this section, "friends association"
 51 means a nonprofit corporation established for the purpose of supporting and assisting a
 52 museum that receives funding under this section.

53 **SECTION 14.11.(g)** No more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in
 54 State funds shall be used for the annual salary of any one employee of an entity named in
 55 subsection (b) of this section.

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 57 **WAKE FOREST INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE/PROFIT SHARING**
 58 **WITH STATE**

1 **SECTION 14.12.(a)** Wake Forest University Health Sciences (hereinafter "Wake
2 Forest") shall reimburse the State for State funds appropriated to the Wake Forest Institute of
3 Regenerative Medicine (hereinafter "Institute") by returning to the State five percent (5%) of
4 the royalty revenue received by the Institute from inventions arising under those research
5 projects to which State funds were allocated by the Institute, subject to the following:

- 6 (1) The total amount to be reimbursed to the State shall be limited to the amount
7 of State funds appropriated to the Institute plus simple interest at the rate of
8 four percent (4%) annually from the time of disbursement until
9 reimbursement commences;
- 10 (2) Wake Forest shall be entitled to deduct the expenses reasonably incurred in
11 prosecuting, defending, and enforcing patent rights for the invention, except
12 to the extent the expenses are recovered from a third party, before
13 calculating the amount to be paid to the State;
- 14 (3) Calculation of the payments to the State shall be based upon royalty revenue
15 proportionate to the State funds used in the research, with budgets developed
16 consistent with federal research funding accounting guidelines; and
- 17 (4) Payments shall be used by the State in a manner consistent with Title 35 of
18 the United States Code, section 202, subdivision (c)(7).

19 **SECTION 14.12.(b)** The Institute shall comply with the following reporting
20 requirements:

- 21 (1) By September 1 of each year, and more frequently as requested, report to the
22 Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal
23 Research Division on prior State fiscal year program activities, objectives,
24 and accomplishments and prior State fiscal year itemized expenditures and
25 fund sources.
- 26 (2) Provide to the Fiscal Research Division a copy of the Institute's annual
27 audited financial statement within 30 days of issuance of the statement.

28 **SECTION 14.12.(c)** Remaining allotments after September 1 shall not be released
29 to the Institute if it does not satisfy the reporting requirements provided in subsection (b) of this
30 section.

31 **SECTION 14.12.(d)** No more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in
32 State funds shall be used for the annual salary of any one employee of the Institute.

33 **COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS**

34 **SECTION 14.12A.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
35 Commerce, the sum of three hundred forty-three thousand one hundred eighty-seven dollars
36 (\$343,187) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred forty-three thousand one
37 hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$343,187) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year shall be used only as
38 provided by this section. Each regional council of government or lead regional organization is
39 allocated up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2011-2012 and the 2012-2013
40 fiscal years.

41 **SECTION 14.12A.(b)** A regional council of government may use funds allocated
42 to it by this section only to assist local governments in grant applications, economic
43 development, community development, support of local industrial development activities, and
44 other activities as deemed appropriate by the member governments.

45 **SECTION 14.12A.(c)** Funds allocated by this section shall be paid by electronic
46 transfer in two equal installments each fiscal year. Upon receipt of the report required by
47 subsection (e) of this section, the first installment shall be paid no later than September 15 of
48 each year.

49 **SECTION 14.12A.(d)** Funds allocated by this section shall not be used for
50 payment of dues or assessments by the member governments and shall not supplant funds
51 appropriated by the member governments.

52 **SECTION 14.12A.(e)** By September 1 of each year, and more frequently as
53 requested, each council of government or lead regional organization shall report to the Joint
54 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division of the
55 General Assembly on prior State fiscal year program activities, objectives, and
56 accomplishments and prior State fiscal year itemized expenditures and fund sources. Each
57 council of government or lead regional organization shall provide to the Fiscal Research
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1 Division of the General Assembly a copy of the organization's annual audited financial
2 statement within 30 days of issuance of the statement.
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4 **RTI INTERNATIONAL/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; USE OF STATE FUNDS**

5 **SECTION 14.12B.(a)** RTI International shall do the following:

- 6 (1) By September 1 of each year, and more frequently as requested, report to the
7 Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal
8 Research Division on prior State fiscal year program activities, objectives,
9 and accomplishments and prior State fiscal year itemized expenditures and
10 fund sources.
11 (2) Provide to the Fiscal Research Division a copy of the organization's annual
12 audited financial statement within 30 days of issuance of the statement.

13 **SECTION 14.12B.(b)** Remaining allotments after September 1 shall not be
14 released to RTI International if the organization does not satisfy the reporting requirements
15 provided in subsection (a) of this section.

16 **SECTION 14.12B.(c)** Funds appropriated in this act to RTI International shall be
17 used to support new research that is conducted in the State of North Carolina. Funds
18 appropriated to RTI International for the 2011-2012 fiscal year that are unexpended and
19 unencumbered as of June 30, 2012, shall revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2012.

20 **SECTION 14.12B.(d)** No more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in
21 State funds shall be used for the annual salary of any one employee of RTI International.
22

23 **E-NC AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER FEDERAL GRANT FOR BROADBAND 24 MAPPING TO NC CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AND 25 ANALYSIS**

26 **SECTION 14.12C.** The e-NC Authority shall consult with the National
27 Telecommunications and Information Administration to determine the manner in which an
28 orderly transfer of grant funds awarded to the e-NC Authority under the State Broadband Data
29 and Development grant program may be made to the NC Center for Geographic Information
30 and Analysis. The e-NC Authority and the NC Center for Geographic Information and
31 Analysis shall comply with the requirements of the National Telecommunications and
32 Information Administration to ensure that the grant funds are transferred as quickly and as
33 efficiently as possible to prevent any significant disruption in the North Carolina mapping and
34 planning project currently titled NC BRIM, NC Broadband-Rigor in Mapping.
35

36 **BIOFUELS CENTER OF NORTH CAROLINA**

37 **SECTION 14.14.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Biofuels Center of
38 North Carolina (Center), the sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for each fiscal year in the
39 2011-2013 biennium shall be allocated as follows:

	2011-2012	2012-2013
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41		
42	General Administration	\$897,953
43	Administration – Projects & Program Delivery	\$650,767
44	Communications & Public Information	\$127,200
45	Grant Program	\$1,434,480
46	Targeted Projects & Accelerated Initiatives	\$889,600

47 **SECTION 14.14.(b)** The Center shall comply with the following reporting
48 requirements:

- 49 (1) By September 1 of each year, and more frequently as requested, report to the
50 Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal
51 Research Division on prior State fiscal year program activities, objectives,
52 and accomplishments and prior State fiscal year itemized expenditures and
53 fund sources.
54 (2) Provide to the Fiscal Research Division a copy of the Center's annual audited
55 financial statement within 30 days of issuance of the statement.

56 **SECTION 14.14.(c)** Remaining allotments after September 1 shall not be released
57 to the Center if it does not satisfy the reporting requirements provided in subsection (b) of this
58 section.

1 **SECTION 14.14.(d)** No more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in
 2 State funds shall be used for the annual salary of any one employee of the Center.
 3

4 **NORTH CAROLINA BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER**

5 **SECTION 14.15.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the North Carolina
 6 Biotechnology Center (Center), the sum of sixteen million five hundred seventy-six thousand
 7 six hundred fifteen dollars (\$16,576,615) for each fiscal year in the 2011-2013 biennium shall
 8 be allocated as follows:

- 9 (1) Job Creation: Ag Biotech Initiative, Economic and Industrial Development,
 10 Regional Offices and Statewide Development, and related activities –
 11 \$3,569,736;
- 12 (2) Science and Commercialization: Science and Technology Development,
 13 Centers of Innovation, Business and Technology Development, Education
 14 and Training, and related activities – \$10,729,550; and
- 15 (3) Center Operations: Administration, Professional and Technical Assistance
 16 and Oversight, Corporate Communications, Human Resource Management,
 17 Financial and Grant Administration, Legal, and Accounting – \$2,277,329.

18 **SECTION 14.15.(b)** Except to provide administrative flexibility, up to ten percent
 19 (10%) of each of the allocations in subsection (a) of this section may be reallocated to one or
 20 more of the other allocations in subsection (a) of this section if, in the judgment of Center
 21 management, the reallocation will advance the mission of the Center.

22 **SECTION 14.15.(c)** The Center shall comply with the following reporting
 23 requirements:

- 24 (1) By September 1 of each year, and more frequently as requested, report to the
 25 Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal
 26 Research Division on prior State fiscal year program activities, objectives,
 27 and accomplishments and prior State fiscal year itemized expenditures and
 28 fund sources.
- 29 (2) Provide to the Fiscal Research Division a copy of the Center's annual audited
 30 financial statement within 30 days of issuance of the statement.

31 **SECTION 14.15.(d)** Remaining allotments after September 1 shall not be released
 32 to the Center if it does not satisfy the reporting requirements provided in subsection (b) of this
 33 section.

34 **SECTION 14.15.(e)** No more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in
 35 State funds shall be used for the annual salary of any one employee of the Center.
 36

37 **RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

38 **SECTION 14.16.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the North Carolina
 39 Rural Economic Development Center, Inc. (Rural Center), the sum of three million seven
 40 hundred eighty-six thousand three hundred fifty-two dollars (\$3,786,352) for each year in the
 41 2011-2013 biennium shall be allocated as follows:

	2011-2012	2012-2013
Center Administration, Technical Assistance, & Oversight	\$1,229,830	\$1,229,830
Research and Demonstration Grants	\$277,780	\$277,780
Institute for Rural Entrepreneurship	\$108,205	\$108,205
Community Development Grants	\$797,360	\$797,360
Microenterprise Loan Program	\$146,965	\$146,965
Water/Sewer/Business Development Matching Grants	\$1,064,712	\$1,064,712
Statewide Water/Sewer Database	\$ 75,098	\$ 75,098
Agricultural Advancement Consortium	\$ 86,402	\$ 86,402.

52 **SECTION 14.16.(b)** Funds allocated in subsection (a) of this section for
 53 community development grants shall support development projects and activities within the
 54 State's communities. Any new or previously funded community development corporation, as
 55 that term is defined in subsection (c) of this section, is eligible to apply for community
 56 development grant funds. However, no community development grant funds shall be released
 57 to a community development corporation unless the corporation can demonstrate that there are
 58

1 no outstanding or proposed assessments or other collection actions against the corporation for
2 any State or federal taxes, including related penalties, interest, and fees.

3 **SECTION 14.16.(c)** For purposes of this section, the term "community
4 development corporation" means a nonprofit corporation:

- 5 (1) Chartered pursuant to Chapter 55A of the General Statutes;
- 6 (2) Tax-exempt pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
7 1986;
- 8 (3) Whose primary mission is to develop and improve low-income communities
9 and neighborhoods and Tier 1 counties through economic and related
10 development;
- 11 (4) Whose activities and decisions are initiated, managed, and controlled by the
12 constituents of those local communities; and
- 13 (5) Whose primary function is to act as deal maker and packager of projects and
14 activities that will increase their constituencies' opportunities to become
15 owners, managers, and producers of small businesses, affordable housing,
16 and jobs designed to produce positive cash flow and curb blight in the
17 targeted community.

18 **SECTION 14.16.(d)** The Rural Center shall provide a report containing detailed
19 budget, personnel, and salary information to the Office of State Budget and Management in the
20 same manner as State departments and agencies in preparation for biennium budget requests.

21 **SECTION 14.16.(e)** In awarding grants under this section, the Rural Center shall
22 give preference to a resident company. For purposes of this section, the term "resident
23 company" means a company that has paid unemployment taxes or income taxes in this State
24 and whose principal place of business is located in this State. An application for a project that
25 serves an economically distressed area shall have priority over a project that does not. A grant
26 to assist with water infrastructure needs is not subject to the provisions of G.S. 143-355.4.

27 **SECTION 14.16.(f)** By September 1 of each year, and more frequently as
28 requested, the Rural Center shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
29 Operations and the Fiscal Research Division on prior State fiscal year program activities,
30 objectives, and accomplishments and prior State fiscal year itemized expenditures and fund
31 sources.

32 **SECTION 14.16.(g)** No more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in
33 State funds shall be used for the annual salary of any one employee of the Rural Center.
34

35 **RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER/INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

36 **SECTION 14.17.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the North Carolina
37 Rural Economic Development Center, Inc. (Rural Center), the sum of fifteen million five
38 hundred eighty-eight thousand seven hundred seventy-two dollars (\$15,588,772) for each year
39 in the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium shall be allocated as follows:

- 40 (1) To continue the North Carolina Infrastructure Program. The purpose of the
41 Program is to provide grants to local governments to construct critical water
42 and wastewater facilities and to provide other infrastructure needs, including
43 technology needs, to sites where these facilities will generate private
44 job-creating investment. The grants under this Program shall not be subject
45 to the provisions of G.S. 143-355.4.
- 46 (2) To provide matching grants or loans to local governments in distressed areas
47 that will productively reuse vacant buildings and properties, with priority
48 given to towns or communities with populations of less than 5,000.
- 49 (3) To provide grants and technical assistance to reinvigorate the economies of
50 towns with populations of less than 7,500 and to invest in economic
51 innovation that stimulates business and job growth in distressed areas.
- 52 (4) Recipients of grant funds appropriated under this section shall contribute a
53 cash match for the grant that is equivalent to at least five percent (5%) of the
54 grant amount. The cash match shall come from local resources and may not
55 be derived from other State or federal grant funds or from funds provided by
56 the Rural Center.

57 **SECTION 14.17.(b)** In awarding grants under this section, the Rural Center shall
58 give preference to a resident company. For purposes of this section, the term "resident
59 company" means a company that has paid unemployment taxes or income taxes in this State

1 and whose principal place of business is located in this State. An application for a project that
2 serves an economically distressed area shall have priority over a project that does not. A grant
3 to assist with water infrastructure needs is not subject to the provisions of G.S. 143-355.4.

4 **SECTION 14.17.(c)** During each year of the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the Rural
5 Center may use up to three hundred twenty-nine thousand one hundred seventy-eight dollars
6 (\$329,178) of the funds appropriated in this act to cover its expenses in administering the North
7 Carolina Economic Infrastructure Program.

8 **SECTION 14.17.(d)** By September 1 of each year, and more frequently as
9 requested, the Rural Center shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
10 Operations and the Fiscal Research Division concerning the progress of the North Carolina
11 Economic Infrastructure Program in the prior State fiscal year.

12 **OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTERS FUNDS**

13 **SECTION 14.18.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the North Carolina
14 Rural Economic Development Center, Inc. (Rural Center), the sum of two hundred seventy-one
15 thousand three hundred twenty dollars (\$271,320) for each year in the 2011-2013 fiscal
16 biennium shall be equally distributed among the certified Opportunities Industrialization
17 Centers (OI Centers).

18 **SECTION 14.18.(b)** By September 1 of each year, and more frequently as
19 requested, the Rural Center shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
20 Operations and the Fiscal Research Division on OI Centers receiving funds pursuant to
21 subsection (a) of this section. The report shall include data for each OI Center on all itemized
22 expenditures and all fund sources for the prior State fiscal year. The report shall also contain a
23 written narrative on prior fiscal year program activities, objectives, and accomplishments that
24 were funded with funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section.

25 **SECTION 14.18.(c)** The Rural Center shall ensure that each OI Center complies
26 with the audit and reporting requirements prescribed by G.S. 143C-6-23 and Section 09 North
27 Carolina Administrative Code 03M .0101.

28 **SECTION 14.18.(d)** No funds appropriated under this act shall be released to an
29 OI Center listed in subsection (a) of this section if the OI Center has any overdue tax debts, as
30 that term is defined in G.S. 105-243.1, at the federal or State level.

31 **NC SMALL BUSINESS LENDING ENHANCEMENTS**

32 **SECTION 14.19.(a)** Income-Producing Property Program. – There is created, as a
33 component of the North Carolina Capital Access Program, the Income-Producing Property
34 Program. The purpose of the Income-Producing Property Program is to leverage public
35 investment, along with private sector resources, to stimulate additional financing opportunities
36 for new and existing buildings used for business purposes in North Carolina. The Income-
37 Producing Property Program must require that at least fifty percent (50%) of the commercial
38 property to be financed by it is occupied, as evidenced by lease agreements. The leveraged
39 resources available through the Program will encourage financial institutions to provide
40 additional access to debt capital. Small businesses will be able to use that capital to provide
41 economic opportunity, create jobs, enhance productivity, and spur innovation.

42 The Income-Producing Property Program must comply with the current guidelines
43 established under the State Small Business Credit Initiative, section 3002 of the 2010 Small
44 Business Jobs Act, Title III, as ratified by the United States Congress, with the exception that
45 Income-Producing property will be eligible for enrollment under the program.

46 The North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Inc., may enter into
47 participating agreements with a financial institution determined to have sufficient lending
48 experience and financial and managerial capacity to participate in the North Carolina Capital
49 Access Program. A financial institution that enters into a participating agreement with the Rural
50 Center becomes eligible to enroll loans under the North Carolina Capital Access Program. To
51 enroll a loan under the Income-Producing Property Program, the borrower of the funds being
52 loaned must have a place of business in North Carolina and the loan proceeds must be used for
53 a business purpose in North Carolina.

54 The following definitions apply in this subsection:

- 55 (1) Financial institution. – An insured depository institution, insured credit
56 union, or community development financial institution (CDFI) that lends
57 capital in the State of North Carolina.
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- 1 (2) Income-producing property. – Real property held in order to earn income by
2 leasing or letting. Examples of income-producing property include shopping
3 centers, office buildings, and manufacturing plants.
- 4 (3) North Carolina Capital Access Program. – Created by the State of North
5 Carolina under authority granted by Section 28.1 of Chapter 769 of the 1993
6 Session Laws as ratified by the North Carolina General Assembly to provide
7 loan insurance to increase capital to businesses, particularly small- and
8 medium-sized businesses, to foster economic development in North
9 Carolina. The North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Inc.,
10 was designated to administer the Program.

11 **SECTION 14.19.(b)** The North Carolina Small Business Express Loan Fund. –
12 There is established the North Carolina Small Business Express Loan Fund. The purpose of the
13 Fund is to provide small loans, ranging from five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to twenty-five
14 thousand dollars (\$25,000), for the start-up or expansion of small businesses. The Fund will
15 complement the existing Microenterprise Loan Program. To be eligible to borrow money from
16 the Fund, the borrower must have a place of business in North Carolina; meet strict credit
17 requirements determined by the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Inc.;
18 receive approved technical assistance; and plan to use the borrowed funds for a business
19 purpose in North Carolina.

20 The following definitions apply in this subsection:

- 21 (1) Approved technical assistance. – Business planning and assessment services
22 provided by a counselor associated with a program approved by the North
23 Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Inc. The Rural Center must
24 approve the counseling programs offered by the Small Business &
25 Technology Development Centers, the community college Small Business
26 Centers, and SCORE chapters.
- 27 (2) Microenterprise Loan Program. – The program initially funded as a pilot
28 program through the North Carolina General Assembly in 1987 that provides
29 loans ranging up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to individuals
30 who have sound ideas for starting or expanding a small business but may not
31 qualify for bank loans.

32 **SECTION 14.19.(c)** Program Conditions. – The North Carolina Rural Economic
33 Development Center, Inc., will administer the Income-Producing Property Program and the
34 North Carolina Small Business Express Loan Fund. The Rural Center may use up to four
35 percent (4%) of the funds appropriated for these purposes to administer the programs. The
36 Rural Center may not use the funds appropriated for these purposes to compete with financial
37 institutions in making loans to small business borrowers. Based upon actual demand for the
38 programs, the Rural Center Board of Directors may reallocate the funds appropriated for these
39 purposes between the two programs. By September 1 of each year, and more frequently as
40 requested, the Rural Center must report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
41 Operations and the Fiscal Research Division concerning the progress of the North Carolina
42 Small Business Lending Enhancements authorized by this section.

43 **PART XV. JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

44 **GRANT FUNDS**

45 **SECTION 15.1.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-9, the Administrative Office of the
46 Courts may use up to the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) from
47 funds available to the Department to provide the State match needed in order to receive grant
48 funds. Prior to using funds for this purpose, the Department shall report to the Chairs of the
49 House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public
50 Safety and to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the grants to
51 be matched using these funds.
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55 **TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY FUNDS**

56 **SECTION 15.2.** Funds appropriated to the Judicial Department in the 2011-2013
57 fiscal biennium for equipment and supplies shall be certified in a reserve account. The
58 Administrative Office of the Courts may transfer these funds to the appropriate programs and

1 between programs as the equipment priorities and supply consumptions occur during the
2 operating year. These funds shall not be expended for any other purpose.
3

4 **REIMBURSEMENT FOR USE OF PERSONAL VEHICLES**

5 **SECTION 15.3.** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 138-6(a)(1), the Judicial
6 Department, during the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, may elect to establish a per-mile
7 reimbursement rate for transportation by privately owned vehicles at a rate less than the
8 business standard mileage rate set by the Internal Revenue Service.
9

10 **COLLECTION OF WORTHLESS CHECK FUNDS**

11 **SECTION 15.4.** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 7A-308(c), the Judicial
12 Department may use any balance remaining in the Collection of Worthless Checks Fund on
13 June 30, 2011, for the purchase or repair of office or information technology equipment during
14 the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Prior to using any funds under this section, the Judicial Department
15 shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Chairs of
16 the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public
17 Safety on the equipment to be purchased or repaired and the reasons for the purchases.
18

19 **DISPUTE RESOLUTION FEES**

20 **SECTION 15.5.** G.S. 7A-38.2(d) reads as rewritten:

21 "(d) An administrative fee, not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00), may be charged
22 by the Administrative Office of the Courts to applicants for certification and annual renewal of
23 certification for mediators and mediation training programs operating under this Article. The
24 fees collected may be used by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts to
25 establish and maintain the operations of the Commission and its staff. Notwithstanding the
26 provisions of G.S. 143C-1-2(b), certification and renewal fees collected by the Dispute
27 Resolution Commission are nonreverting and are only to be used at the direction of the
28 Commission."
29

30 **WORKLOAD FORMULA FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES/MINUTES** 31 **MAINTAINED BY THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT TO RECORD** 32 **CONVENING AND ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF COURT**

33 **SECTION 15.6.(a)** The Administrative Office of the Courts shall use funds
34 available to contract with the National Center for State Courts to develop a workload formula
35 for superior court judges. The results of this formula shall be submitted to the House of
36 Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety by
37 December 1, 2011.

38 **SECTION 15.6.(b)** G.S. 7A-109 is amended by adding a new section to read:

39 "(a1) The minutes maintained by the clerk pursuant to this subsection shall record the date
40 and time of each convening of court, as well as the date and time of each recess or adjournment
41 of court with no further business before the court."

42 **SECTION 15.6.(c)** The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide on a
43 monthly basis the records of the dates and times of convening, recess, and adjournment of court
44 collected by each clerk of superior court pursuant to G.S. 7A-109, as enacted by subsection (b)
45 of this section, to the National Center for State Courts, the Fiscal Research Division, and the
46 Study Committee on Consolidation of Judicial and Prosecutorial Districts created in Section
47 15.11 of this act.
48

49 **STUDY FEASIBILITY OF OFFICE OF PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES**

50 **SECTION 15.7.(a)** The School of Government at the University of North Carolina
51 at Chapel Hill shall study the feasibility and cost of creating an Office of Prosecutorial Services
52 within the judicial branch. The study shall compare North Carolina's judicial branch structure
53 to that of other states in terms of organizational placement of prosecutorial and defense services
54 within the context of the unified court system and shall also determine the necessary resources
55 and costs required to make an Office of Prosecutorial Services viable as an independent agency
56 under the judicial branch. The School of Government shall submit the report by April 1, 2012,
57 to the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and
58 Public Safety.

1 **SECTION 15.7.(b)** The Conference of District Attorneys may use funds available
2 during the 2011-2012 fiscal year to contract for fiscal management and analysis services to
3 analyze the differences between budgeted and actual position and associated costs in
4 prosecutors' offices.
5

6 **ENSURE MINIMUM NUMBER OF CLERK OF COURT STAFF**

7 **SECTION 15.8.** G.S. 7A-102(a) reads as rewritten:

8 "(a) The numbers and salaries of assistant clerks, deputy clerks, and other employees in
9 the office of each clerk of superior court shall be determined by the Administrative Officer of
10 the Courts after consultation with the clerk concerned. However, no office of clerk of superior
11 court shall have fewer than five total staff positions in addition to the elected clerk of superior
12 court. All personnel in the clerk's office are employees of the State. The clerk appoints the
13 assistants, deputies, and other employees in the clerk's office to serve at his or her pleasure.
14 Assistant and deputy clerks shall take the oath of office prescribed for clerks of superior court,
15 conformed to the office of assistant or deputy clerk, as the case may be. Except as provided by
16 subsection (c2) of this section, the job classifications and related salaries of each employee
17 within the office of each superior court clerk shall be subject to the approval of the
18 Administrative Officer of the Courts after consultation with each clerk concerned and shall be
19 subject to the availability of funds appropriated for that purpose by the General Assembly."
20

21 **STUDY INFRACTIONS AND WAIVABLE OFFENSES**

22 **SECTION 15.9.** The Revenue Laws Study Committee shall study the penalties and
23 fines for infractions and waivable offenses and determine whether the current amounts are at a
24 level appropriate for the associated offenses. The Committee shall report its findings, together
25 with any recommended legislation, to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly
26 upon its convening.
27

28 **WAIVER OF CRIMINAL COURT COSTS ONLY WHEN JUDGE MAKES FINDING** 29 **OF JUST CAUSE TO GRANT WAIVER**

30 **SECTION 15.10.(a)** G.S. 7A-304(a) reads as rewritten:

31 "(a) In every criminal case in the superior or district court, wherein the defendant is
32 convicted, or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or when costs are assessed against the
33 prosecuting witness, the following costs shall be assessed and collected, ~~except that when the~~
34 ~~judgment imposes an active prison sentence, costs shall be assessed and collected only when~~
35 ~~the judgment specifically so provides, and that not collected.~~ No costs may be assessed when a
36 case is dismissed. Costs under this section may not be waived unless the judge makes a written
37 finding of just cause to grant such a waiver.
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39 **SECTION 15.10.(b)** The Administrative Office of the Courts shall make the
40 necessary modifications to its information systems to maintain records of all cases in which the
41 judge makes a finding of just cause to grant a waiver of criminal court costs under
42 G.S. 7A-304(a) and shall report on those waivers to the Joint Legislative Commission on
43 Governmental Operations by October 1 of each year.
44

45 **STUDY CONSOLIDATION OF JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICTS**

46 **SECTION 15.11.(a)** Creation. – There is created the Study Committee on
47 Consolidation of Judicial and Prosecutorial Districts. The Committee shall consist of 10
48 members to be appointed as follows:

- 49 (1) Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
50 the House of Representatives.
- 51 (2) Four members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
52 Senate.
- 53 (3) Two members who are knowledgeable about the operations of district
54 attorneys' offices, one appointed by the Speaker of the House of
55 Representatives and one appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
56 Senate.

57 The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one representative as
58 cochair, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one senator as cochair.

1 Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the same appointing authority making the initial
2 appointment.

3 The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers
4 provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Committee may
5 meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs. The Committee may meet in the Legislative
6 Building or the Legislative Office Building.

7 The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer,
8 shall assign professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. The House of
9 Representatives and the Senate's Directors of Legislative Assistants shall assign clerical staff to
10 the Committee, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the
11 Committee. Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at the
12 rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

13 **SECTION 15.11.(b) Duties.** – The Committee shall study the number and structure
14 of judicial and prosecutorial districts in the State and shall make recommendations to reduce
15 those districts by consolidation to increase efficiency and improve the quality of justice. Those
16 recommendations shall, to the extent deemed feasible by the Committee, provide for judicial
17 and prosecutorial district plans that are identical.

18 **SECTION 15.11.(c) Report.** – The Committee may make a final report, including
19 any proposed legislation, to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly upon its
20 convening. The Committee shall terminate upon filing its final report or upon the convening of
21 the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly, whichever is earlier.

22 STATEWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT SESSIONS

23 **SECTION 15.11A.** The Administrative Office of the Courts shall develop
24 protocols to offer regular Administrative Court sessions in each district court district in the
25 State for the purpose of hearing Chapter 20 infractions. Each district shall offer Administrative
26 Court regularly by October 1, 2011. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall report to the
27 Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the scheduling and deployment
28 of resources by February 1, 2012.

29 OFFICE OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES EXPANSION FUNDS/EXPANSION OF 30 PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICES

31 **SECTION 15.16.(a)** The Judicial Department, Office of Indigent Defense
32 Services, may use up to the sum of two million one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,150,000)
33 in appropriated funds during the 2011-2012 fiscal year for the expansion of existing offices
34 currently providing legal services to the indigent population under the oversight of the Office of
35 Indigent Defense Services, for the creation of new public defender offices within existing
36 public defender programs, or for the establishment of regional public defender programs.
37 Notwithstanding the defender districts established by G.S. 7A-498.7, the Office of Indigent
38 Defense Services may use a portion of these funds to create positions within existing public
39 defender programs to handle cases in adjacent counties or districts. These funds may be used to
40 create up to 50 new attorney positions and 25 new support staff positions during the 2011-2012
41 fiscal year and for the salaries, benefits, equipment, and related expenses for these positions in
42 both years of the biennium. Positions creation will be staggered across the two years of the
43 biennium. Prior to using funds for this purpose, the Office of Indigent Defense Services shall
44 report to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate Appropriations
45 Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on the proposed expansion.

46 **SECTION 15.16.(b)** G.S. 7A-498.7(b) reads as rewritten:

47 "(b) For each new term, and to fill any vacancy, public defenders shall be appointed
48 from a list of not less than two and not more than three names nominated by written ballot of
49 the attorneys resident in the defender district who are licensed to practice law in North
50 Carolina. The balloting shall be conducted pursuant to rules adopted by the Commission on
51 Indigent Defense Services. The appointment shall be made by the ~~senior resident superior court
52 judge of the superior court district or set of districts as defined in G.S. 7A-41.1 that includes the
53 county or counties of the defender district for which the public defender is being
54 appointed.~~ Commission on Indigent Defense Services."

55 **SECTION 15.16.(c)** The Office of Indigent Defense Services shall issue a request
56 for proposals from private law firms or not-for-profit legal representation organizations for the
57 provision of all legal services for indigent clients in all judicial districts. The Office of Indigent
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1 Defense Services shall report on the issuance of this request for proposals to the Joint
2 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations by October 1, 2011. In cases where the
3 proposed contract can provide representation services more efficiently than current costs, the
4 Office of Indigent Defense Services shall use private assigned counsel funds to enter into
5 contracts for this purpose.
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7 **OFFICE OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES REPORT**

8 **SECTION 15.17.** The Office of Indigent Defense Services shall report to the
9 Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Chairs
10 of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and
11 Public Safety by March 1 of each year on:

- 12 (1) The volume and cost of cases handled in each district by assigned counsel or
13 public defenders;
- 14 (2) Actions taken by the Office to improve the cost-effectiveness and quality of
15 indigent defense, including the capital case program;
- 16 (3) Plans for changes in rules, standards, or regulations in the upcoming year;
17 and
- 18 (4) Any recommended changes in law or funding procedures that would assist
19 the Office in improving the management of funds expended for indigent
20 defense services, including any recommendations concerning the feasibility
21 and desirability of establishing regional public defender offices.
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23 **AUDIT OF FARMWORKER LEGAL AID PROGRAM**

24 **SECTION 15.18.** The State Auditor shall conduct a financial audit of the
25 Farmworker Legal Aid program of Legal Aid of North Carolina. The audit shall include
26 assessments of compliance with all State and federal mandates regarding use of funds under the
27 Access to Civil Justice Act and shall assess whether State and federal funds are commingled in
28 the administration and operation of this legal aid program. The State Auditor shall publish this
29 audit not later than October 1, 2011.
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31 **LIMIT COMPENSATION RATE PAID TO EXPERT WITNESSES BY THE OFFICE 32 OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES**

33 **SECTION 15.20.** G.S. 7A-498.5(f) reads as rewritten:

34 "(f) The Commission shall establish policies and procedures with respect to the
35 distribution of funds appropriated under this Article, including rates of compensation for
36 appointed counsel, schedules of allowable expenses, appointment and compensation of expert
37 witnesses, and procedures for applying for and receiving compensation. The rate of
38 compensation set for expert witnesses may be no greater than the rate set by the Administrative
39 Office of the Courts under G.S. 7A-314(d)."
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41 **TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR POSITIONS**

42 **SECTION 15.21.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, there shall be a
43 trial court administrator position in the following judicial districts: 4, 5, 7B/7C, 10, 12, 14, 18,
44 21, 26, and 28.
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46 **PART XVI. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

47 **USE OF SEIZED AND FORFEITED PROPERTY TRANSFERRED TO STATE LAW 48 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

49 **SECTION 16.1.(a)** Assets transferred to the Departments of Justice, Correction,
50 and Crime Control and Public Safety during the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium pursuant to
51 applicable federal law shall be credited to the budgets of the respective departments and shall
52 result in an increase of law enforcement resources for those departments. The Departments of
53 Justice, Correction, and Crime Control and Public Safety shall report to the Joint Legislative
54 Commission on Governmental Operations upon receipt of the assets and, before using the
55 assets, shall report on the intended use of the assets and the departmental priorities on which
56 the assets may be expended.
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58 **SECTION 16.1.(b)** The General Assembly finds that the use of assets transferred
59 pursuant to federal law for new personnel positions, new projects, acquisition of real property,

1 repair of buildings where the repair includes structural change, and construction of or additions
2 to buildings may result in additional expenses for the State in future fiscal periods. Therefore,
3 the Department of Justice, the Department of Correction, and the Department of Crime Control
4 and Public Safety are prohibited from using these assets for such purposes without the prior
5 approval of the General Assembly.

6 **SECTION 16.1.(c)** Nothing in this section prohibits North Carolina law
7 enforcement agencies from receiving funds from the United States Department of Justice, the
8 United States Department of the Treasury, and the United States Department of Health and
9 Human Services.

10 **PURCHASE OF TIME MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE**

11 **SECTION 16.2.** The Department of Justice shall use funds available to purchase,
12 or purchase licenses for, time management software to be used to ensure adequate record
13 keeping and management of Department attorneys' time. The software shall be of a quality and
14 type generally used by attorneys in the private sector.

15 **PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARDS** 16 **PAY FOR USE OF STATE FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

17 **SECTION 16.3.(a)** G.S. 74C-4 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

18 "(h) The Board shall pay the appropriate State agency for the use of physical facilities
19 and services provided to it by the State."

20 **SECTION 16.3.(b)** G.S. 74D-4 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

21 "(h) The Board shall pay the appropriate State agency for the use of physical facilities
22 and services provided to it by the State."

23 **CERTAIN LITIGATION EXPENSES TO BE PAID BY CLIENTS**

24 **SECTION 16.4.** G.S. 114-8.2 reads as rewritten:

25 **"§ 114-8.2. Charges for legal services.**

26 The Department of Justice shall charge State boards and commissions that are totally
27 supported by receipts from fees or surcharges for legal services rendered by the Department to
28 the board or commission. Client State departments, agencies, boards, and commissions shall
29 reimburse the Department of Justice for reasonable court fees, attorney travel and subsistence
30 costs, and other costs directly related to litigation in which the Department of Justice is
31 representing the department, agency, or board."

32 **HIRING OF SWORN STAFF POSITIONS FOR THE STATE BUREAU OF** 33 **INVESTIGATION**

34 **SECTION 16.5.** The Department of Justice may hire sworn personnel to fill vacant
35 positions in the State Bureau of Investigation only in the following circumstances: (i) the
36 position's regular responsibilities involve warrant executions, property searches, criminal
37 investigations, or arrest activities that are consistent in frequency with the responsibilities of
38 other sworn agents; (ii) the position is a promotion for a sworn agent who was employed at the
39 State Bureau of Investigation prior to July 1, 2007; (iii) the position is a forensic drug chemist
40 position which requires "responding to clandestine methamphetamine laboratories" as a
41 primary duty; (iv) the position is a forensic impressions analyst position which requires
42 "responding to clandestine methamphetamine laboratories" as a primary duty; or (v) the
43 position primarily involves supervising sworn personnel.

44 **CRIMINAL INFORMATION DATABASE STUDY**

45 **SECTION 16.6.** The Department of Justice shall issue a request for information to
46 determine the cost to have a private company maintain the software required for criminal
47 information databases managed by the Criminal Information Division. The Department of
48 Justice shall report the results of this request for information to the Chairs of the House and
49 Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety and to the Fiscal Research
50 Division by March 1, 2012.

51 **PART XVII. DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY** 52 **PREVENTION**

STATE FUNDS MAY BE USED AS FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS

SECTION 17.1. Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the 2011-2012 fiscal year may be used as matching funds for the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants. If North Carolina receives Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants or a notice of funds to be awarded, the Office of State Budget and Management and the Governor's Crime Commission shall consult with the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention regarding the criteria for awarding federal funds. The Office of State Budget and Management, the Governor's Crime Commission, and the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall report to the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to allocation of the federal funds. The report shall identify the amount of funds to be received for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the amount of funds anticipated for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, and the allocation of funds by program and purpose.

ANNUAL EVALUATION OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

SECTION 17.2. The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall conduct an evaluation of the wilderness camp programs and of multipurpose group homes.

In conducting the evaluation of each of these programs, the Department shall consider whether participation in each program results in a reduction of court involvement among juveniles. The Department also shall identify whether the programs are achieving the goals and objectives of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act, S.L. 1998-202. The Department shall report the results of the evaluation to the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, the chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Committees and the chairs of the Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety of the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Committees by March 1 of each year.

ALLOCATE REALIZED SAVINGS OF WILDERNESS CAMPS TO FUND CERTAIN LEVEL 2 INTERMEDIATE DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES FOR JUVENILES

SECTION 17.3.(a) If any funds appropriated by this act to the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium for wilderness camps are not required for or expended for wilderness camps, then those funds shall be allocated to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council grants fund to be used for the Level 2 intermediate dispositional alternatives for juveniles listed in G.S. 7B-2506(13) through (23).

SECTION 17.3.(b) The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall submit an electronic report by October 1, 2011, on all expenditures made from the miscellaneous contract line in Fund Code 1310 to the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety and the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly. The report shall include all of the following: an itemized list of the contracts that have been executed, the amount of each contract, the date the contract was executed, the purpose of the contract, the number of juveniles that will be served and the manner in which they will be served, the amount of money transferred to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council fund, and an itemized list of grants allocated from the funds transferred to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council fund.

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL FUNDS

SECTION 17.4.(a) On or before October 1 of each year, the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall submit to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives a list of the recipients of the grants awarded, or preapproved for award, from funds appropriated to the Department for local Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) grants, including the following:

- (1) The amount of the grant awarded.
- (2) The membership of the local committee or council administering the award funds on the local level.
- (3) The type of program funded.

- 1 (4) A short description of the local services, programs, or projects that will
2 receive funds.
- 3 (5) Identification of any programs that received grant funds at one time but for
4 which funding has been eliminated by the Department.
- 5 (6) The number of at-risk, diverted, and adjudicated juveniles served by each
6 county.
- 7 (7) The Department's actions to ensure that county JCPCs prioritize funding for
8 dispositions of intermediate and community-level sanctions for
9 court-adjudicated juveniles under minimum standards adopted by the
10 Department.
- 11 (8) The total cost for each funded program, including the cost per juvenile and
12 the essential elements of the program.

13 An electronic copy of the list and other information regarding the projects shall also
14 be sent to the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly.

15 **SECTION 17.4.(b)** Of the funds appropriated by this act for the 2011-2012 fiscal
16 year to the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for Juvenile Crime
17 Prevention Council grants, the sum of one hundred twenty-one thousand six hundred dollars
18 (\$121,600) shall be transferred to Project Challenge North Carolina, Inc., to be used for the
19 continued support of Project Challenge programs throughout the State.

20 21 **FUNDING FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION** 22 **EDUCATION PROGRAMMING**

23 **SECTION 17.5.** The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
24 shall work with the Department of Public Instruction to identify all education fund sources that
25 can be used to cover education programming costs of the Department of Juvenile Justice and
26 Delinquency Prevention.

27 The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall report by
28 March 1, 2012, to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations
29 Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety and to the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime
30 Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee regarding its findings and
31 recommendations.

32 33 **DJJDP AND DOC JOINT EFFORT TO MAKE IN-HOME MONITORING** 34 **AVAILABLE AS ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTION FOR JUVENILES**

35 **SECTION 17.6.** It is the intent of the General Assembly to reduce the State's
36 reliance on detention facilities and youth development centers in the Department of Juvenile
37 Justice and Delinquency Prevention as correctional options for juveniles by increasing the use
38 of community-based alternatives whenever possible. Therefore, the Department of Juvenile
39 Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Department of Correction shall work together to
40 increase the use of in-home monitoring as an alternative to detention for juveniles. The
41 Department of Correction and the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
42 shall assess the monitoring needs for both the adult and juvenile systems, identify the contracts
43 that the Department of Correction currently has for monitoring services, and determine which
44 contracts, if any, may be negotiated or renegotiated to cover monitoring services for both the
45 adult and juvenile systems. The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
46 and the Department of Correction may also identify other options to increase the use of
47 in-home monitoring as an alternative to detention for juveniles that may work well and be
48 cost-effective.

49 The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the
50 Department of Correction shall report to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate
51 Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Corrections,
52 Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division
53 regarding their findings and recommendations by September 1, 2011.

54 55 **TREATMENT STAFFING MODEL AT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**

56 **SECTION 17.7.** The Department shall implement the staffing treatment model
57 presented to the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight
58 Committee as part of the Department's November 14, 2006, report regarding the joint use with
59 the Department of Correction of the Swannanoa Youth Development Center campus.

1 The staffing levels of the new youth development centers shall be capped at 66 staff
2 for a 32-bed facility and 198 staff for the 96-bed facility for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.
3 Staffing ratios shall be no more than 2.1 staff per every juvenile committed at every other
4 existing youth development center.
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6 **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER ANNUAL REPORT**

7 **SECTION 17.8.** The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
8 shall report by October 1 of each year to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate
9 Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Corrections,
10 Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division on
11 the Youth Development Center (YDC) population, staffing, and capacity in the preceding fiscal
12 year. Specifically, the report shall include all of the following:

- 13 (1) The on-campus population of each YDC, including the county the juveniles
14 are from.
- 15 (2) The housing capacity of each YDC.
- 16 (3) A breakdown of staffing for each YDC, including number, type of position,
17 position title, and position description.
- 18 (4) The per-bed and average daily population cost for each facility.
- 19 (5) The operating cost for each facility, including personnel and nonpersonnel
20 items.
- 21 (6) A brief summary of the treatment model, education, services, and plans for
22 reintegration into the community offered at each facility.
- 23 (7) The average length of stay in the YDCs.
- 24 (8) The number of incidents of assaults/attacks on staff at each facility.
25

26 **DJJDP FACILITY MONTHLY COMMITMENT REPORT**

27 **SECTION 17.9.** The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
28 shall report electronically on the first day of each month to the Fiscal Research Division
29 regarding each juvenile correctional facility and the average daily population for the previous
30 month. The report shall include (i) the average daily population for each detention center and
31 (ii) the monthly summary of the Committed Youth Report.
32

33 **USE OF INMATE LABOR FOR REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF YOUTH 34 DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**

35 **SECTION 17.10.(a)** The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
36 Prevention and the Department of Correction in consultation with the Governor's Crime
37 Commission shall establish policies regarding the appropriate use of inmate construction crews
38 provided by the Department of Correction for repair and renovation projects located on
39 property owned or controlled by the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
40 Prevention. The policies shall require that a sight and sound barrier be maintained between the
41 adults and juveniles at the center at any time that inmate construction crews are used for repair
42 and renovation projects on property owned or controlled by the Department of Juvenile Justice
43 and Delinquency Prevention. The policies shall be developed and ready for implementation by
44 September 1, 2011.

45 **SECTION 17.10.(b)** Effective September 1, 2011, and notwithstanding
46 G.S. 148-26(f), the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the
47 Department of Correction may use inmate construction crews provided by the Department of
48 Correction for repair and renovation projects located on property owned or controlled by the
49 Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention pursuant to the policies developed
50 and implemented under subsection (a) of this section.
51

52 **ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS TO STONEWALL 53 JACKSON AND C.A. DILLON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**

54 **SECTION 17.11.** Of the funds appropriated by this act to the Department of
55 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the sum of two
56 million three hundred thirty thousand nine hundred dollars (\$2,330,900) shall be allocated to
57 the Stonewall Jackson Youth Development Center, and the sum of one million five hundred
58 thirty-one thousand dollars (\$1,531,000) shall be allocated to the C.A. Dillon Youth
59 Development Center to be used for repairs and renovations that (i) will increase operational

1 capacity at those facilities and (ii) satisfy the requirements of G.S. 143C-4-3(b). This allocation
2 is separate from and in addition to any allocation of funds that might be made pursuant to
3 Section 30.5 of this act.
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5 **JUVENILE ASSESSMENT CENTER FUNDS**

6 **SECTION 17.12.** Of the funds appropriated by this act for the 2011-2012 fiscal
7 year and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year to the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
8 Prevention for the operation of the Cumberland Regional Juvenile Detention Center the sum of
9 one hundred twenty-four thousand seventy-five dollars (\$124,075) shall be used for the
10 Juvenile Assessment Center in each fiscal year.
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12 **PART XVIII. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION**

13 **FEDERAL GRANT REPORTING**

14 **SECTION 18.1.** The Department of Correction, the Department of Justice, the
15 Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Judicial Department, and the Department
16 of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall report by May 1 of each year to the Joint
17 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Chairs of the House of
18 Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees, and the Chairs of the House of
19 Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on
20 federal grant funds received or preapproved for receipt by those departments. The report shall
21 include information on the amount of grant funds received or preapproved for receipt by each
22 department, the use of the funds, the State match expended to receive the funds, and the period
23 to be covered by each grant. If the department intends to continue the program beyond the end
24 of the grant period, the department shall report on the proposed method for continuing the
25 funding of the program at the end of the grant period. Each department shall also report on any
26 information it may have indicating that the State will be requested to provide future funding for
27 a program presently supported by a local grant.
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30 **FEDERAL GRANT MATCHING FUNDS**

31 **SECTION 18.2.** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143C-6-9, the Department
32 of Correction may use up to the sum of one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000)
33 during the 2011-2012 fiscal year and up to the sum of one million two hundred thousand
34 dollars (\$1,200,000) during the 2012-2013 fiscal year from funds available to the Department
35 to provide the State match needed in order to receive federal grant funds. Prior to using funds
36 for this purpose, the Department shall report to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and
37 Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Legislative
38 Commission on Governmental Operations on the grants to be matched using these funds.
39

40 **USE OF CLOSED PRISON FACILITIES**

41 **SECTION 18.3.** In conjunction with the closing of prison facilities, including
42 small expensive prison units recommended for consolidation by the Government Performance
43 Audit Committee, the Department of Correction shall consult with the county or municipality
44 in which the unit is located, with the elected State and local officials, and with State and federal
45 agencies about the possibility of converting that unit to other use. The Department may also
46 consult with any private for-profit or nonprofit firm about the possibility of converting the unit
47 to other use. In developing a proposal for future use of each unit, the Department shall give
48 priority to converting the unit to other criminal justice use. Consistent with existing law and the
49 future needs of the Department of Correction, the State may provide for the transfer or the lease
50 of any of these units to counties, municipalities, State agencies, federal agencies, or private
51 firms wishing to convert them to other use. The Department of Correction may also consider
52 converting some of the units recommended for closing from one security custody level to
53 another, where that conversion would be cost-effective. A prison unit under lease to a county
54 pursuant to the provisions of this section for use as a jail is exempt for the period of the lease
55 from any of the minimum standards adopted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services
56 pursuant to G.S. 153A-221 for the housing of adult prisoners that would subject the unit to
57 greater standards than those required of a unit of the State prison system.
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59 **LIMIT USE OF OPERATIONAL FUNDS**

1 **SECTION 18.4.** Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Correction for
2 operational costs for additional facilities shall be used for personnel and operating expenses set
3 forth in the budget approved by the General Assembly in this act. These funds shall not be
4 expended for any other purpose, except as provided for in this act, and shall not be expended
5 for additional prison personnel positions until the new facilities are within 120 days of
6 projected completion, except that the Department may establish critical positions prior to 120
7 days of completion representing no more than twenty percent (20%) of the total estimated
8 number of positions.
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10 **REIMBURSE COUNTIES FOR HOUSING AND EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL**
11 **COSTS FOR INMATES, PAROLEES, AND POST-RELEASE SUPERVISEES**
12 **AWAITING TRANSFER TO STATE PRISON SYSTEM**

13 **SECTION 18.5.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-9, the Department of Correction
14 may use funds available to the Department for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium to pay the sum of
15 forty dollars (\$40.00) per day as reimbursement to counties for the cost of housing convicted
16 inmates, parolees, and post-release supervisees awaiting transfer to the State prison system, as
17 provided in G.S. 148-29. The Department shall report quarterly to the Joint Legislative
18 Commission on Governmental Operations, the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control,
19 and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, the Chairs of the House of Representatives and
20 Senate Appropriations Committees, and the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate
21 Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on the expenditure of funds to
22 reimburse counties for prisoners awaiting transfer and on its progress in reducing the jail
23 backlog.
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25 **CENTER FOR COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS/CONTRACT AND REPORT**

26 **SECTION 18.6.** The Department of Correction may continue to contract with The
27 Center for Community Transitions, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the purchase of prison
28 beds for minimum security female inmates during the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium. The Center
29 for Community Transitions, Inc., shall report by February 1 of each year to the Joint Legislative
30 Commission on Governmental Operations on the annual cost per inmate and the average daily
31 inmate population compared to bed capacity using the same methodology as that used by the
32 Department of Correction.
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34 **PAROLE ELIGIBILITY REPORT/MUTUAL AGREEMENT PAROLE**
35 **PROGRAM/MEDICAL RELEASE PROGRAM**

36 **SECTION 18.7.(a)** The Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission shall,
37 with the assistance of the North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission and the
38 Department of Correction, analyze the amount of time each inmate who is eligible for parole on
39 or before July 1, 2012, has served compared to the time served by offenders under Structured
40 Sentencing for comparable crimes. The Commission shall determine if the person has served
41 more time in custody than the person would have served if sentenced to the maximum sentence
42 under the provisions of Article 81B of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes. The "maximum
43 sentence," for the purposes of this section, shall be calculated as set forth in subsection (b) of
44 this section.

45 **SECTION 18.7.(b)** For the purposes of this section, the following rules apply for
46 the calculation of the maximum sentence:

- 47 (1) The offense upon which the person was convicted shall be classified as the
48 same felony class as the offense would have been classified if committed
49 after the effective date of Article 81B of Chapter 15A of the General
50 Statutes.
- 51 (2) The minimum sentence shall be the maximum number of months in the
52 presumptive range of minimum durations in Prior Record Level VI of
53 G.S. 15A-1340.17(c) for the felony class determined under subdivision (1)
54 of this subsection. The maximum sentence shall be calculated using
55 G.S. 15A-1340.17(d), (e), or (e1).
- 56 (3) If a person is serving sentences for two or more offenses that are concurrent
57 in any respect, then the offense with the greater classification shall be used
58 to determine a single maximum sentence for the concurrent offenses. The
59 fact that the person has been convicted of multiple offenses may be

1 considered by the Commission in making its determinations under
2 subsection (a) of this section.

3 **SECTION 18.7.(c)** The Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission shall
4 report to the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight
5 Committee and to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations
6 Committees, and the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations
7 Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety by April 1, 2012. The report shall include the
8 following: the class of the offense for which each parole-eligible inmate was convicted and
9 whether an inmate had multiple criminal convictions. The Commission shall reinstate the
10 parole review process for each offender who has served more time than that person would have
11 under Structured Sentencing as provided by subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

12 The Commission shall also report on the number of parole-eligible inmates
13 reconsidered in compliance with this section and the number who were actually paroled.

14 **SECTION 18.7.(d)** The Department of Correction and the Post-Release
15 Supervision and Parole Commission shall report by March 1 of each year to the Chairs of the
16 House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public
17 Safety and to the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight
18 Committee on the number of inmates enrolled in the mutual agreement parole program, the
19 number completing the program and being paroled, and the number who enrolled but were
20 terminated from the program. The information should be based on the previous calendar year.

21 **SECTION 18.7.(e)** The Department of Correction and the Post-Release
22 Supervision and Parole Commission shall report by March 1 of each year to the Chairs of the
23 House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public
24 Safety and to the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight
25 Committee on the number of inmates proposed for release, considered for release, and granted
26 release under Chapter 84B of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes, providing for the medical
27 release of inmates who are either permanently and totally disabled, terminally ill, or geriatric.
28

29 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP**

30 **SECTION 18.8.(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a county may use
31 funds appropriated pursuant to the Criminal Justice Partnership Act, Article 6A of Chapter
32 143B of the General Statutes, to provide more than one community-based corrections program.

33 **SECTION 18.8.(b)** Effective July 1, 2011, the Department of Correction shall
34 recalculate the county allocation funding formula mandated under G.S. 143B-273.15 using
35 updated data.

36 **SECTION 18.8.(c)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143B-273.15
37 specifying that grants to participating counties are for the full fiscal year and that unobligated
38 funds are returned to the State-County Criminal Justice Partnership Account at the end of the
39 grant period, the Department of Correction may reallocate unspent or unclaimed funds
40 distributed to counties participating in the State-County Criminal Justice Partnership Program
41 in an effort to maintain the level of services realized in previous fiscal years.

42 **SECTION 18.8.(d)** The Department of Correction may not deny funds to a county
43 to support both a residential program and a day reporting center if the Department of
44 Correction determines that the county has a demonstrated need and a fully developed plan for
45 each type of sanction.

46 **SECTION 18.8.(e)** The Department of Correction shall report by March 1 of each
47 year to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees, the
48 House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public
49 Safety, and the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight
50 Committee on the status of the State-County Criminal Justice Partnership Program. The report
51 shall include the following information:

- 52 (1) The amount of funds carried over from the prior fiscal year;
- 53 (2) The dollar amount and purpose of grants awarded to counties as
54 discretionary grants for the current fiscal year;
- 55 (3) Any counties the Department anticipates will submit requests for new
56 implementation grants;
- 57 (4) An update on efforts to ensure that all counties make use of the electronic
58 reporting system, including the number of counties submitting offender
59 participation data via the system;

- 1 (5) An analysis of offender participation data received, including data on each
2 program's utilization and capacity;
- 3 (6) An analysis of comparable programs prepared by the Division of Research
4 and Planning, Department of Correction, including a comparison of
5 programs in each program type on selected outcome measures developed by
6 the Division of Community Corrections in consultation with the Fiscal
7 Research Division and the Division of Research and Planning, and a
8 summary of the reports prepared by county Criminal Justice Partnerships
9 Advisory Boards;
- 10 (7) A review of whether each sentenced offender program is meeting established
11 program goals developed by the Division of Community Corrections in
12 consultation with the Division of Research and Planning and the State
13 Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board;
- 14 (8) The number of community offenders and intermediate offenders served by
15 each county program;
- 16 (9) The amount of Criminal Justice Partnership funds spent on community
17 offenders and intermediate offenders; and
- 18 (10) A short description of the services and programs provided by each
19 partnership, including who the service providers are and the amount of funds
20 each service provider receives.
21

22 SWANNANOA CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN

23 **SECTION 18.9.** The Department of Correction shall relocate the fence at
24 Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women so that the school building is located on the side of
25 the campus housing the Department of Correction facilities, and the Department shall retain the
26 sight and sound barrier between the adults and juveniles at the center.
27

28 INMATE MEDICAL COST CONTAINMENT

29 **SECTION 18.10.(a)** The Department of Correction shall reimburse those providers
30 and facilities providing approved inmate medical services outside the correctional facility two
31 times the then-current Medicaid rate for any given service.

32 This section does not apply to vendors providing services that are not billed on a
33 fee-for-service basis, such as temporary staffing. Nothing in this section shall preclude the
34 Department from contracting with a provider for services at rates that provide greater
35 documentable cost avoidance for the State than do the rates contained in this section or at rates
36 that are less favorable to the State but that will ensure the continued access to care.

37 **SECTION 18.10.(b)** The Department of Correction shall make every effort to
38 contain inmate medical costs by making use of its own hospital and health care facilities to
39 provide health care services to inmates. To the extent that the Department of Correction must
40 utilize other facilities and services to provide health care services to inmates, the Department
41 shall make reasonable efforts to make use of hospitals or other providers with which it has a
42 contract or, if none is reasonably available, hospitals with available capacity or other health
43 care facilities in a region to accomplish that goal. The Department shall make reasonable
44 efforts to equitably distribute inmates among all hospitals or other appropriate health care
45 facilities. With respect to any single hospital, the Department of Correction shall continue to
46 make its best effort to seek admission of the number of inmates representing no more than nine
47 percent (9%) of all inmates requiring hospitalization or hospital services on an annual basis
48 beginning in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, unless the failure to do so would jeopardize the health
49 of an inmate or unless a higher level is agreed to by contract. The Department shall also give
50 preference to those hospitals or other health care facilities in the same county or an adjoining
51 county to the correctional facility where an inmate requiring hospitalization is incarcerated. The
52 Department will continue these efforts until it has reached a number which represents no more
53 than five percent (5%) of all inmates requiring hospitalization or hospital services on an annual
54 basis at any single hospital by July 1, 2013, unless the failure to do so would jeopardize the
55 health of an inmate or unless a higher level is agreed to by contract.

56 **SECTION 18.10.(c)** G.S. 131E-77 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

57 "(a1) As a condition of licensure, hospitals licensed under this Article shall treat inmates
58 in the custody of the Department of Correction, unless a hospital lacks the capacity or
59 capability to provide such treatment."

1 **SECTION 18.10.(d)** The Department of Correction shall report to the Joint
2 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations no later than November 1, 2011, and
3 quarterly thereafter on:

- 4 (1) The volume of services provided by community medical providers that can
5 be scheduled in advance and, of that volume, the percentage of those
6 services that are provided by contracted providers; and
- 7 (2) The volume of services provided by community medical providers that
8 cannot be scheduled in advance and, of that volume, the percentage of those
9 services that are provided by contracted providers.

10 **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION RULES FOR INMATE LABOR**

11 **SECTION 18.12.** G.S. 148-26 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 "(g) The Department of Correction shall establish rules, standards, and procedures for
13 establishing inmate labor services contracts with any county or municipality expressing interest
14 in contracting for inmate labor."

15 **REPORT ON PROBATION AND PAROLE CASELOADS**

16 **SECTION 18.13.(a)** The Department of Correction shall report by March 1 of each
17 year to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees
18 on Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile
19 Justice Oversight Committee on caseload averages for probation and parole officers. The report
20 shall include:

- 21 (1) Data on current caseload averages and district averages for probation/parole
22 officer positions;
- 23 (2) Data on current span of control for chief probation officers;
- 24 (3) An analysis of the optimal caseloads for these officer classifications;
- 25 (4) An assessment of the role of surveillance officers;
- 26 (5) The number and role of paraprofessionals in supervising low-risk caseloads;
- 27 (6) An update on the Department's implementation of the recommendations
28 contained in the National Institute of Correction study conducted on the
29 Division of Community Corrections in 2004 and 2008;
- 30 (7) The process of assigning offenders to an appropriate supervision level based
31 on a risk assessment and an examination of other existing resources for
32 assessment and case planning, including the Sentencing Services Program in
33 the Office of Indigent Defense Services and the range of screening and
34 assessment services provided by the Division of Mental Health,
35 Developmental Disability, and Substance Abuse Services in the Department
36 of Health and Human Services; and
- 37 (8) Data on cases supervised solely for the collection of court-ordered payments.

38 **SECTION 18.13.(b)** The Department of Correction shall conduct a study of
39 probation/parole officer workload. The study shall include analysis of the type of offenders
40 supervised, the distribution of the probation/parole officers' time by type of activity, the
41 caseload carried by the officers, and comparisons to practices in other states. The study shall be
42 used to determine whether the caseload goals established by the Structured Sentencing Act are
43 still appropriate, based on the nature of the offenders supervised and the time required to
44 supervise those offenders.

45 **SECTION 18.13.(c)** The Department of Correction shall report the results of the
46 study and recommendations for any adjustments to caseload goals to the House of
47 Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety by
48 January 1, 2013.

49 **SECTION 18.13.(d)** The Department of Correction shall report by March 1 of
50 each year to the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the Chairs of the
51 House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public
52 Safety, and the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight
53 Committee on the following:

- 54 (1) The number of sex offenders enrolled on active and passive GPS monitoring.
- 55 (2) The caseloads of probation officers assigned to GPS-monitored sex
56 offenders.
- 57 (3) The number of violations.

- 1 (4) The number of absconders.
2 (5) The projected number of offenders to be enrolled by the end of the
3 2011-2012 fiscal year and the end of the 2012-2013 fiscal year.
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5 **REMOVE SUNSET ON CORRECTION ENTERPRISES STATE AND LOCAL**
6 **EMPLOYEE/RETIREE PURCHASE ALLOWANCE**

7 **SECTION 18.14.** Section 6 of S.L. 2007-280 reads as rewritten:

8 "**SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective ~~August 1, 2007, but the first sentence of~~
9 ~~G.S. 148-127(5) as enacted by this act expires on July 1, 2012.~~ August 1, 2007."

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11 **PART XIX. DEPARTMENT OF CRIME CONTROL AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

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13 **CONSOLIDATE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF**
14 **CRIME CONTROL AND PUBLIC SAFETY, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE**
15 **JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION, THE STATE BUREAU OF**
16 **INVESTIGATION, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA JUSTICE ACADEMY INTO**
17 **THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

18
19 **CREATION OF DEPARTMENT**

20 **SECTION 19.1.(a)** The Department of Public Safety is established as a new
21 executive department. All functions, powers, duties, and obligations vested in the following
22 departments and agencies are transferred to, vested in, and consolidated within the Department
23 of Public Safety by a Type I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6:

- 24 (1) The Department of Correction.
25 (2) The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.
26 (3) The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
27 (4) The State Bureau of Investigation, including the North Carolina State Crime
28 Laboratory.
29 (5) The North Carolina Justice Academy.

30 **SECTION 19.1.(b)** Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
31 new Article to read:

32 "Article 5A.

33 "Department of Public Safety.

34 "Part 1. General Provisions.

35 "**§ 143B-259. Organization.**

36 (a) There is established the Department of Public Safety. The head of the Department of
37 Public Safety is the Secretary of Public Safety, who shall be known as the Secretary. The
38 appointment of the Secretary shall be subject to confirmation by a Joint Resolution of the
39 General Assembly. Notwithstanding G.S. 147-12(a)(3), a person appointed to fill a vacancy in
40 the position of Secretary shall serve no longer than the thirtieth calendar day after the
41 convening of the next regular session of the General Assembly. The General Assembly may
42 also convene a special session for purposes of considering the confirmation of a person
43 appointed to be the Secretary.

44 The Department shall consist of seven divisions and an Office of External Affairs as
45 follows:

- 46 (1) The Division of Adult Correction, which shall consist of the former
47 Department of Correction. The head of the Division of Adult Correction
48 shall be a chief deputy secretary, who shall be responsible for prisons,
49 community corrections, and correction enterprises.
50 (2) The Division of Juvenile Justice, which shall consist of the former
51 Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The head of the
52 Division of Juvenile Justice shall be a chief deputy secretary, who shall be
53 responsible for youth detention centers, court services, community
54 programs, and youth development centers.
55 (3) The Division of Law Enforcement, which shall consist of the following
56 former divisions of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and
57 the Department of Justice: the State Highway Patrol, the Alcohol Law
58 Enforcement Division, the State Capitol Police Division, and the State

- 1 Bureau of Investigation. The head of the Division of Law Enforcement shall
2 be a chief deputy secretary.
- 3 (4) The Division of Emergency Management.
4 (5) The National Guard.
5 (6) The Division of Administration, the head of which shall be a deputy
6 secretary responsible for all administrative functions, including fiscal,
7 auditing, information technology, purchasing, human resources, engineering,
8 and facility management functions for the Department. Within the Division,
9 there is established a Grants Management Section, which shall consist of the
10 Governor's Crime Commission, the Criminal Justice Partnership Program,
11 and the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Fund. Other sections within the
12 Division of Administration shall be:
- 13 a. The Fiscal and Budget Section.
14 b. The Victims' Services Section.
15 c. The Engineering and Facility Management Section.
16 d. The Purchasing Section.
17 e. The Human Resources Section.
18 f. The Research and Policy Section.
19 g. The Information Technology Section.
20 h. The Training Section.
- 21 (7) The North Carolina State Crime Laboratory, the head of which shall be a
22 director who reports directly to the Secretary.
- 23 (8) The Office of External Affairs, which shall be responsible for federal and
24 State liaison activities, victim services, and public affairs.
- 25 (b) The powers and duties of the deputy secretaries and the respective divisions shall be
26 subject to the direction and control of the Secretary of Public Safety.
- 27 **§ 143B-259.1. Powers and duties of the Department of Public Safety.**
- 28 It shall be the duty of the Department of Public Safety to do all of the following:
- 29 (1) Provide assigned law enforcement and emergency services to protect the
30 public against crime and against natural and man-made disasters.
- 31 (2) To plan and direct a coordinated effort by the law enforcement agencies of
32 State government and to ensure maximum cooperation between State and
33 local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime.
- 34 (3) To prepare annually a State plan for the State's criminal justice system.
- 35 (4) To serve as the State's chief coordinating agency to control crime, to ensure
36 the safety of the public, and to ensure an effective and efficient State
37 criminal justice system.
- 38 (5) To have charge of investigations of criminal matters particularly set forth in
39 this Article and of such other crimes and areas of concern in the criminal
40 justice system as the Governor may direct.
- 41 (6) To regularly patrol the highways of the State and enforce all laws and
42 regulations respecting travel and the use of vehicles upon the highways of
43 the State and all laws for the protection of the highways of the State.
- 44 (7) To provide National Guard troops trained by the State to federal standards.
- 45 (8) To ensure the preparation, coordination, and currency of military and civil
46 preparedness plans and the effective conduct of emergency operations by all
47 participating agencies to sustain life and prevent, minimize, or remedy injury
48 to persons and damage to property resulting from disasters caused by enemy
49 attack or other hostile actions or from disasters due to natural or man-made
50 causes.
- 51 (9) To develop a plan for a coordinated and integrated electronic
52 communications system for State government and cooperating local
53 agencies, including coordination and integration of existing electronic
54 communications systems.
- 55 (10) To carry out the relevant provisions of Part 2 of this Article, Chapter 148 of
56 the General Statutes, Chapter 15 of the General Statutes, Chapter 15A of the
57 General Statutes, and other provisions of the General Statutes governing the
58 provision of necessary custody, supervision, and treatment to control and

1 rehabilitate criminal offenders and thereby reduce the rate and cost of crime
2 and delinquency.

3 (11) To carry out the relevant provisions of Part 3 of this Article, Chapter 7B of
4 the General Statutes, and other provisions of the General Statutes governing
5 juvenile justice and the prevention of delinquent acts by juveniles.

6 (12) To provide for the scientific analysis of evidence of crime.

7 **"§ 143B-259.2. Powers and duties of the Secretary of Public Safety.**

8 The Secretary of Public Safety shall have the powers and duties as are conferred on the
9 Secretary by this Article, delegated to the Secretary by the Governor, and conferred on the
10 Secretary by the Constitution and laws of this State. These powers and duties include the
11 following:

12 (1) Provision of assistance to other agencies. – The Secretary, through
13 appropriate subunits of the Department, shall, at the request of the Governor,
14 provide assistance to State and local law enforcement agencies, district
15 attorneys, and judges, when called upon by them and so directed.

16 (2) Coordination of government subunits emergencies. – In the event that the
17 Governor, in the exercise of the Governor's constitutional and statutory
18 responsibilities, shall deem it necessary to utilize the services of more than
19 one subunit of State government to provide protection to the people from
20 natural or man-made disasters or emergencies, including, but not limited to,
21 wars, insurrections, riots, civil disturbances, or accidents, the Secretary,
22 under the direction of the Governor, shall serve as the chief coordinating
23 officer for the State between the respective subunits so utilized.

24 (3) Allocation of State resources during emergencies. – Whenever the Secretary
25 exercises the authority provided in subdivision (2) of this section, the
26 Secretary shall be authorized to utilize and allocate all available State
27 resources as are reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency or
28 disaster, including directing of personnel and functions of State agencies or
29 units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating the initial response
30 to the disaster or emergency. Following the initial response, the Secretary, in
31 consultation with the heads of the State agencies which have or appear to
32 have the responsibility for dealing with the emergency or disaster, shall
33 designate one or more lead agencies to be responsible for subsequent phases
34 of the response to the emergency or disaster. Pending an opportunity to
35 consult with the heads of such agencies, the Secretary may make interim
36 lead agencies designations.

37 (4) Reporting of emergencies to the Secretary. – Every department of State
38 government is required to report to the Secretary, by the fastest means
39 practicable, all natural or man-made disasters or emergencies, including, but
40 not limited to, wars, insurrections, riots, civil disturbances, or accidents
41 which appear likely to require the utilization of the services of more than one
42 subunit of State government.

43 (5) Rule making. – The Secretary is authorized to adopt rules and procedures for
44 the implementation of this section.

45 (6) Powers of Governor and Council of State not superseded. – Nothing
46 contained in this section shall be construed to supersede or modify those
47 powers granted to the Governor or the Council of State to declare and react
48 to a state of disaster as provided in Chapter 166A of the General Statutes, the
49 Constitution, or elsewhere.

50 (7) Reporting required prior to grant awards. – Prior to any notification of
51 proposed grant awards to State agencies for use in pursuing the objectives of
52 the Governor's Crime Commission pursuant to sub-subdivisions a. through
53 g. of subdivision (8) of this section, the Secretary shall report to the Senate
54 and House Appropriations Committees for review of the proposed grant
55 awards.

56 (8) Other powers and duties. – The Secretary shall have the following additional
57 powers and duties:

- 1 a. Accepting gifts, bequests, devises, grants, matching funds, and other
- 2 considerations from private or governmental sources for use in
- 3 promoting the work of the Governor's Crime Commission.
- 4 b. Making grants for use in pursuing the objectives of the Governor's
- 5 Crime Commission.
- 6 c. Adopting rules as may be required by the federal government for
- 7 federal grants-in-aid for criminal justice purposes and to implement
- 8 and carry out the regulatory and enforcement duties assigned to the
- 9 Department of Public Safety as provided by the various commercial
- 10 vehicle, oversize/overweight, motor carrier safety, motor fuel, and
- 11 mobile and manufactured home statutes.
- 12 d. Ascertaining the State's duties concerning grants to the State by the
- 13 Law Enforcement Assistance Administration of the United States
- 14 Department of Justice, and developing and administering a plan to
- 15 ensure that the State fulfills its duties.
- 16 e. Administering the Assistance Program for Victims of Rape and Sex
- 17 Offenses.
- 18 f. Appointing, with the Governor's approval, a special police officer to
- 19 serve as Chief of the State Capitol Police Section of the Division of
- 20 Law Enforcement.
- 21 g. Appointing an employee of the Division of Administration to be the
- 22 central point of contact for any federal surplus property or purchasing
- 23 programs."
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CREATION OF STATUTORY PARTS AND SUBPARTS

25 **SECTION 19.1.(c)** Article 5A of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended
 26 by adding a new Part to read:

27 "Part 4. Division of Law Enforcement."

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 29 **SECTION 19.1.(e)** Article 5A of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended
 30 by adding a new Part to read:

31 "Part 5. Division of Emergency Management."

32 **SECTION 19.1.(f)** Article 5A of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended
 33 by adding a new Part to read:

34 "Part 6. Division of Administration."

35 **SECTION 19.1.(f1)** Article 5A of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is
 36 amended by adding a new Part to read:

37 "Part 7. Office of External Affairs."

CHANGES TO STATUTORY REFERENCES TO AGENCIES

38
 39 **SECTION 19.1.(g)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
 40 "Crime Control and Public Safety" wherever it appears and substituting "Public Safety":
 41 G.S. 7A-343.1, 8-50.2, 14-86.1, 14-309.7, 14-309.11, 15B-3, 15B-6, 17C-3, 17C-6, 18B-101,
 42 18B-110, 19-2.1, 20-17.7, 20-39.1, 20-49, 20-79.5, 20-81.12, 20-116, 20-118, 20-119, 20-125,
 43 20-178.1, 20-183.9, 20-183.10, 20-184, 20-185, 20-187, 20-187.1, 20-187.3, 20-188, 20-189,
 44 20-190, 20-191, 20-192, 20-195, 20-196, 20-196.3, 20-196.4, 20-377, 20-379, 20-380, 20-381,
 45 20-382.2, 20-383, 20-387, 20-389, 20-390, 20-391, 20-392, 20-393, 20-396, 20-397, 58-32-1,
 46 58-78-1, 66-165, 66-168, 104E-8, 105-259, 105-269.3, 105-449.44, 120-12.1, 120-70.94,
 47 122C-408, 122C-409, 122C-411, 122C-414, 126-5, 127A-17.1, 127A-19, 127A-20, 127A-21,
 48 127A-22, 127A-35, 127A-40, 127A-42, 127A-43, 127A-54, 127A-57, 127A-80, 127A-81,
 49 127A-107, 127A-139, 127A-161, 127A-162, 127A-163, 127A-164, 127C-2, 130A-475,
 50 143-166.13, 143-215.52, 143-215.56, 143-215.93A, 143-215.94GG, 143-215.94HH, 143-341,
 51 143-355.1, 143-651, 143-652.1, 143-652.2, 143-654, 143-655, 143-658, 143-661, 143-664,
 52 143-726, 143A-79.2, 143A-239, 143A-240, 143A-241, 143A-242, 143A-243, 143A-244,
 53 143A-245, 143B-2, 143B-6, 143B-181, 143B-394.15, 143B-417, 143B-426.22, 143B-477,
 54 143B-478, 143B-479, 143B-480, 143B-480.1, 143B-480.2, 143B-480.3, 143B-490, 143B-491,
 55 143B-492, 143B-495, 143B-496, 143B-497, 143B-498, 143B-499, 143B-499.2, 143B-499.4,
 56 143B-499.7, 143B-508, 143B-508.1, Parts 8 and 9 of Article 11 of Chapter 143B of the
 57 General Statutes, 143B-510, 146-30, 147-12, 150B-1, 161-11.4, 164-37, 166A-5, 166A-6,
 58 166A-6.03, 166A-6.1, 166A-14, 166A-18, 166A-21, 166A-26, 166A-28, 166A-60, 166A-61,
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1 and 166A-62. In all other instances in which the term "Crime Control and Public Safety"
2 appears in the General Statutes, the Revisor of Statutes shall replace that term with "Public
3 Safety".

4 **SECTION 19.1.(h)** Except for instances in which language is rewritten pursuant to
5 subsection (i) of this section, the following statutes are amended by deleting the language
6 "Department of Correction" wherever it appears and substituting "Division of Adult Correction
7 of the Department of Public Safety" and by deleting the word "Department" when it refers to
8 the Department of Correction and substituting "Division": G.S. 1-110, 7A-109.3, 7A-313,
9 7A-451, 7A-474.3, 7A-474.18, 7A-498.3, 7B-2204, 7B-2517, 7B-3000, 7B-3001, 7B-3100,
10 13-1, 14-202, 14-208.6, 14-208.20, 14-208.22, 14-208.40, 14-208.43, 14-208.45, 14-258.1,
11 14-258.3, 14-258.4, 14-415.10, 15-6.1, 15-10.1, 15-194, 15-196.3, 15-203, 15-204, 15-205,
12 15-206, 15-209, 15A-145, 15A-145.1, 15A-146, 15A-147, 15A-149, 15A-150, 15A-544.3,
13 15A-544.5, 15A-615, 15A-821, 15A-830, 15A-832, 15A-1332, 15A-1340.13, 15A-1340.16,
14 15A-1340.20, 15A-1342, 15A-1343, 15A-1343.2, 15A-1343.3, 15A-1344, 15A-1351,
15 15A-1352, 15A-1353, 15A-1354, 15A-1355, 15A-1368, 15A-1368.2, 15A-1368.3,
16 15A-1368.4, 15A-1368.6, 15A-1369, 15A-1374, 15A-1376, 15A-2000, 15B-21, 15B-31,
17 15B-32, 17C-3, 20-19, 20-81.12, 20-179, 65-4, 66-58, 97-13, 105-259, 108A-14, 114-10.1,
18 114-14, 115C-106.3, 115C-108.1, 115C-296.2, 115D-5, 120-12.1, 120-70.94, 122C-22,
19 122C-55, 122C-62, 122C-311, 122C-312, 122C-313, 122C-402, 122C-421, 126-5, 127A-54,
20 130A-25, 131E-98, 131E-184, 131E-214.1, 143-63.1, 143-134, 143-166.2, 143-166.13,
21 143-300.7, 143-599, 143B-2, 143B-6, 143B-179, 143B-260 through 143B-267, 143B-270,
22 143B-271, 143B-272, 143B-273.2, 143B-273.5, 143B-273.8, 143B-273.15, 143B-273.15A,
23 143B-394.15, 143B-417, 143B-476, 143B-478, 146-33, 147-12, 148-2 through 148-4.1, 148-6,
24 148-10 through 148-10.3, 148-12, 148-18 through 148-19.1, 148-22, 148-22.1, 148-23 through
25 148-24, 148-26, 148-26.5, 148-28, 148-29, 148-32.1 through 148-33.2, 148-36, 148-37,
26 148-37.2, 148-37.3, 148-40, 148-41, 148-45, 148-46.1, 148-53, 148-54, 148-57, 148-59,
27 148-64, 148-64.1, 148-65.7, 148-66, 148-67, 148-70, 148-74, 148-77, 148-78, 148-118.1,
28 148-118.2, 148-118.4, 148-118.5, 148-118.6, 148-118.8, 148-128, 148-134, 150B-1, 153A-221,
29 153A-230.1, 153A-230.2, 153A-230.3, 153A-230.5, 162-39, 163-82.20A, 164-40, 164-42, and
30 164-47. In any other instances in which the term "Department of Correction" appears in the
31 General Statutes, the Revisor of Statutes shall replace "Department of Correction" with
32 "Division of Adult Correction", and in any other instances in which the word "Department" is
33 used to refer to the Department of Correction, the Revisor of Statutes shall delete the word
34 "Department" and substitute the word "Division".

35 **SECTION 19.1.(i)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
36 "Secretary of Correction" or "Secretary of the Department of Correction" wherever it appears
37 and substituting "Secretary of Public Safety": G.S. 15-10.2, 15-10.3, 15-194, 15-203 through
38 15-207, 15-209, 15A-1340.36, 15A-1371, 17C-3, 20-79.5, 115C-112.1, 122C-312, 130A-25,
39 143B-261.2, 143B-262.1, 143B-262.4, 143B-263, 143B-265, 143B-266, 143B-267, 143B-270,
40 143B-271, 143B-273.2, 143B-394.15, 143B-478, 148-4, 148-4.1, 148-5, 148-10.1, 148-11,
41 148-13, 148-18.1, 148-19, 148-20, 148-22, 148-22.1, 148-24, 148-25, 148-26, 148-26.5,
42 148-28, 148-33, 148-33.1, 148-33.2, 148-36, 148-37, 148-37.2, 148-41, 148-45, 148-46,
43 148-46.2, 148-57, 148-65.6, 148-65.9, 148-74, 148-78, 148-118.6, 148-118.8, 148-118.9,
44 148-121, 148-122, 162-39, 164-37, and 164-40. In any other instances in which the term
45 "Secretary of Correction" appears in the General Statutes, the Revisor of Statutes shall replace
46 "Secretary of Correction" with "Secretary of Public Safety".

47 **SECTION 19.1.(j)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
48 "Division of Prisons" wherever it appears and substituting "Section of Prisons of the Division
49 of Adult Correction": G.S. 14-208.6, 14-208.40C, 14-258.2, 15A-1343, 17C-3, 66-58,
50 130A-25, 143B-262.1, 143B-262.2, 143B-264, 143B-478, 148-11, 148-18, 148-29, and
51 148-130. In any other instances in which the term "Division of Prisons" appears in the General
52 Statutes, the Revisor of Statutes shall replace "Division of Prisons" with "Section of Prisons of
53 the Division of Adult Correction". The following statutes are amended by deleting the
54 language "Division of Correction Enterprises" wherever it appears and substituting "Section of
55 Correction Enterprises of the Division of Adult Correction": G.S. 14-208.6, 14-208.40C,
56 14-258.2, 15A-1343, 17C-3, 66-58, 130A-25, 143B-262.1, 143B-262.2, 143B-264, 143B-478,
57 148-11, 148-18, 148-29, and 148-130. In any other instances in which the term "Division of
58 Correction Enterprises" appears in the General Statutes, the Revisor of Statutes shall replace

1 "Division of Correction Enterprises" with "Section of Correction Enterprises of the Division of
2 Adult Correction".

3 **SECTION 19.1.(k)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
4 "Division of Community Corrections" wherever it appears and substituting "Section of
5 Community Corrections of the Division of Adult Correction": G.S. 7B-3000, 7B-3001,
6 7B-3100, 14-208.40C, 14-208.41, 15A-837, 15A-1340.11, 15A-1342, 15A-1343, 15A-1343.2,
7 15A-1368.4, 15A-1369.4, 15A-1371, 17C-3, 20-179.3, 105-259, 115D-5, 143B-262,
8 143B-262.4, 143B-273.4, 143B-478, and 148-65.6. In any other instances in which the term
9 "Division of Community Corrections" appears in the General Statutes, the Revisor of Statutes
10 shall replace "Division of Community Corrections" with "Section of Prisons of the Division of
11 Adult Correction".

12 **SECTION 19.1.(l)** Except for instances in which language is rewritten pursuant to
13 subsection (m) of this section, the following statutes are amended by deleting the language
14 "Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention" wherever it appears and
15 substituting "Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety": G.S. 7A-302,
16 7B-1501, 7B-3100, 7B-4002, 14-239, 14-258.4, 14-316.1, 66-58, 114-12.1, 114-19.6,
17 115C-106.3, 115C-107.6, 115C-108.1, 115C-296.2, 115D-1, 115D-5, 120-70.94, 120-216,
18 122C-113, 122C-117, 126-5, 143-166.2, 143-166.13, 143-661, 143B-2, 143B-6, 143B-152.14,
19 143B-153, 143B-417, 143B-478, 143B-511 through 143B-550, 148-26, 164-37, 164-40, and
20 164-43. In all other instances in which the term "Department of Juvenile Justice and
21 Delinquency Prevention" appears in the General Statutes, the Revisor of Statutes shall replace
22 "Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention" with "Division of Juvenile
23 Justice" and in all other instances in which the word "Department" is used to refer to the
24 Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Revisor of Statutes shall delete
25 the word "Department" and substitute the word "Division", or, make other appropriate changes
26 to the General Statutes to reference the Division rather than the Department.

27 **SECTION 19.1.(m)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
28 "Secretary of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention" wherever it appears and
29 substituting "Secretary of Public Safety": G.S. 17C-3, 20-79.5, 115C-112.1, and 143B-515. In
30 all other instances in which the term "Secretary of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
31 Prevention" appears in the General Statutes, the Revisor of Statutes shall replace "Secretary of
32 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention" with "Secretary of Public Safety".

33 **SECTION 19.1.(n)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
34 "Alcohol Law Enforcement Division" and "Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement" wherever it
35 appears and substituting "Alcohol Law Enforcement Section" and by deleting the word
36 "Division" when it refers to the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division and substituting "Section":
37 G.S. 18B-903, 19-2.1, 105-259, 143-652.1, 143-652.2, 143-654, 143-655, and 143-656. In all
38 other instances in which the terms "Alcohol Law Enforcement Division" or "Division of
39 Alcohol Law Enforcement" appears in the General Statutes, the Revisor of Statutes shall
40 replace those terms with "Alcohol Law Enforcement Section", and in all other instances in
41 which the word "Division" is used to refer to the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division, the
42 Revisor of Statutes shall delete the word "Division" and substitute the word "Section".

43 **SECTION 19.1.(p)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
44 "State Highway Patrol Division" wherever it appears and substituting "State Highway Patrol
45 Section"; by deleting the word "Division" wherever it appears when it refers to the State
46 Highway Patrol Division and substituting "Section"; and by deleting the language "Division of
47 the State Highway Patrol" wherever it appears and substituting "State Highway Patrol Section":
48 G.S. 20-185, 20-195, and 20-196. In all other instances in which the term "State Highway
49 Patrol Division" appears in the General Statutes, the Revisor of Statutes shall replace that term
50 with "State Highway Patrol Section", and in all other instances in which the word "Division" is
51 used to refer to the State Highway Patrol Division, the Revisor of Statutes shall delete the word
52 "Division" and substitute the word "Section".

53 **SECTION 19.1.(q)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
54 "ALE Division" wherever it appears and substituting "ALE Section": G.S. 18B-201, 18B-202,
55 18B-203, 18B-504, 18B-805, 18B-902, and 18B-904. In any other instances in which the term
56 "ALE Division" appears in the General Statutes, the Revisor of Statutes shall replace "ALE
57 Division" with "ALE Section".

1 **SECTION 19.1.(q1)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the word
2 "Director" wherever it appears and substituting "Chief": G.S. 114-13, 114-14, 114-14.1,
3 114-15, 114-15.1, 114-15.3, 114-20, and 114-20.1.

4 5 **RECODIFICATION OF AFFECTED STATUTES**

6 **SECTION 19.1.(r)** Both of the following apply to any recodification pursuant to
7 subsections (s) through (x) of this section:

- 8 (1) Statutory sections of the former statutes that were reserved for future
9 codification shall have corresponding sections that are reserved for future
10 codification in the recodified statutes.
11 (2) The recodifications are of the affected statutes as rewritten by subsections
12 (g) through (q) of this section, as applicable.

13 **SECTION 19.1.(s)** Division of Adult Correction. – Article 6 of Chapter 143B of
14 the General Statutes is recodified as Part 2 of Article 5A of Chapter 143B of the General
15 Statutes, "Division of Adult Correction," but the statutory numbering shall remain unchanged
16 and the various Parts of former Article 6 shall be redesignated as Subparts of Part 2 of Article
17 5A of the General Statutes.

18 **SECTION 19.1.(t)** Division of Juvenile Justice. – Article 12 of Chapter 143B of
19 the General Statutes, except for G.S. 143B-550, is recodified as Part 3 of Article 5A of Chapter
20 143B of the General Statutes, "Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention,"
21 G.S. 143B-272.1 through G.S. 143B-272.43. The various Parts of former Article 12 shall be
22 redesignated as Subparts of Part 3 of Article 5A of the General Statutes.

23 **SECTION 19.1.(u)** Division of Law Enforcement. – Parts 1 and 7 of Article 11 of
24 Chapter 143B of the General Statutes are repealed. Part 9 of Article 11 of Chapter 143B of the
25 General Statutes is recodified as Subpart A of Part 4 of Article 5A of Chapter 143B of the
26 General Statutes, G.S. 143B-272.45. Article 4 of Chapter 114 of the General Statutes, other
27 than G.S. 114-16, is recodified as Subpart B of Part 4 of Article 5A of Chapter 143B of the
28 General Statutes, G.S. 143B-272.46A through G.S. 143B-272.46L.

29 **SECTION 19.1.(w)** Division of Emergency Management. – Part 8 of Article 11 of
30 Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is recodified as Subpart A of Part 5 of Article 5A of
31 Chapter 143B of the General Statutes and renumbered as G.S. 143B-272.52. Part 5A of Article
32 11 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is recodified as Subpart B of Part 5 of Article 5A of
33 Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, G.S. 143B-272.60 through G.S. 143B-272.72. Part 5 of
34 Article 11 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is recodified as Subpart C of Part 5 of
35 Article 5A of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, G.S. 143B-272.73A through
36 G.S. 143B-272.73C.

37 **SECTION 19.1.(x)** Division of Administration. – Part 3 of Article 11 of Chapter
38 143B of the General Statutes is recodified as Subpart A of Part 6 of Article 5A of Chapter 143B
39 of the General Statutes, "Grants Management Section", G.S. 143B-272.75 through
40 G.S. 143B-272.77. G.S. 143B-477 and G.S. 143B-550 are recodified under that Subpart as
41 G.S. 143B-272.78 and G.S. 143B-272.79, respectively. Article 6A of Chapter 143B of the
42 General Statutes is recodified as Subpart B of Part 6 of Article 5A of Chapter 143B of the
43 General Statutes, G.S. 143B-272.80 through G.S. 143B-272.101.

44 **SECTION 19.1.(x1)** Office of External Affairs. – Part 3A of Article 11 of Chapter
45 143B of the General Statutes is recodified as Part 7 of Article 5A of Chapter 143B of the
46 General Statutes, "Victims' Services Section", G.S. 143B-272.103 through G.S. 143B-272.104.

47 **SECTION 19.1.(x2)** North Carolina State Crime Laboratory. – G.S. 114-16 is
48 recodified as Part 8 of Article 5A of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, "North Carolina
49 State Crime Laboratory", G.S. 143B-272.108, and as recodified is amended by deleting the
50 word "Bureau" wherever it appears and substituting the name "North Carolina State Crime
51 Laboratory" where first used in that section and "State Crime Laboratory" at each subsequent
52 location in that section. G.S. 114-16.1 is recodified as G.S. 143B-272.109.

53 54 **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES**

55 **SECTION 19.1.(y)** Part 9 of Article 11 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, as
56 rewritten by subsection (g) of this section, and recodified by subsection (u) of this section,
57 reads as rewritten:

58 "Subpart A. State Capitol Police ~~Division~~ Section.

59 "**§ 143B-272.45. State Capitol Police ~~Division~~ Section – powers and duties.**"

1 (a) ~~Division~~Section Established. – There is hereby established, within the Law
2 Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Safety, the State Capitol Police
3 Division,Section, which shall be organized and staffed in accordance with applicable laws and
4 regulations and within the limits of authorized appropriations.

5 (b) Purpose. – The State Capitol Police ~~Division~~Section shall serve as a special police
6 agency of the Department of Public Safety. The ~~Director~~Chief of the State Capitol Police,
7 appointed by the Secretary pursuant to ~~G.S. 143B-476(6)~~, G.S. 143B-259.2, with the approval
8 of the Governor, may appoint as special police officers such reliable persons as he may deem
9 necessary.

10 (c) Appointment of Officers. – Special police officers appointed pursuant to this section
11 may not exercise the power of arrest until they shall take an oath, to be administered by any
12 person authorized to administer oaths, as required by law.

13 (d) Jurisdiction of Officers. – Each special police officer of the State Capitol Police
14 shall have the same power of arrest as the police officers of the City of Raleigh. Such authority
15 may be exercised within the same territorial jurisdiction as exercised by the police officers of
16 the City of Raleigh, and in addition thereto the authority of a deputy sheriff may be exercised
17 on property owned, leased, or maintained by the State located in the County of Wake.

18 (e) Reserved for future codification purposes.

19 (f) Public Safety. – The ~~Director~~Chief of the State Capitol Police, or the ~~Director's~~
20 Chief's designee, shall exercise at all times those means that, in the opinion of the ~~Director~~
21 Chief or the designee, may be effective in protecting all State buildings and grounds, except for
22 the State legislative buildings and grounds as defined in G.S. 120-32.1(d), and the persons
23 within those buildings and grounds from fire, bombs, bomb threats, or any other emergency or
24 potentially hazardous conditions, including both the ordering and control of the evacuation of
25 those buildings and grounds. The ~~Director~~Chief, or the ~~Director's~~Chief's designee, may
26 employ the assistance of other available law enforcement agencies and emergency agencies to
27 aid and assist in evacuations of those buildings and grounds."

28 **SECTION 19.1.(z)** G.S. 18B-500 reads as rewritten:

29 "**§ 18B-500. Alcohol law-enforcement agents.**

30 (a) Appointment. – The ~~Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety~~Secretary of the
31 Department of Public Safety shall appoint alcohol law-enforcement agents and other
32 enforcement personnel. The ~~Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety~~Secretary of the
33 Department of Public Safety may also appoint regular employees of the Commission as alcohol
34 law-enforcement agents. Alcohol law-enforcement agents shall be designated as "alcohol
35 law-enforcement agents". Persons serving as reserve alcohol law-enforcement agents are
36 considered employees of the ~~Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement~~Alcohol Law Enforcement
37 Section for workers' compensation purposes while performing duties assigned or approved by
38 the ~~Director~~Chief of the Alcohol Law Enforcement Section or the ~~Director's~~Chief's
39 designee.

40 (b) Subject Matter Jurisdiction. – After taking the oath prescribed for a peace officer, an
41 alcohol law-enforcement agent shall have authority to arrest and take other investigatory and
42 enforcement actions for any criminal offense. The primary responsibility of an agent shall be
43 enforcement of the ABC laws, lottery laws, and Article 5 of Chapter 90 (The Controlled
44 Substances Act); however, an agent may perform any law-enforcement duty assigned by the
45 ~~Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety~~Secretary of the Department of Public Safety or
46 the Governor.

47 (c) Territorial Jurisdiction. – An alcohol law-enforcement agent is a State officer with
48 jurisdiction throughout the State.

49 (d) Service of Commission Orders. – Alcohol law-enforcement agents may serve and
50 execute notices, orders, or demands issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission or
51 the North Carolina State Lottery Commission for the surrender of permits or relating to any
52 administrative proceeding. While serving and executing such notices, orders, or demands,
53 alcohol law-enforcement agents shall have all the power and authority possessed by
54 law-enforcement officers when executing an arrest warrant.

55 (e) Discharge. – Alcohol law-enforcement agents are subject to the discharge
56 provisions of G.S. 18B-202.

57 (f) Repealed by Session Laws 1995, c. 507, s. 6.2(a)."

58 **SECTION 19.1.(z1)** G.S. 114-12, as recodified by subsection (u) of this section,
59 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-272.46A. Bureau of Investigation created; powers and duties.

In order to secure a more effective administration of the criminal laws of the State, to prevent crime, and to procure the speedy apprehension of criminals, the ~~Attorney General~~ ~~Secretary of Public Safety~~ shall set up in the ~~Department of Justice~~ ~~Division of Law Enforcement of the Department of Public Safety~~ a ~~division~~ ~~section~~ to be designated as the State Bureau of Investigation. The ~~Division~~ ~~Section~~ shall have charge of and administer the agencies and activities herein set up for the identification of criminals, for their apprehension, ~~for the scientific analysis of evidence of crime,~~ and investigation and preparation of evidence to be used in criminal courts; and the said Bureau shall have charge of investigation of criminal matters herein especially mentioned, and of such other crimes and criminal procedure as the Governor may direct."

SECTION 19.1.(aa) Part 8 of Article 11 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, as rewritten by subsection (g) of this section and recodified by subsection (w) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"Subpart A. Emergency Management Division.

"§ 143B-272.52. Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety.

(a) There is established, within the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Division of Emergency Management, which shall be organized and staffed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and within the limits of authorized appropriations.

(b) The Division of Emergency Management shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) ~~To exercise the powers and duties exercised prior to the enactment of this section, in accordance with G.S. 143B-475(a)(11).~~
- (2) To exercise the powers and duties conferred on it by Chapter 166A of the General Statutes.
- (3) To exercise any other powers vested by law."

SECTION 19.1.(bb) Part 7 of Article 11 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is repealed, and the Law Enforcement Support Services Division of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety is abolished.

SECTION 19.1.(cc) The evidence warehouse that was operated by the Law Enforcement Support Services Division of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety prior to the effective date of this section, and all State-owned personal property located in or associated with the warehouse, is hereby reallocated to the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory of the Department of Public Safety. The Department of Public Safety shall assume any lease to which the warehouse is subject at the time this section becomes effective.

SECTION 19.1.(cc1) G.S. 114-16, as amended by Section 10 of S.L. 2011-19 and recodified by subsection (x2) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-272.108. North Carolina State Crime Laboratory and clinical facilities; employment of criminologists; services of scientists, etc., employed by State; radio system.

(a) Generally. – In the said North Carolina State Crime Laboratory there shall be provided laboratory facilities for the analysis of evidences of crime, including the determination of presence, quantity and character of poisons, the character of bloodstains, microscopic and other examination material associated with the commission of crime, examination and analysis of projectiles of ballistic imprints and records which might lead to the determination or identification of criminals, the examination and identification of fingerprints, and other evidence leading to the identification, apprehension, or conviction of criminals. A sufficient number of persons skilled in such matters shall be employed to render a reasonable service to the public and the criminal justice system in the discharge of their duties. In the personnel of the State Crime Laboratory shall be included a sufficient number of persons of training and skill in the investigation of crime and in the preparation of evidence as to be of service to local enforcement officers, under the direction of the Governor, in criminal matters of major importance.

The laboratory and clinical facilities of the institutions of the State, both educational and departmental, shall be made available to the State Crime Laboratory, and scientists and doctors now working for the State through its institutions and departments may be called upon by the Governor to aid the State Crime Laboratory in the evaluation, preparation, and preservation of evidence in which scientific methods are employed, and a reasonable fee may be allowed by the Governor for such service.

1 The State radio system shall be made available to the Bureau for use in its work.

2 (b) Additional Powers and Duties of the Crime Laboratory. – The Crime Laboratory
3 shall have the following additional powers and duties:

4 (1) To provide central storage and management of evidence according to the
5 provisions of Article 13 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes and create
6 and maintain a data bank of statewide storage locations of postconviction
7 evidence or other similar programs.

8 (2) To provide central storage and management of rape kits according to the
9 federal Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization
10 Act of 2005 with specific protections against release of names of victims
11 providing anonymous or 'Jane Doe' rape kits without victim consent.

12 (3) To provide for the storage and management of evidence."

13 **SECTION 19.1.(cc2)** Chapter 17D of the General Statutes are amended by deleting
14 the language "Department of Justice" wherever it appears and substituting "Department of
15 Public Safety".

17 CONFORMING CHANGES

18 **SECTION 19.1.(dd)** G.S. 7A-343.1, as rewritten by subsection (g) of this section,
19 reads as rewritten:

20 "**§ 7A-343.1. Distribution of copies of the appellate division reports.**

21 ...

22 ~~Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of~~ Juvenile Justice, Division of

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24"

25 **SECTION 19.1.(dd1)** G.S. 14-16.9 reads as rewritten:

26 "**§ 14-16.9. Officers-elect to be covered.**

27 Any person who has been elected to any office covered by this Article but has not yet taken
28 the oath of office shall be considered to hold the office for the purpose of this Article and
29 ~~G.S. 114-15~~ G.S. 143B-272.46F."

30 **SECTION 19.1.(ee)** G.S. 15A-1342(j) reads as rewritten:

31 "(j) Immunity for Injury to Defendant Performing Community Service. – Immunity
32 from liability for injury to a defendant performing community service shall be as set forth in
33 ~~G.S. 143B-475.1(d)~~ G.S. 143B-262.4(d)."

34 **SECTION 19.1.(gg)** G.S. 18B-101(5), as rewritten by subsection (g) of this
35 section, reads as rewritten:

36 "(5) ~~'ALE Division'~~ 'ALE Section' means the Alcohol Law Enforcement ~~Division~~
37 Section of the Department of Public Safety."

38 **SECTION 19.1.(hh)** G.S. 20-184, as rewritten by subsection (g) of this section,
39 reads as rewritten:

40 "**§ 20-184. Patrol under supervision of Department of Public Safety.**

41 The Secretary of Public Safety, under the direction of the Governor, shall have supervision,
42 direction and control of the State Highway Patrol. The Secretary shall establish in the
43 Department of Public Safety a State Highway Patrol ~~Division~~ Section, prescribe regulations
44 governing ~~said Division~~ the Section, and assign to the ~~Division~~ Section such duties as ~~the~~
45 Secretary may deem proper."

46 **SECTION 19.1.(hh1)** G.S. 113-172(a) reads as rewritten:

47 "(a) The Secretary shall designate license agents for the Department. At least one license
48 agent shall be designated for each county that contains or borders on coastal fishing waters. The
49 Secretary may designate additional license agents in any county if the Secretary determines that
50 additional agents are needed to provide efficient service to the public. The Division and license
51 agents designated by the Secretary under this section shall issue licenses authorized under this
52 Article in accordance with this Article and the rules of the Commission. The Secretary may
53 require license agents to enter into a contract that provides for their duties and compensation,
54 post a bond, and submit to reasonable inspections and audits. If a license agent violates any
55 provision of this Article, the rules of the Commission, or the terms of the contract, the
56 Secretary may initiate proceedings for the forfeiture of the license agent's bond and may
57 summarily suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a designation as a license agent and may
58 impound or require the return of all licenses, moneys, record books, reports, license forms and
59 other documents, ledgers, and materials pertinent or apparently pertinent to the license agency.

1 The Secretary shall report evidence or misuse of State property, including license fees, by a
2 license agent to the State Bureau of Investigation as provided by
3 G.S. 114-15.1, G.S. 143B-272.46G."

4 **SECTION 19.1.(hh2)** G.S. 114-12.1, as recodified by subsection (u) of this section
5 and rewritten by subsection (l) of this section, reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 143B-272.46B. Minority sensitivity training for law enforcement personnel.**

7 (a) The Department of ~~Justice~~ Public Safety shall develop guidelines for minority
8 sensitivity training for all law enforcement personnel throughout the State. The Department
9 shall ensure that all persons who work with minority juveniles in the juvenile justice system are
10 taught how to communicate effectively with minority juveniles and how to recognize and
11 address the needs of those juveniles. The Department shall also advise all law enforcement and
12 professionals who work within the juvenile justice system of ways to improve the treatment of
13 minority juveniles so that all juveniles receive equal treatment. Except where local law
14 enforcement has existing minority sensitivity training that meets the Department guidelines, the
15 Department shall conduct the minority sensitivity training annually. Prior to the training each
16 year, the Department shall assess whether minorities are receiving fair and equal treatment in
17 the juvenile justice system with regard to the administration of predisposition procedures, of
18 diversion methods, of dispositional alternatives, and of treatment and post-release supervision
19 plans.

20 (b) The Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety shall ensure that
21 all juvenile court counselors and other Division personnel receive the minority sensitivity
22 training specified in subsection (a) of this section."

23 **SECTION 19.1.(hh3)** G.S. 114-13, as recodified by subsection (u) of this section
24 and rewritten by subsection (q1) of this section, reads as rewritten:

25 "**§ 143B-272.46C. Chief of the Bureau; personnel.**

26 The ~~Attorney General~~ Secretary of Public Safety shall appoint a Chief of the Bureau of
27 Investigation, who shall serve at the will of the ~~Attorney General~~ Secretary, and whose salary
28 shall be fixed by the Department of Administration under G.S. 143-36 et seq. He may further
29 appoint a sufficient number of assistants and stenographic and clerical help, who shall be
30 competent and qualified to do the work of the Bureau. The salaries of such assistants shall be
31 fixed by the Department of Administration under G.S. 143-36 et seq. The salaries of clerical
32 and stenographic help shall be the same as now provided for similar employees in other State
33 departments and bureaus."

34 **SECTION 19.1.(hh4)** G.S. 114-15.2, as recodified by subsection (u) of this
35 section, reads as rewritten:

36 "**§ 143B-272.46H. Use of private investigators limited.**

37 No State executive officer, department, agency, institution, commission, bureau, or other
38 organized activity of the State that receives support in whole or in part from the State except for
39 counties, cities, towns, other municipal corporations or political subdivisions of the State or any
40 agencies of these subdivisions, or county or city boards of education may employ a private
41 investigator without the consent of the ~~Attorney General~~ Secretary of Public Safety. If the
42 ~~Attorney General~~ Secretary of Public Safety determines that it is impracticable for the Bureau to
43 conduct the investigation, the ~~Attorney General~~ Secretary shall employ a private investigator
44 and shall fix the compensation for his services. The cost of the private investigator shall be paid
45 from funds credited to the entity requesting the investigation or from the Contingency and
46 Emergency Fund."

47 **SECTION 19.1.(hh5)** G.S. 114-19.1(d) reads as rewritten:

48 "(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed as enlarging any right to receive any
49 record of the State Bureau of Investigation. Such rights are and shall be controlled by
50 G.S. 114-15, G.S. 114-19, G.S. 143B-272.46F, G.S. 143B-272.46L, G.S. 120-19.4A, and other
51 applicable statutes."

52 **SECTION 19.1.(ii)** G.S. 120-70.94(2a), as rewritten by subsection (g) of this
53 section, reads as rewritten:

54 "(2a) Examine the effectiveness of the Department of Public Safety in
55 implementing the duties and responsibilities charged to the Department in
56 G.S. 143B-474 G.S. 143B-259.1(1) through (9) and the overall effectiveness
57 and efficiency of law enforcement in the State;"

58 **SECTION 19.1.(ll)** G.S. 131D-10.4(3) reads as rewritten:

59 "**§ 131D-10.4. Exemptions.**

This Article shall not apply to:

- ... (3) Secure detention facilities as specified in ~~Article 12~~ Part 3 of Article 5A of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes;"

SECTION 19.1.(mm) G.S. 143-138(g) reads as rewritten:

"(g) Publication and Distribution of Code. – The Building Code Council shall cause to be printed, after adoption by the Council, the North Carolina State Building Code and each amendment thereto. It shall, at the State's expense, distribute copies of the Code and each amendment to State and local governmental officials, departments, agencies, and educational institutions, as is set out in the table below. (Those marked by an asterisk will receive copies only on written request to the Council.)

OFFICIAL OR AGENCY	NUMBER OF COPIES
State Departments and Officials	

... Office of Juvenile Justice <u>Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety</u>	1
...."	

SECTION 19.1.(oo) G.S. 143B-273.4(b), as recodified by subsection (x) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"(b) The priority populations for programs funded under this ~~Article-Subpart~~ shall be offenders sentenced to intermediate punishments."

SECTION 19.1.(pp) G.S. 143B-273.7, as recodified as G.S. 143B-272.87 by subsection (x) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-272.87. Duties of State Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board.

The State Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board has the following duties:

- ... (5) To coordinate community-based corrections programs administered by the state agencies and programs funded under this ~~Article;Subpart~~;

- ... (8) To evaluate the effects of categories of programs funded by this ~~Article Subpart~~ and prepare a written report."

SECTION 19.1.(qq) G.S. 143B-273.9, as recodified by subsection (x) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-272.89. Election to apply for funding.

A county may elect to apply for funding under this ~~Article-Subpart~~ by a vote of the board of county commissioners approving the decision to apply, and by appointing a county criminal justice partnership advisory board. Two or more counties, by vote of the board of county commissioners of each county, may agree to create a multicounty board instead of a county board. A multicounty board shall perform the same functions as a county board for each county that participates in establishing the multicounty board. The board or boards of county commissioners shall notify the Secretary of the intent to apply for funds within 60 days of receiving notification of the availability of funds and may request technical assistance to develop the community-based corrections plan."

SECTION 19.1.(rr) G.S. 143B-273.12(c), as recodified by subsection (x) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"(c) The proposed program shall target eligible offenders as defined in ~~G.S. 143B-273.4;G.S. 143B-272.84.~~"

SECTION 19.1.(ss) G.S. 143B-273.14, as recodified as G.S. 143B-273.94 by subsection (x) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-273.94. Fundable programs; community-based corrections programs.

(a) Fundable programs under this ~~Article-Subpart~~ shall include community-based corrections programs which are operated under a county community-based corrections plan and funded by the State subsidy provided in this ~~Article-Subpart~~. Based on the prioritized populations in ~~G.S. 143B-273.4; G.S. 143B-272.84,~~ the programs may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ... (a1) Funding provided under this ~~Article-Subpart~~ for personnel for satellite substance abuse centers shall only be used for personnel who provide direct services to offenders.

1 (b) Community-based corrections funds may be used to operate programs and may also
2 be used to construct, acquire, or renovate community facilities established to provide the
3 programs and services set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Construction and renovation
4 funds may not be used for jails. Construction and renovation funds may not be used to
5 reimburse expenses for any facilities renovated before the effective date of this ~~Article-Subpart~~.

6 (c) When a county receives more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in
7 community-based corrections funds, then that county shall use at least fifty percent (50%) of
8 those funds to develop programs for offenders who receive intermediate punishments."

9 **SECTION 19.1.(tt)** G.S. 143B-273.16(a), as recodified by subsection (x) of this
10 section, reads as rewritten:

11 "(a) To continue to receive funding under this ~~Article-Subpart~~, a county shall submit an
12 updated application for implementation funding to the Secretary at the beginning of each fiscal
13 year."

14 **SECTION 19.1.(uu)** G.S. 143B-273.17, as recodified by subsection (x) of this
15 section, reads as rewritten:

16 **"§ 143B-272.98. Termination of participation in program.**

17 A county receiving financial aid under this ~~Article-Subpart~~ may terminate its participation
18 by delivering a resolution of the board or boards of county commissioners to the Secretary at
19 the beginning of any calendar quarter. Upon withdrawal from the program, the board or boards
20 of county commissioners may adopt a resolution stating that it is in the best interests of the
21 county that the county community corrections advisory board be dissolved, whereupon the
22 county commissioners shall pay and discharge any debts or liabilities of the advisory board,
23 collect and distribute assets of the advisory board under the laws of North Carolina, and pay
24 over any remaining proceeds or property to the proper fund."

25 **SECTION 19.1.(vv)** G.S. 143B-273.19, as recodified by subsection (x) of this
26 section, reads as rewritten:

27 **"§ 143B-272.100. Prohibited uses of funds.**

28 (a) Counties may not use funds received under this ~~Article-Subpart~~ to supplant or
29 replace existing funds or other resources from the federal, State, or county government for
30 existing community-based corrections programs.

31 (b) Counties may not use funds received under this ~~Article-Subpart~~ for indirect costs
32 associated with a program."

33 **SECTION 19.1.(ww)** G.S. 143B-477, as recodified by subsection (x) of this
34 section, reads as rewritten:

35 **"§ 143B-272.78. ~~Crime Control Division of the Department of Public Safety-Additional~~
36 ~~duties of the Grants Management Section.~~**

37 ~~(a) There is hereby established, within the Department of Public Safety, the Crime~~
38 ~~Control Division, which shall be organized and staffed in accordance with applicable laws and~~
39 ~~regulations and within the limits of authorized appropriations.~~

40 ~~(b) The Crime Control Division shall provide clerical and professional services required~~
41 ~~by the Governor's Crime Commission and Grants Management Section shall administer the~~
42 ~~State Law Enforcement Assistance Program and such additional related programs as may be~~
43 ~~established by or assigned to the ~~Commission~~Section. It shall serve as the single State planning~~
44 ~~agency for purposes of the Crime Control Act of 1976 (Public Laws 94-503). Administrative~~
45 ~~responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to, the following:~~

- 46 (1) Compiling data, establishing needs and setting priorities for funding and
47 policy recommendations for the Governor's Crime Commission;
- 48 (2) Preparing and revising statewide plans for adoption by the Governor's Crime
49 Commission which are designed to improve the administration of criminal
50 justice and to reduce crime in North Carolina;
- 51 (3) Advising State and local interests of opportunities for securing federal
52 assistance for crime reduction and for improving criminal justice
53 administration and planning within the State of North Carolina;
- 54 (4) Stimulating and seeking financial support from federal, State, and local
55 government and private sources for programs and projects which implement
56 adopted criminal justice administration improvement and crime reduction
57 plans;
- 58 (5) Assisting State agencies and units of general local government and
59 combinations thereof in the preparation and processing of applications for

- 1 financial aid to support improved criminal justice administration, planning
2 and crime reduction;
- 3 (6) Encouraging and assisting coordination at the federal, State, and local
4 government levels in the preparation and implementation of criminal justice
5 administration improvements and crime reduction plans;
- 6 (7) Applying for, receiving, disbursing, and auditing the use of funds received
7 for the program from any public and private agencies and instrumentalities
8 for criminal justice administration, planning, and crime reduction purposes;
- 9 (8) Entering into, monitoring, and evaluating the results of contracts and
10 agreements necessary or incidental to the discharge of its assigned
11 responsibilities;
- 12 (9) Providing technical assistance to State and local law-enforcement agencies
13 in developing programs for improvement of the law-enforcement and
14 criminal justice system; and
- 15 (10) Taking such other actions as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to
16 carry out its assigned duties and responsibilities.

17 (e) ~~The Crime Control Division shall also provide professional and clerical staff~~
18 ~~services to the adjunct committees of the Governor's Crime Commission established in~~
19 ~~G.S. 143B-480."~~

20 **SECTION 19.1.(xx)** G.S. 143B-479(a)(10), as recodified by subsection (x) of this
21 section, reads as rewritten:

- 22 "(10) To serve as a coordinating committee and forum for discussion of
23 recommendations from its adjunct committees formed pursuant to
24 ~~G.S. 143B-480; G.S. 143B-272.77; and~~".

25 **SECTION 19.1.(yy)** G.S. 143B-499.1, as recodified by subsection (w) of this
26 section, reads as rewritten:

27 **"§ 143B-272.65. Dissemination of missing persons data by law-enforcement agencies.**

28 A law-enforcement agency, upon receipt of a missing person report by a parent, spouse,
29 guardian, legal custodian, or person responsible for the supervision of the missing individual
30 shall immediately make arrangements for the entry of data about the missing person or missing
31 child into the national missing persons file in accordance with criteria set forth by the
32 FBI/NCIC, immediately inform all of its on-duty law-enforcement officers of the missing
33 person report, initiate a statewide broadcast to all appropriate law-enforcement agencies to be
34 on the lookout for the individual, and transmit a copy of the report to the Center. No law
35 enforcement agency shall establish or maintain any policy which requires the observance of
36 any waiting period before accepting a missing person report.

37 If the report involves a missing child and the report meets the criteria established in
38 ~~G.S. 143B-499.7(b), G.S. 143B-272.71(b)~~, as soon as practicable after receipt of the report, the
39 law enforcement agency shall notify the Center and the National Center for Missing and
40 Exploited Children of the relevant data about the missing child."

41 **SECTION 19.1.(zz)** G.S. 143B-499.2(6a), as recodified by subsection (w) of this
42 section, reads as rewritten:

- 43 "(6a) Develop and maintain the AMBER Alert System as created by
44 ~~G.S. 143B-499.7; G.S. 143B-272.71."~~

45 **SECTION 19.1.(aaa)** G.S. 143B-499.4(5), as rewritten by subsection (g) of this
46 section and recodified by subsection (w) of this section, reads as rewritten:

- 47 "(5) Any other person authorized by the Secretary of the Department of Public
48 Safety pursuant to ~~G.S. 143B-498(1); G.S. 143B-272.63."~~

49 **SECTION 19.1.(bbb)** G.S. 143B-499.5, as recodified by subsection (w) of this
50 section, reads as rewritten:

51 **"§ 143B-272.69. Provision of toll-free service; instructions to callers; communication with**
52 **law-enforcement agencies.**

53 The Center shall provide a toll-free telephone line for anyone to report the disappearance of
54 any individual or the sighting of any missing child or missing person. The Center personnel
55 shall instruct the caller, in the case of a report concerning the disappearance of an individual, of
56 the requirements contained in ~~G.S. 143B-499 G.S. 143B-272.64~~ of first having to submit a
57 missing person report on the individual to the law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction of
58 the area in which the individual became or is believed to have become missing. Any
59 law-enforcement agency may retrieve information imparted to the Center by means of this

1 phone line. The Center shall directly communicate any report of a sighting of a missing person
2 or a missing child to the law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the area of
3 disappearance or sighting."

4 **SECTION 19.1.(ccc)** G.S. 143B-515(3), as recodified by subsection (t) of this
5 section, reads as rewritten:

6 "(3) County Councils. – Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils created under
7 ~~G.S. 143B-544.~~G.S. 143B-272.33."

8 **SECTION 19.1.(ddd)** G.S. 143B-535, as recodified by subsection (t) of this
9 section, reads as rewritten:

10 **"§ 143B-272.24. Duties and powers of chief court counselors.**

11 The chief court counselor in each district appointed under ~~G.S. 143B-516(b)(15)~~
12 ~~G.S. 143B-272.6(b)(15)~~ may:

- 13 (1) Appoint juvenile court counselors, secretaries, and other personnel
14 authorized by the Department in accordance with the personnel policies
15 adopted by the Department.
- 16 (2) Supervise and direct the program of juvenile intake, protective supervision,
17 probation, and post-release supervision within the district.
- 18 (3) Provide in-service training for staff as required by the Department.
- 19 (4) Keep any records and make any reports requested by the Secretary in order
20 to provide statewide data and information about juvenile needs and services.
- 21 (5) Delegate to a juvenile court counselor or supervisor the authority to carry out
22 specified responsibilities of the chief court counselor to facilitate the
23 effective operation of the district.
- 24 (6) Designate a juvenile court counselor in the district as acting chief court
25 counselor, to act during the absence or disability of the chief court
26 counselor."

27 **SECTION 19.1.(eee)** G.S. 143B-543, as recodified by subsection (x) of this
28 section, reads as rewritten:

29 **"§ 143B-272.105. Legislative intent.**

30 It is the intent of the General Assembly to prevent juveniles who are at risk from becoming
31 delinquent. The primary intent of this ~~Part-Subpart~~ is to develop community-based alternatives
32 to youth development centers and to provide community-based delinquency, substance abuse,
33 and gang prevention strategies and programs. Additionally, it is the intent of the General
34 Assembly to provide noninstitutional dispositional alternatives that will protect the community
35 and the juveniles.

36 These programs and services shall be planned and organized at the community level and
37 developed in partnership with the State. These planning efforts shall include appropriate
38 representation from local government, local public and private agencies serving juveniles and
39 their families, local business leaders, citizens with an interest in youth problems, youth
40 representatives, and others as may be appropriate in a particular community. The planning
41 bodies at the local level shall be the Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils."

42 **SECTION 19.1.(fff)** G.S. 143B-545, as recodified by subsection (t) of this section,
43 reads as rewritten:

44 **"§ 143B-272.34. Terms of appointment.**

45 Each member of a County Council shall serve for a term of two years, except for initial
46 terms as provided in this section. Each member's term is a continuation of that member's term
47 under G.S. 147-33.62. Members may be reappointed. The initial terms of appointment began
48 January 1, 1999. In order to provide for staggered terms, persons appointed for the positions
49 designated in subdivisions (9), (10), (12), (15), (17), and (18) of
50 ~~G.S. 143B-544(a)~~G.S. 143B-272.33(a) were appointed for an initial term ending on June 30,
51 2000. The initial term of the second member added to each County Council pursuant to
52 ~~G.S. 143B-544(a)(12)~~G.S. 143B-272.33(a)(12) shall begin on July 1, 2001, and end on June
53 30, 2002. After the initial terms, persons appointed for the positions designated in subdivisions
54 (9), (10), (12), (15), (17), and (18) of ~~G.S. 143B-544(a)~~G.S. 143B-272.33(a) shall be appointed
55 for two-year terms, beginning on July 1. All other persons appointed to the Council were
56 appointed for an initial term ending on June 30, 2001, and, after those initial terms, persons
57 shall be appointed for two-year terms beginning on July 1."

58 **SECTION 19.1.(ggg)** G.S. 143B-550, as recodified by subsection (x) of this
59 section and as rewritten by subsection (l) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-272.79. Funding for programs.

(a) Annually, the ~~Department~~ Division of Administration shall develop and implement a funding mechanism for programs that meet the standards developed under ~~this Part~~ Subpart F of Part 3 of Article 5A of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes. The ~~Department~~ Division shall ensure that the guidelines for the State and local partnership's funding process include the following requirements:

- (1) Fund effective programs. – The ~~Department~~ Division shall fund programs that it determines to be effective in preventing delinquency and recidivism. Programs that have proven to be ineffective shall not be funded.
- (2) Use a formula for the distribution of funds. – A funding formula shall be developed that ensures that even the smallest counties will be able to provide the basic prevention and alternative services to juveniles in their communities.
- (3) Allow and encourage local flexibility. – A vital component of the State and local partnership established by this section is local flexibility to determine how best to allocate prevention and alternative funds.
- (4) Combine resources. – Counties shall be allowed and encouraged to combine resources and services.

(b) The ~~Department~~ Division shall adopt rules to implement this section. The ~~Department~~ Division shall provide technical assistance to County Councils and shall require them to evaluate all State-funded programs and services on an ongoing and regular basis.

(c) The Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety shall report to the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety no later than March 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, on the results of the alternatives to commitment demonstration programs funded by Section 16.7 of S.L. 2004-124. The 2007 report and all annual reports thereafter shall also include projects funded by Section 16.11 of S.L. 2005-276 for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Specifically, the report shall provide a detailed description of each of the demonstration programs, including the numbers of juveniles served, their adjudication status at the time of service, the services/treatments provided, the length of service, the total cost per juvenile, and the six- and 12-month recidivism rates for the juveniles after the termination of program services."

SECTION 19.1.(hhh) G.S. 166A-14(a1)(1)a., as rewritten by subsection (g) of this section, reads as rewritten:

- "a. Emergency management services are provided at any place in this State during a state of disaster or state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to this Article or G.S. 14-288.15, and the services are provided under the direction and control of the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety pursuant to G.S. 166A-5, 166A-6, and ~~143B-476, 143B-259.2,~~ or the Governor."

LIMITED AUTHORITY TO RECLASSIFY AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS

SECTION 19.1.(hhh1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, subject to the approval of the Director of the Budget, the Office of State Budget and Management or the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety may reclassify or eliminate existing administrative positions that are not specifically addressed in this act as needed for the efficient operation of the Department.

CREATION OF REGIONAL OFFICES

SECTION 19.1.(hhh2) The Department of Public Safety shall, in addition to the headquarters offices, create eight regional offices in the Division of Law Enforcement at each of which shall be collocated personnel and property of the State Bureau of Investigation, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Section, and the State Highway Patrol. Specifically, each regional office shall house one district of personnel and equipment for the Alcohol Law Enforcement Section, one district of personnel and equipment for the State Bureau of Investigation Section, and headquarters personnel and equipment for each State Highway Patrol Section troop headquarters. These regional offices shall be operational by July 1, 2012, and on or before March 1, 2012, the Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee on the following:

- 1 (1) The amount of savings the Department anticipates achieving as a result of
- 2 collocating personnel and property of the State Bureau of Investigation, the
- 3 Alcohol Law Enforcement Section, and the State Highway Patrol at the eight
- 4 regional offices.
- 5 (2) The counties that will be included in each district and the regional office that
- 6 will serve each district.
- 7 (3) The staffing levels anticipated at each regional office.
- 8 (4) Any statutory or regulatory changes that will be required as a prerequisite to
- 9 or consequence of housing personnel and property of the State Bureau of
- 10 Investigation, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Section, and the State Highway
- 11 Patrol within the same regional offices.
- 12

13 CHANGES TO CONFORM WITH S.L. 2011-19

14 **SECTION 19.1.(hhh3)** G.S. 114-16.1(a), as recodified by subsection (x2) of this
 15 section, reads as rewritten:

16 "(a) Creation and Membership. – The North Carolina Forensic Science Advisory Board
 17 (Board) is hereby established as an advisory board within the Department of ~~Justice~~Public
 18 Safety. The Board shall consist of 16 members, consisting of the State Crime Laboratory
 19 Director, and 15 members appointed by the ~~Attorney General~~Secretary of Public Safety as
 20 follows:

- 21 (1) A forensic scientist or any other person with an advanced degree who has
- 22 received substantial education, training, or experience in the subject of
- 23 laboratory standards or quality assurance regulation and monitoring.
- 24 (2) The Chief Medical Examiner of the State.
- 25 (3) A forensic scientist with an advanced degree who has received substantial
- 26 education, training, or experience in the discipline of molecular biology.
- 27 (4) A forensic scientist with an advanced degree who has experience in the
- 28 discipline of population genetics.
- 29 (5) A scientist with an advanced degree who has experience in the discipline of
- 30 forensic chemistry.
- 31 (6) A scientist with an advanced degree who has experience in the discipline of
- 32 forensic biology.
- 33 (7) A forensic scientist or any other person with an advanced degree who has
- 34 received substantial education, training, or experience in the discipline of
- 35 trace evidence.
- 36 (8) A scientist with a doctoral degree who has experience in the discipline of
- 37 forensic toxicology and is certified by the American Board of Forensic
- 38 Toxicologists.
- 39 (9) A member of the International Association for Identification.
- 40 (10) A member of the Association of Firearms and Toolmark Examiners.
- 41 (11) A member of the International Association for Chemical Testing.
- 42 (12) A director of a private or federal forensic laboratory located in the State.
- 43 (13) A member of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors.
- 44 (14) A member of the Academy of Forensic Sciences.
- 45 (15) A member of the American Statistical Association.

46 A chairman shall be elected from among the members appointed, and staff shall be
 47 provided by the Department of ~~Justice~~Public Safety."

48 **SECTION 19.1.(hhh4)** Section 3 of S.L. 2011-19 reads as rewritten:

49 "**SECTION 3.** The ~~State Bureau of Investigation (SBI)~~Department of Public Safety shall
 50 encourage and seek collaborative opportunities and grant funds for research programs, in
 51 association, whenever possible, with the university system or independent nationally
 52 recognized forensic institutions, on human observer bias and sources of human error in forensic
 53 examinations. Such programs might include studies to determine the effects of contextual bias
 54 in forensic practice (e.g., studies to determine whether and to what extent the results of forensic
 55 analysis are influenced by knowledge regarding the background of the suspect and the
 56 investigator's theory of the case). In addition, research on sources of human error should be
 57 closely linked with research conducted to quantify and characterize the amount of error. Based
 58 on the results of these studies, and in consultation with the North Carolina Forensic Sciences
 59 Advisory Board, the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory should develop standard operating

1 procedures (that will lay the foundation for model protocols) to minimize, to the extent
2 possible, potential bias and sources of human error in forensic science. These standard
3 operating procedures should apply to all forensic analyses that may be used in litigation."

4 **SECTION 19.1.(hhh5)** Section 6(a) of S.L. 2011-19 reads as rewritten:

5 "**SECTION 6.(a)** The position of ombudsman is created in the North Carolina State Crime
6 Laboratory within the North Carolina Department of ~~Justice~~ Public Safety. The primary
7 purpose of this position shall be to work with defense counsel, prosecutorial agencies, criminal
8 justice system stakeholders, law enforcement officials, and the general public to ensure all
9 processes, procedures, practices, and protocols at the Laboratory are consistent with State and
10 federal law, best forensic law practices, and in the best interests of justice in this State. The
11 ombudsman shall mediate complaints brought to the attention of the ombudsman between the
12 ~~SBI-North Carolina State Crime Laboratory~~ and defense counsel, prosecutorial agencies, law
13 enforcement agencies, and the general public. The ombudsman shall ensure all criminal justice
14 stakeholders and the general public are aware of the availability, responsibilities, and role of the
15 ombudsman and shall regularly attend meetings of the Conferences of the District Attorneys,
16 District and Superior Court Judges, Public Defenders, the Advocates for Justice, and Bar
17 Criminal Law Sections. The ombudsman shall make recommendations on a regular basis to the
18 Director of the State Crime Laboratory, ~~Director-Chief~~ of the SBI, and ~~Attorney General~~ of
19 ~~North Carolina~~ the Secretary of Public Safety as to policies, procedures, practices, and training
20 of employees needed at the Laboratory to ensure compliance with State and federal law, best
21 forensic law practices, and to resolve any meritorious systemic complaints received by the
22 ombudsman."

23 **SECTION 19.1.(hhh6)** Section 6(b) of S.L. 2011-19 reads as rewritten:

24 "**SECTION 6.(b)** The funds for the position of ombudsman created in Section 6(a) of this
25 act shall be provided by the Department of ~~Justice~~ Public Safety from other funds appropriated
26 to the Department, and from other grants or funding that are available from other sources."

27 **SECTION 19.1.(hhh7)** G.S. 8-58.20(c) reads as rewritten:

28 "(c) The analyst who analyzes the forensic sample and signs the report shall complete an
29 affidavit on a form developed by the ~~State Bureau of Investigation~~ North Carolina State Crime
30 Laboratory. In the affidavit, the analyst shall state (i) that the person is qualified by education,
31 training, and experience to perform the analysis, (ii) the name and location of the laboratory
32 where the analysis was performed, and (iii) that performing the analysis is part of that person's
33 regular duties. The analyst shall also aver in the affidavit that the tests were performed pursuant
34 to the accrediting body's standards for that discipline and that the evidence was handled in
35 accordance with established and accepted procedures while in the custody of the laboratory.
36 The affidavit shall be sufficient to constitute prima facie evidence regarding the person's
37 qualifications. The analyst shall attach the affidavit to the laboratory report and shall provide
38 the affidavit to the investigating officer and the district attorney in the prosecutorial district in
39 which the criminal charges are pending. An affidavit by a forensic analyst sworn to and
40 properly executed before an official authorized to administer oaths is admissible in evidence
41 without further authentication in any criminal proceeding with respect to the forensic analysis
42 administered and the procedures followed."

43 **REPORTING AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

44 **SECTION 19.1.(iii)** The Office of State Budget and Management, in consultation
45 with the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Department of Crime
46 Control and Public Safety, the Department of Correction, and the Department of Justice, shall
47 make the following reports on progress implementing this section to the Joint Legislative
48 Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee:

- 49 (1) An interim report on or before October 1, 2011.
- 50 (2) A final report on or before January 15, 2012. This report shall include
51 information about any reclassifications of positions or reductions in force
52 pursuant to subsection (hhh1) of this section and may include any
53 recommendations for changes to the statutes that organize the Department of
54 Public Safety.

55 **SECTION 19.1.(jjj)** Other than subsection (iii), this section becomes effective
56 January 1, 2012. On and after that date, any references or directives in this act to the
57 Department of Correction, the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, or
58 the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety shall be construed to apply to the
59

1 appropriate division of the Department of Public Safety pursuant to the departmental
2 consolidation enacted by this section.

4 **CONSOLIDATE BUDGET CODES FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

5 **SECTION 19.2.** The Office of State Budget and Management and the State
6 Controller, in consultation with the Fiscal Research Division, shall consolidate the budget
7 codes for the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Department of Juvenile
8 Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Department of Correction into a single budget
9 code for the Department of Public Safety. Fund codes within that budget code shall align with
10 the new organizational structure of the Department of Public Safety. The new budget code
11 shall be established by July 1, 2012.

13 **ABOLISH BUTNER PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION**

14 **SECTION 19.3.(a)** The Butner Public Safety Division of the Department of Crime
15 Control and Public Safety is abolished.

16 **SECTION 19.3.(b)** On or before July 1, 2011, the following actions shall be taken
17 with respect to the real and personal property of the Butner Public Safety Division:

- 18 (1) The Governor shall convey to the Town of Butner all right, title, and interest
19 in all of the personal property, tangible and intangible, of the Butner Public
20 Safety Division. This conveyance shall be exempt from all statutes
21 concerning in any way the disposition of personal property.
- 22 (2) The State of North Carolina shall lease to the Town of Butner, for a period
23 of 99 years and for monetary consideration of one dollar (\$1.00) per year, all
24 real property allocated to or occupied by the Butner Public Safety Division
25 as of April 1, 2011. The lease instrument shall contain (i) a provision that the
26 Town of Butner agrees to use the leased property for public safety purposes
27 and (ii) a provision that the Town of Butner, as lessee, agrees to maintain the
28 property in its present condition and will not sell or damage any portion of
29 the leased property.

30 **SECTION 19.3.(c)** The contract between the Town of Butner and the Department
31 of Crime Control and Public Safety under G.S. 122C-408 terminates upon such conveyance.

32 **SECTION 19.3.(d)** G.S. 122C-408, 122C-411, 122C-414, 160A-288(d)(4), and
33 160A-288.2(d)(3) are repealed.

34 **SECTION 19.3.(e)** G.S. 143-341(8)i.3. reads as rewritten:

35 "3. To require on a schedule determined by the Department all
36 State agencies to transfer ownership, custody or control of
37 any or all passenger motor vehicles within the ownership,
38 custody or control of that agency to the Department, except
39 those motor vehicles under the ownership, custody or control
40 of the Highway Patrol or the State Bureau of Investigation
41 which are used primarily for law-enforcement purposes, and
42 ~~except those motor vehicles under the ownership, custody or~~
43 ~~control of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety~~
44 ~~for Butner Public Safety which are used primarily for~~
45 ~~law enforcement, fire, or emergency purposes.purposes."~~

46 **SECTION 19.3.(f)** The Charter of the Town of Butner, as enacted by Section 1.1
47 of S.L. 2007-269, is amended by adding a new Article to read:

48 "ARTICLE IX. PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES TO THE BUTNER
49 POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

50 "Section 9.1. **Provision of fire protection services.** The Town of Butner shall provide fire
51 protection services to the Butner Fire and Police Protection District. The cost of providing these
52 services shall be funded with (i) the tax proceeds transferred to the Town pursuant to Chapter
53 830 of the 1983 Session Laws, as amended, and (ii) any allocations from the State Fire
54 Protection Grant Fund that are made from time to time."

55 **SECTION 19.3.(g)** Subsection 1(b) of Chapter 830 of the 1983 Session Laws, as
56 amended by Section 43.3 of S.L. 2005-276, reads as rewritten:

57 "(b) The territorial jurisdiction set forth in subsection (a) of this section shall constitute
58 the Butner Fire and Police Protection District. The tax collectors of Durham and Granville
59 Counties shall annually collect a tax of twenty-five cents (25¢) per one hundred dollars

1 (\$100.00) valuation of all real and personal property in the portions of said district in their
2 respective counties from year to year which tax shall be collected as county taxes are collected
3 and shall remit the same to the ~~State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund.~~ Town of Butner
4 for deposit."

5 **SECTION 19.3.(h)** Section 2 of Chapter 830 of the 1983 Session Laws reads as
6 rewritten:

7 "Sec. 2. The purpose of this act is to ~~partially fund the expenses of the Butner Fire and~~
8 ~~Police Protection District.~~ fund the cost of the fire protection services provided by the Town of
9 Butner."

10 **SECTION 19.3.(i)** G.S. 122C-205 reads as rewritten:
11 "**§ 122C-205. Return of clients to 24-hour facilities.**

12 ...
13 (c) Upon receipt of notice of an escape or breach of a condition of release as described
14 in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, an appropriate law enforcement officer shall take the
15 client into custody and have the client returned to the 24-hour facility from which the client has
16 escaped or has been conditionally released. Transportation of the client back to the 24-hour
17 facility shall be provided in the same manner as described in ~~G.S. 122C-251 and~~
18 ~~G.S. 122C-408(b).~~ G.S. 122C-251. Law enforcement agencies who are notified of a client's
19 escape or breach of conditional release shall be notified of the client's return by the responsible
20 24-hour facility. Under the circumstances described in this section, the initial notification by
21 the 24-hour facility of the client's escape or breach of conditional release shall be given by
22 telephone communication to the appropriate law enforcement agency or agencies and, if
23 available and appropriate, by Division of Criminal Information (DCI) message to any law
24 enforcement agency in or out of state and by entry into the National Crime Information Center
25 (NCIC) telecommunications system. As soon as reasonably possible following notification,
26 written authorization to take the client into custody shall also be issued by the 24-hour facility.
27 Under this section, law enforcement officers shall have the authority to take a client into
28 custody upon receipt of the telephone notification or Division of Criminal Information message
29 prior to receiving written authorization. The notification of a law enforcement agency does not,
30 in and of itself, render this information public information within the purview of Chapter 132 of
31 the General Statutes. However, the responsible law enforcement agency shall determine the
32 extent of disclosure of personal identifying and background information reasonably necessary,
33 under the circumstances, in order to assure the expeditious return of a client to the 24-hour
34 facility involved and to protect the general public and is authorized to make such disclosure.
35 The responsible law enforcement agency may also place any appropriate message or entry into
36 either the Division of Criminal Information System or National Crime Information System, or
37 both, as appropriate.

38 ...
39 (h) The cost and expenses of transporting a respondent to or from a 24-hour facility is
40 the responsibility of the county of residence of the respondent. ~~The State (when providing~~
41 ~~transportation under G.S. 122C-408(b)), a~~ A city, or a county is entitled to recover the
42 reasonable cost of transportation from the county of residence of the respondent. The county of
43 residence of the respondent shall reimburse the State, another county, or a city the reasonable
44 transportation costs incurred as authorized by this subsection. The county of residence of the
45 respondent is entitled to recover the reasonable cost of transportation it has paid to the State, a
46 city, or a county. Provided that the county of residence provides the respondent or other
47 individual liable for the respondent's support a reasonable notice and opportunity to object to
48 the reimbursement, the county of residence of the respondent may recover that cost from:

- 49 (1) The respondent, if the respondent is not indigent;
- 50 (2) Any person or entity that is legally liable for the resident's support and
51 maintenance provided there is sufficient property to pay the cost;
- 52 (3) Any person or entity that is contractually responsible for the cost; or
- 53 (4) Any person or entity that otherwise is liable under federal, State, or local law
54 for the cost."

55 **SECTION 19.3.(j)** G.S. 122C-251 reads as rewritten:
56 "**§ 122C-251. Transportation.**

57 ...
58 (b) Except as provided in subsections (f) and ~~(g) or in G.S. 122C-408(b),(g) of this~~
59 section, transportation between counties under the involuntary commitment proceedings of this

1 Article for admission to a 24-hour facility shall be provided by the county where the respondent
2 is taken into custody. Transportation between counties under the involuntary commitment
3 proceedings of this Article for respondents held in 24-hour facilities who have requested a
4 change of venue for the district court hearing shall be provided by the county where the petition
5 for involuntary commitment was initiated. Transportation between counties under the
6 involuntary commitment proceedings of this Article for discharge of a respondent from a
7 24-hour facility shall be provided by the county of residence of the respondent. However, a
8 respondent being discharged from a facility may use his own transportation at his own expense.

9 (c) Transportation of a respondent may be by city-or county-owned vehicles or by
10 private vehicle by contract with the city or county. To the extent feasible, law enforcement
11 officers transporting respondents shall dress in plain clothes and shall travel in unmarked
12 vehicles. Further, law enforcement officers, to the extent possible, shall advise respondents
13 when taking them into custody that they are not under arrest and have not committed a crime,
14 but are being transported to receive treatment and for their own safety and that of others.

15 (d) In providing transportation of a respondent, a city or county shall provide a driver or
16 attendant who is the same sex as the respondent, unless the law-enforcement officer allows a
17 family member of the respondent to accompany the respondent in lieu of an attendant of the
18 same sex as the respondent.

19 (e) In providing transportation required by this section, the law-enforcement officer
20 may use reasonable force to restrain the respondent if it appears necessary to protect himself,
21 the respondent, or others. No law-enforcement officer may be held criminally or civilly liable
22 for assault, false imprisonment, or other torts or crimes on account of reasonable measures
23 taken under the authority of this Article.

24 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, a
25 clerk, a magistrate, or a district court judge, where applicable, may authorize the family or
26 immediate friends of the respondent, if they so request, to transport the respondent in
27 accordance with the procedures of this Article. This authorization shall only be granted in cases
28 where the danger to the public, the family or friends of the respondent, or the respondent
29 himself is not substantial. The family or immediate friends of the respondent shall bear the
30 costs of providing this transportation.

31 (g) The governing body of a city or county may adopt a plan for transportation of
32 respondents in involuntary commitment proceedings in this Article. Law-enforcement
33 personnel, volunteers, or other public or private agency personnel may be designated to provide
34 all or parts of the transportation required by involuntary commitment proceedings. Persons so
35 designated shall be trained and the plan shall assure adequate safety and protections for both
36 the public and the respondent. Law enforcement, other affected agencies, and the area authority
37 shall participate in the planning. If any person other than a law-enforcement agency is
38 designated by a city or county, the person so designated shall provide the transportation and
39 follow the procedures in this Article. References in this Article to a law-enforcement officer
40 apply to this person.

41 (h) The cost and expenses of transporting a respondent to or from a 24-hour facility is
42 the responsibility of the county of residence of the respondent. ~~The State (when providing~~
43 ~~transportation under G.S. 122C-408(b)), a~~ A city, or a county is entitled to recover the
44 reasonable cost of transportation from the county of residence of the respondent. The county of
45 residence of the respondent shall reimburse the State, another county, or a city the reasonable
46 transportation costs incurred as authorized by this subsection. The county of residence of the
47 respondent is entitled to recover the reasonable cost of transportation it has paid to the State, a
48 city, or a county. Provided that the county of residence provides the respondent or other
49 individual liable for the respondent's support a reasonable notice and opportunity to object to
50 the reimbursement, the county of residence of the respondent may recover that cost from:

- 51 (1) The respondent, if the respondent is not indigent;
- 52 (2) Any person or entity that is legally liable for the resident's support and
53 maintenance provided there is sufficient property to pay the cost;
- 54 (3) Any person or entity that is contractually responsible for the cost; or
- 55 (4) Any person or entity that otherwise is liable under federal, State, or local law
56 for the cost."

57 **SECTION 19.3.(k)** G.S. 122C-290(b) reads as rewritten:

58 "(b) If the respondent whose treatment is provided on an outpatient basis fails to comply
59 with all or part of the prescribed treatment after reasonable effort to solicit the respondent's

1 compliance or whose treatment is provided on an inpatient basis is discharged in accordance
2 with G.S. 122C-205.1(b), the area authority or physician may request the clerk or magistrate to
3 order the respondent taken into custody for the purpose of examination. Upon receipt of this
4 request, the clerk or magistrate shall issue an order to a law enforcement officer to take the
5 respondent into custody and to take him immediately to the designated area authority or
6 physician for examination. The custody order is valid throughout the State. The law
7 enforcement officer shall turn the respondent over to the custody of the physician or area
8 authority who shall conduct the examination and release the respondent or have the respondent
9 taken to a 24-hour facility upon a determination that treatment in the facility will benefit the
10 respondent. Transportation to the 24-hour facility shall be provided as specified in
11 G.S. 122C-251, upon notice to the clerk or magistrate that transportation is ~~necessary, or as~~
12 ~~provided in G.S. 122C-408(b).~~ ~~necessary.~~ If placement in a 24-hour facility is to exceed 45
13 consecutive days, the area authority or physician shall notify the clerk of court by the 30th day
14 and request a supplemental hearing as specified in G.S. 122C-291."
15

16 **REPORTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION SERVICES**

17 **SECTION 19.4.** The State Highway Patrol, Alcohol Law Enforcement Division,
18 State Capitol Police, and State Bureau of Investigation shall report by March 1, 2012, to the
19 Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, to the
20 Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety,
21 and to the Fiscal Research Division on any national associations that provide accreditation
22 services for those law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to, the Commission on
23 Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The report shall include an itemization of the
24 personnel and other costs associated with the service, a summary of the accreditation process,
25 and a summary of the benefits gained from the services.
26

27 **STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ASSESSING A FEE FOR PROVIDING TRAFFIC** 28 **CONTROL BY THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL AT SPECIAL EVENTS**

29 **SECTION 19.5.(a)** The Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile
30 Justice Oversight Committee shall study the feasibility of assessing a fee for services provided
31 by the State Highway Patrol for certain special events. In conducting this study, the Committee
32 shall determine the costs associated with providing traffic control devices and personnel to
33 provide traffic control and direction at special functions and events. The Committee shall also
34 develop criteria to determine events, if any, for which a fee will be assessed and criteria to
35 determine the amount of the fee, if any, that should be assessed.

36 **SECTION 19.5.(b)** The Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile
37 Justice Oversight Committee shall make a report to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011
38 General Assembly no later than June 1, 2012, detailing the information required by this section
39 and shall provide any recommended changes in current legislation or proposed new legislation
40 if required.
41

42 **PART XX. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

43 **STATE ENTITIES TO USE AGENCY FOR PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

44 **SECTION 20.1.** Part 22 of Article 9 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is
45 amended by adding a new section to read:

46 **"§ 143B-426.11A. Use of Agency for Public Telecommunications required.**

47 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Agency for Public Telecommunications
48 shall be the primary party with whom all State agencies, departments, and institutions other
49 than The University of North Carolina System and the Community College System may
50 contract for media placement and the creation of the media to be placed. Agencies,
51 departments, and institutions may use another party only if the Agency for Public
52 Telecommunications determines that the Agency for Public Telecommunications cannot fulfill
53 the agency's, department's, or institution's needs. Any contract entered into contrary to the
54 provisions of this section is voidable at the discretion of the Governor and the Council of
55 State."
56

57 **TRANSFER OF NC HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FROM DEPARTMENT OF** 58 **ADMINISTRATION TO OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** 59

1 **SECTION 20.1A.(a)** The North Carolina Human Relations Commission created
2 pursuant to G.S. 143B-391, other than the administration of the Martin Luther King, Jr.
3 Commission created pursuant to G.S. 143B-426.34A, is hereby transferred by a Type I transfer,
4 as defined in G.S. 143A-6, from the Department of Administration to the Office of
5 Administrative Hearings.

6 **SECTION 20.1A.(b)** Part 9 of Article 9 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes,
7 G.S. 143B-391 and G.S. 143B-392, is recodified as G.S. 7A-761 and G.S. 7A-762 in Article 60
8 of the General Statutes.

9 **SECTION 20.1A.(c)** G.S. 7A-761, as recodified by this section, reads as rewritten:

10 **"§ 7A-761. North Carolina Human Relations Commission – creation; powers and duties.**

11 There is hereby created the North Carolina Human Relations Commission of the
12 ~~Department of Administration~~Office of Administrative Hearings. The North Carolina Human
13 Relations Commission shall have the following functions and duties:

14 ...
15 (7) To receive on behalf of the ~~Department of Administration~~Office of
16 Administrative Hearings and to recommend expenditure of gifts and grants
17 from public and private donors;

18 ...
19 (10) To advise the ~~Secretary of Administration~~Director of the Office of
20 Administrative Hearings upon any matter the ~~Secretary~~Director may refer to
21 it;

22 "

23 **SECTION 20.1A.(d)** G.S. 7A-762, as recodified by this section, reads as rewritten:

24 **"§ 7A-762. North Carolina Human Relations Commission – Members; selection;**
25 **quorum; compensation.**

26 (a) The Human Relations Commission of the ~~Department of Administration~~Office of
27 Administrative Hearings shall consist of 22 members. The Governor shall appoint one member
28 from each of the 13 congressional districts, plus five members at large, including the
29 chairperson. The Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives shall appoint two
30 members to the Commission. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint two
31 members to the Commission. The terms of four of the members appointed by the Governor
32 shall expire June 30, 1988. The terms of four of the members appointed by the Governor shall
33 expire June 30, 1987. The terms of four of the members appointed by the Governor shall expire
34 June 30, 1986. The terms of four of the members appointed by the Governor shall expire June
35 30, 1985. The terms of the members appointed by the Speaker of the North Carolina House of
36 Representatives shall expire June 30, 1986. The terms of the members appointed by the
37 Lieutenant Governor shall expire June 30, 1986. The initial term of office of the person
38 appointed to represent the 12th Congressional District shall commence on January 3, 1993, and
39 expire on June 30, 1996. At the end of the respective terms of office of the initial members of
40 the Commission, the appointment of their successors shall be for terms of four years. No
41 member of the commission shall serve more than two consecutive terms. A member having
42 served two consecutive terms shall be eligible for reappointment one year after the expiration
43 of his second term. Any appointment to fill a vacancy on the Commission created by the
44 resignation, dismissal, death, or disability of a member shall be filled in the manner of the
45 original appointment for the unexpired term.

46 ...
47 (d) All clerical and support services required by the Commission shall be supplied by
48 the ~~Secretary of the Department of Administration~~Director of the Office of Administrative
49 Hearings."

50
51 **STUDY BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION OF THE DUTIES AND**
52 **SERVICES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**
53 **AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE**
54 **HEARINGS**

55 **SECTION 20.2.(a)** The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study
56 the duties and services of the North Carolina Human Relations Commission and the Civil
57 Rights Division of the Office of Administrative Hearings to determine whether there is
58 unnecessary overlap and duplication of services and recommend the placement of the
59 Commission and Division in the appropriate agency or agencies.

1 **SECTION 20.2.(b)** The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim
2 report to the 2011 General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2012 and shall make its final report
3 to the 2013 General Assembly.

4 **SECTION 20.2.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law.
5

6 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER FUNDS**

7 **SECTION 20.3.** The Department of Administration, in administering the Domestic
8 Violence Center Fund, G.S. 50B-9, shall adhere to the requirements of the law and shall not
9 limit the number of grantees that are eligible in each county, or by any other geographic
10 limitation. Every domestic violence center that was in operation by the preceding July 1, offers
11 the services described in the statute, and is a nonprofit corporation or a local government entity
12 shall receive an amount that is equal to that received by all other grantees of the Fund.
13

14 **USE OF CAPITAL PROJECT CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO INCREASE THE SPEED** 15 **AND EFFICIENCY OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION OFFICE**

16 **SECTION 20.4.(a)** Contingency reserve funds appropriated for capital
17 improvement projects that are subject to the Department of Administration's review authority
18 under G.S. 143-341(3)a. shall be placed in a statewide capital reserve administered by the
19 Office of State Budget and Management to ensure optimal management and administration of
20 funds needed for new construction and repairs and renovations projects.

21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon a request of the administration of
22 a State agency, and after consultation with the Office of State Construction, the Director of the
23 Budget may, when it is in the best interest of the State to do so, allocate funds from the reserve
24 to the requesting agency to be used for any of the purposes for which contingency funds may
25 permissibly be used. Under no circumstances, may funds disbursed from the statewide capital
26 reserve be used for a capital improvement project not previously authorized by the General
27 Assembly.

28 **SECTION 20.4.(b)** Each fiscal year of the biennium, the Director of the Budget
29 may reallocate a portion of the funds deposited in the reserve not to exceed eight hundred
30 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$875,000) in any fiscal year to the State Construction Office in
31 the Department of Administration to be used to support the staffing needs of the Office in
32 connection with carrying out its design and plan review, construction, building code
33 compliance, inspection, and related duties imposed by G.S. 143-341(3) and other sections of
34 the General Statutes to ensure timely and complete responses in an effort to reduce the need for
35 the use of contingency fees.

36 **SECTION 20.4.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to all
37 open and active capital improvement projects, regardless of the source of funds.
38

39 **OFFICE OF STATE PERSONNEL/STUDY CENTRALIZED HUMAN RESOURCES** 40 **FOR COUNCIL OF STATE OFFICES**

41 **SECTION 20.5.** By the convening of the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011
42 General Assembly, the Office of State Personnel (OSP), in conjunction with the Office of State
43 Budget and Management, shall report to the General Assembly and to the Fiscal Research
44 Division on the feasibility of transferring the human resources management functions currently
45 divided among the various Council of State offices and departments to be centralized under the
46 Office of State Personnel. At a minimum, the report shall include the following:

- 47 (1) A detailed analysis of the costs to the State of maintaining separate human
48 resources offices in Council of State offices and departments.
- 49 (2) An estimate of potential cost savings that would accrue to the State if all
50 human resources management functions were under the OSP.
- 51 (3) Recommendations on State law changes required to effectuate centralization
52 of all human services resources management functions under the OSP.
53

54 **STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS**

55 **SECTION 20.6.(a)** The authority, powers, duties and functions, records, personnel,
56 property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds, including the
57 functions of budgeting and purchasing, of the State Ethics Commission are transferred to the
58 State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement created in this section. The authority, powers,
59 duties and functions, records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations,

1 allocations, or other funds, including the functions of budgeting and purchasing, of the State
2 Board of Elections are transferred to the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement
3 created in this section. The authority, powers, duties and functions, records, personnel,
4 property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds, including the
5 functions of budgeting and purchasing, of the lobbying registration and lobbying enforcement
6 functions of the Secretary of State are transferred to the State Board of Elections and Ethics
7 Enforcement created in this section. The Director of the Budget shall resolve any disputes
8 arising out of this transfer.

9 **SECTION 20.6.(b)** The Office of State Budget and Management and the State
10 Controller, in consultation with the Fiscal Research Division, shall consolidate the budget
11 codes for the State Ethics Commission, the State Board of Elections, and the lobbying
12 registration and lobbying enforcement functions of the Secretary of State into a single budget
13 code for the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement. Fund codes within that budget
14 code shall align with the organizational structure of the State Board of Elections and Ethics
15 Enforcement. The Office of State Budget and Management and the State Controller, in
16 consultation with the Fiscal Research Division, shall consolidate the budget codes for the State
17 Board of Elections, State Ethics Commission, and the Lobbyist Registration Division of the
18 Department of the Secretary of State into a single budget code for the State Board of Elections
19 and Ethics Enforcement. Fund codes within that budget code shall align with the new
20 organizational structure of the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement. The new
21 budget code shall be established by July 1, 2012.

22 **SECTION 20.6.(c)** The General Statutes are amended by adding a new Chapter to
23 read:

24 **"Chapter 163A.**

25 **"State Elections and Ethics Act.**

26 **"SUBCHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

27 **"Article 1.**

28 **"State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement.**

29 **"§ 163A-100. Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement established.**

30 There is established the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement (hereinafter in
31 this Chapter "State Board").

32 **"§ 163A-101. Membership.**

33 (a) The State Board shall consist of nine members. Three members shall be appointed
34 by the Governor, no more than two of whom shall be of the same political party. Six members
35 shall be appointed by the General Assembly, three upon the recommendation of the Speaker of
36 the House of Representatives, no more than two of whom shall be of the same political party,
37 and three upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, no more than
38 two of whom shall be of the same political party. Members shall serve for three-year terms
39 beginning January 1, 2012, except for the initial terms that shall be as follows:

- 40 (1) One member appointed by the Governor shall serve an initial term of one
41 year beginning January 1, 2012.
- 42 (2) Two members appointed by the General Assembly, one upon the
43 recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one
44 upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, shall
45 serve initial terms of one year beginning January 1, 2012.
- 46 (3) One member appointed by the Governor shall serve an initial term of two
47 years beginning January 1, 2012.
- 48 (4) Two members appointed by the General Assembly, one upon the
49 recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one
50 upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, shall
51 serve initial terms of two years beginning January 1, 2012.

52 (b) Members shall be removed from the Board only for misfeasance, malfeasance, or
53 nonfeasance. Members appointed by the Governor may be removed by the Governor. Members
54 appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of
55 Representatives shall be removed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Speaker.
56 Members appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro
57 Tempore of the Senate shall be removed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the
58 President Pro Tempore.

1 (c) Vacancies in appointments made by the Governor shall be filled by the Governor
2 for the remainder of any unfulfilled term. Vacancies in appointments made by the General
3 Assembly shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122 for the remainder of any unfulfilled
4 term.

5 (d) No member while serving on the State Board or employee while employed by the
6 State Board shall:

7 (1) Hold or be a candidate for any other office or place of trust or profit under
8 the United States, the State, or a political subdivision of the State.

9 (2) Hold office in any political party above the precinct level.

10 (3) Participate in or contribute to the political campaign of any covered person
11 or any candidate for a public office as a covered person over which the
12 Board would have jurisdiction or authority.

13 (4) Otherwise be an employee of the State, a community college, or a local
14 school administrative unit, or serve as a member of any other State board.

15 (e) The Governor shall annually appoint a member of the Board to serve as chair of the
16 State Board. The State Board shall elect a vice-chair annually from its membership. The
17 vice-chair shall act as the chair in the chair's absence or if there is a vacancy in that position.

18 (f) Members of the State Board shall be compensated for service as provided by law.

19 **"§ 163A-102. Meetings and quorum.**

20 The State Board shall meet at least quarterly and at other times as called by its chair or by
21 four of its members. In the case of a vacancy in the chair, meetings may be called by the
22 vice-chair. Five members of the State Board constitute a quorum.

23 **"§ 163A-103. Staff and offices.**

24 The State Board may employ professional and clerical staff, including an Executive
25 Director. The State Board shall be located within the Department of Administration for
26 administrative purposes only but shall exercise all of its powers, including the power to
27 employ, direct, and supervise all personnel, independently of the Secretary of Administration.
28 The State Board is subject to the direction and supervision of the Secretary of Administration
29 only with respect to the management functions of coordinating and reporting.

30 **"§ 163A-104. Powers of the chair in the execution of State Board duties.**

31 (a) In the performance of the duties enumerated in this Chapter, the chair of the State
32 Board shall have power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, and compel
33 the production of papers, books, records, and other evidence.

34 (b) Upon the written request or requests of two or more members of the State Board, the
35 chair shall issue subpoenas for designated witnesses or identified papers, books, records, and
36 other evidence.

37 (c) In the absence of the chair or upon the chair's refusal to act, any two members of the
38 State Board may issue subpoenas, summon witnesses, and compel the production of papers,
39 books, records, and other evidence. In the absence of the chair or upon the chair's refusal to act,
40 any member of the State Board may administer oaths.

41 (d) The State Board may petition the Superior Court of Wake County for the approval
42 to issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum as necessary to conduct investigations of
43 violations of this Chapter. The Court shall authorize subpoenas under this subsection when the
44 Court determines they are necessary for the enforcement of this Chapter. Subpoenas issued
45 under this subsection shall be enforceable by the Court through contempt powers. Venue shall
46 be with the Superior Court of Wake County for any nonresident person, or that person's agent,
47 who makes a reportable expenditure under this Chapter, and personal jurisdiction may be
48 asserted under G.S. 1-75.4.

49 **"§ 163A-105. Executive Director of the State Board.**

50 (a) There is hereby created the position of Executive Director of the State Board, who
51 shall perform all duties imposed by statute and such duties as might be assigned by the State
52 Board.

53 (b) The State Board shall appoint an Executive Director for a term of four years with
54 compensation determined by the State Personnel Commission. The Executive Director shall
55 serve, unless removed for cause, until a successor is appointed. In the event of a vacancy, the
56 vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term.

57 (c) The Executive Director shall be responsible for staffing, administration, and
58 execution of the State Board's decisions and orders and shall perform such other responsibilities
59 as may be assigned by the State Board.

"SUBCHAPTER II. ETHICS AND LOBBYING."Article 2."Definitions; General Provisions."§ 163A-200. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Subchapter:

- (1) Blind trust. – A trust established by or for the benefit of a covered person or a member of the covered person's immediate family for divestiture of all control and knowledge of assets. A trust qualifies as a blind trust under this subdivision if the covered person or a member of the covered person's immediate family has no knowledge of the holdings and sources of income of the trust, the trustee of the trust is independent of and not associated with or employed by the covered person or a member of the covered person's immediate family and is not a member of the covered person's extended family, and the trustee has sole discretion as to the management of the trust assets.
- (2) Board. – Any State board, council, committee, task force, authority, or similar public body, however denominated, created by statute or executive order, as determined and designated by the State Board, except for those public bodies that have only advisory authority.
- (3) Business. – Any of the following organized for profit:
- a. Association.
 - b. Business trust.
 - c. Corporation.
 - d. Enterprise.
 - e. Joint venture.
 - f. Organization.
 - g. Partnership.
 - h. Proprietorship.
 - i. Vested trust.
 - j. Every other business interest, including ownership or use of land for income.
- (4) Business with which associated. – A business in which the covered person or filing person or any member of that covered person's or filing person's immediate family satisfies any of the criteria listed in a sub-subdivision of this subdivision. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "business" shall not include a widely held investment fund, including a mutual fund, regulated investment company, or pension or deferred compensation plan, if (i) the covered person, filing person, or a member of the covered person's or filing person's immediate family neither exercises nor has the ability to exercise control over the financial interests held by the fund and (ii) the fund is publicly traded, or the fund's assets are widely diversified.
- a. Is an employee.
 - b. Holds a position as a director, officer, partner, proprietor, or member or manager of a limited liability company, irrespective of the amount of compensation received or the amount of the interest owned.
 - c. Owens a legal, equitable, or beneficial interest of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more in the business or five percent (5%) of the business, whichever is less, other than as a trustee on a deed of trust.
 - d. Is a lobbyist registered under this Chapter.
- (5) Committee. – The Legislative Ethics Committee as created in Part 3 of Article 14 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes.
- (6) Compensation. – Any money, thing of value, or economic benefit conferred on or received by any covered person or filing person in return for services rendered or to be rendered by that covered person or filing person or another. This term does not include campaign contributions properly received and reported as required by this Chapter.
- (7) Confidential information. – Information defined as confidential by the law.
- (8) Constitutional officers of the State. – Officers whose offices are established by Article III of the North Carolina Constitution.

- 1 (9) Contract. – Any agreement, including sales and conveyances of real and
2 personal property, and agreements for the performance of services.
- 3 (10) Covered person. – A legislator, public servant, or judicial officer, as
4 identified by the State Board under G.S. 163A-208.
- 5 (11) Designated individual. – A legislator, legislative employee, or public
6 servant.
- 7 (12) Employing entity. – For public servants, any of the following bodies of State
8 government of which the public servant is an employee or a member, or over
9 which the public servant exercises supervision: agencies, authorities, boards,
10 State boards, committees, councils, departments, offices, institutions and
11 their subdivisions, and constitutional offices of the State. For legislators, it is
12 the house of which the legislator is a member. For legislative employees, it
13 is the authority that hired the individual. For judicial employees, it is the
14 Chief Justice.
- 15 (13) Executive action. – The preparation, research, drafting, development,
16 consideration, modification, amendment, adoption, approval, tabling,
17 postponement, defeat, or rejection of a policy, guideline, request for
18 proposal, procedure, regulation, or rule by a public servant purporting to act
19 in an official capacity. This term does not include any of the following:
20 a. Present, prior, or possible proceedings of a contested case hearing
21 under Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, of a judicial nature, or
22 of a quasi-judicial nature.
- 23 b. A public servant's communication with a person, or another person
24 on that person's behalf, with respect to any of the following:
25 1. Applying for a permit, license, determination of eligibility, or
26 certification.
27 2. Making an inquiry about or asserting a benefit, claim, right,
28 obligation, duty, entitlement, payment, or penalty.
29 3. Making an inquiry about or responding to a request for
30 proposal made under Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.
31 4. Rate making.
- 32 c. Internal administrative functions, including those functions exempted
33 from the definition of "rule" in G.S. 150B-2(8a).
- 34 d. Ministerial functions.
- 35 e. A public servant's communication with a person or another person on
36 that person's behalf with respect to public comments made at an open
37 meeting, or submitted as written comment, on a proposed executive
38 action in response to a request for public comment, provided the
39 identity of the person on whose behalf the comments are made is
40 disclosed as part of the public participation and no reportable
41 expenditure is made.
- 42 (14) Extended family. – Spouse, lineal descendant, lineal ascendant, sibling,
43 spouse's lineal descendant, spouse's lineal ascendant, spouse's sibling, and
44 the spouse of any of these individuals.
- 45 (15) Filing person. – An individual required to file a statement of economic
46 interest under this Subchapter.
- 47 (16) Financial benefit. – A direct pecuniary gain or loss to the legislator, the
48 public servant, or a person with which the legislator or public servant is
49 associated, or a direct pecuniary loss to a business competitor of the
50 legislator, the public servant, or a person with which the legislator or public
51 servant is associated.
- 52 (17) Gift. – Anything of monetary value given or received without valuable
53 consideration by or from a lobbyist, lobbyist principal, liaison personnel, or
54 a person described under G.S. 138A-32(d)(1), (2), or (3). The following shall
55 not be considered gifts under this subdivision:
56 a. Anything for which fair market value, or face value if shown, is paid
57 by the covered person or legislative employee.

- 1 b. Commercially available loans made on terms not more favorable
2 than generally available to the general public in the normal course of
3 business if not made for lobbying.
4 c. Contractual arrangements or commercial relationships or
5 arrangements made in the normal course of business if not made for
6 lobbying.
7 d. Academic or athletic scholarships based on the same criteria as
8 applied to the public.
9 e. Any campaign contribution properly reported as required under this
10 Chapter.
11 f. Expressions of condolence related to a death of an individual, sent
12 within a reasonable time of the death, if the expression is one of the
13 following:
14 1. A sympathy card, letter, or note.
15 2. Flowers.
16 3. Food or beverages for immediate consumption.
17 4. Donations to a religious organization, charity, the State or a
18 political subdivision of the State, not to exceed a total of two
19 hundred dollars (\$200.00) per death per donor.
20 (18) Governmental unit. – A political subdivision of the State or any other entity
21 or organization created by a political subdivision of the State.
22 (19) Honorarium. – Payment for services for which fees are not legally or
23 traditionally required.
24 (20) Immediate family. – An unemancipated child of the covered person residing
25 in the household and the covered person's spouse, if not legally separated. A
26 member of a covered person's extended family shall also be considered a
27 member of the immediate family if actually residing in the covered person's
28 household.
29 (21) In session. – One of the following:
30 a. The General Assembly is in extra session from the date the General
31 Assembly convenes until the General Assembly:
32 1. Adjourns sine die.
33 2. Recesses or adjourns for more than 10 days.
34 b. The General Assembly is in regular session from the date set by law
35 or resolution that the General Assembly convenes until the General
36 Assembly:
37 1. Adjourns sine die.
38 2. Recesses or adjourns for more than 10 days.
39 (22) Judicial employee. – The director and assistant director of the
40 Administrative Office of the Courts and any other individual, designated by
41 the Chief Justice, employed in the Judicial Department whose annual
42 compensation from the State is sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) or more.
43 (23) Judicial officer. – Justice or judge of the General Court of Justice, district
44 attorney, clerk of court, or any individual elected or appointed to any of
45 these positions prior to taking office.
46 (24) Legislative action. – The preparation, research, drafting, introduction,
47 consideration, modification, amendment, approval, passage, enactment,
48 tabling, postponement, defeat, or rejection of a bill, resolution, amendment,
49 motion, report, nomination, appointment, or other matter, whether or not the
50 matter is identified by an official title, general title, or other specific
51 reference, by a legislator or legislative employee acting or purporting to act
52 in an official capacity. It also includes the consideration of any bill by the
53 Governor for the Governor's approval or veto under Section 22(1) of Article
54 II of the North Carolina Constitution or for the Governor to allow the bill to
55 become law under Section 22(7) of Article II of the North Carolina
56 Constitution.
57 (25) Legislative employee. – Employees and officers of the General Assembly,
58 consultants and counsel to committees of either house of the General
59 Assembly or of legislative State boards who are paid by State funds, and

- 1 students at an accredited law school while in an externship program at the
2 General Assembly approved by the Legislative Services Commission, but
3 not including legislators, members of the Council of State, nonsupervisory
4 employees of the Administrative Division's Facility Maintenance and Food
5 Services staff, or pages.
- 6 (26) Legislator. – A member or presiding officer of the General Assembly, or an
7 individual elected or appointed a member or presiding officer of the General
8 Assembly before taking office.
- 9 (27) Liaison personnel. – Any State employee, counsel employed under
10 G.S. 147-17, or officer whose principal duties, in practice or as set forth in
11 that individual's job description, include lobbying legislators or legislative
12 employees.
- 13 (28) Lobby or lobbying. – Any of the actions listed in this subdivision. The terms
14 "lobby" or "lobbying" do not include communications or activities as part of
15 a business, civic, religious, fraternal, personal, or commercial relationship
16 which is not connected to legislative or executive action, or both.
17 a. Influencing or attempting to influence legislative or executive action,
18 or both, through direct communication or activities with a designated
19 individual or that designated individual's immediate family.
20 b. Developing goodwill through communications or activities,
21 including the building of relationships, with a designated individual
22 or that designated individual's immediate family with the intention of
23 influencing current or future legislative or executive action, or both.
- 24 (29) Lobbyist. – An individual who engages in lobbying for payment and meets
25 any of the criteria listed in this subdivision. The term "lobbyist" does not
26 include individuals who are specifically exempted from this Subchapter
27 under Part 5 of Article 5 of this Chapter or registered as liaison personnel
28 under Part 4 of Article 5 of this Chapter.
29 a. Represents another person or governmental unit but is not directly
30 employed by that person or governmental unit.
31 b. Contracts for payment for lobbying.
32 c. Is employed by a person, and a significant part of that employee's
33 duties include lobbying. In no case shall an employee be considered a
34 lobbyist if in no 30-day period less than five percent (5%) of that
35 employee's actual duties include engaging in lobbying, as defined in
36 subdivision (28)a. of this section, or if in no 30-day period less than
37 five percent (5%) of that employee's actual duties include engaging
38 in lobbying, as defined in subdivision (29)b. of this section.
- 39 (30) Lobbyist principal. – The person or governmental unit on whose behalf the
40 lobbyist lobbies and who makes payment for the lobbying. In the case where
41 a lobbyist is paid by a law firm, consulting firm, or other entity retained by a
42 person or governmental unit for lobbying, the principal is the person or
43 governmental unit whose interests the lobbyist represents in lobbying. In the
44 case of a lobbyist employed or retained by an association or other
45 organization, the lobbyist principal is the association or other organization,
46 not the individual members of the association or other organization. The
47 term "lobbyist principal" does not include those designating registered
48 liaison personnel under Part 4 of Article 5 of this Chapter.
- 49 (31) Nonprofit corporation or organization with which associated. – Any
50 not-for-profit corporation, organization, or association, incorporated or
51 otherwise, that is organized or operating in the State primarily for religious,
52 charitable, scientific, literary, public health and safety, or educational
53 purposes and of which the covered person, filing person, or any member of
54 the covered person's or filing person's immediate family is a director, officer,
55 governing board member, employee, lobbyist registered under this
56 Subchapter, or independent contractor. The term "nonprofit corporation or
57 organization with which associated" does not include any board, entity, or
58 other organization created by this State or by any political subdivision of this
59 State.

- 1 (32) Official action. – Any decision, including administration, approval,
2 disapproval, preparation, recommendation, the rendering of advice, and
3 investigation, made or contemplated in any proceeding, application,
4 submission, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim,
5 controversy, investigation, charge, or rule making.
- 6 (33) Participate. – To take part in, influence, or attempt to influence, including
7 acting through an agent or proxy.
- 8 (34) Payment. – Any money, thing of value, or economic benefit conveyed to the
9 lobbyist for lobbying, other than reimbursement of actual travel,
10 administrative expenses, or subsistence.
- 11 (35) Permanent designee. – An individual designated by a public servant to serve
12 and vote in the absence of the public servant on a regular basis on a board on
13 which the public servant serves.
- 14 (36) Person. – Any individual, firm, partnership, committee, association,
15 corporation, business, or any other organization or group of persons acting
16 together. The term "person" does not include the State, a political
17 subdivision of the State, a board, or any other entity or organization created
18 by the State or a political subdivision of the State.
- 19 (37) Person with which the legislator is associated. – Any of the following:
20 a. A member of the legislator's extended family.
21 b. A client of the legislator.
22 c. A business with which the legislator or a member of the legislator's
23 immediate family is associated.
24 d. A nonprofit corporation or association with which the legislator or a
25 member of the legislator's immediate family is associated.
26 e. The State, a political subdivision of the State, a board, or any other
27 entity or organization created by the State or a political subdivision
28 of the State that employs the legislator or a member of the legislator's
29 immediate family.
- 30 (38) Person with which the public servant is associated. – Any of the following:
31 a. A member of the public servant's extended family.
32 b. A client of the public servant.
33 c. A business with which the public servant or a member of the public
34 servant's immediate family is associated.
35 d. A nonprofit corporation or association with which the public servant
36 or a member of the public servant's immediate family is associated.
37 e. The State, a political subdivision of the State, a board, or any other
38 entity or organization created by the State or a political subdivision
39 of the State that employs the public servant or a member of the
40 public servant's immediate family.
- 41 (39) Political party. – Either of the two largest political parties in the State based
42 on statewide voter registration at the applicable time.
- 43 (40) Public servants. – All of the following:
44 a. Constitutional officers of the State and individuals elected or
45 appointed as constitutional officers of the State prior to taking office.
46 b. Employees of the Office of the Governor.
47 c. Heads of all principal State departments, as set forth in G.S. 143B-6,
48 who are appointed by the Governor.
49 d. The chief deputy and chief administrative assistant of each individual
50 designated under sub-subdivision a. or c. of this subdivision.
51 e. Confidential assistants and secretaries as defined in G.S. 126-5(c)(2)
52 to individuals designated under sub-subdivision a., c., or d. of this
53 subdivision.
54 f. Employees in exempt positions designated in accordance with
55 G.S. 126-5(d)(1), (2), or (2a) and confidential secretaries to these
56 individuals.
57 g. Any other employees or appointees in the principal State departments
58 as may be designated by the Governor to the extent that the
59 designation does not conflict with the State Personnel Act.

- 1 h. Judicial employees.
2 i. All voting members of boards, including ex officio members,
3 permanent designees of any voting member, and members serving by
4 executive, legislative, or judicial branch appointment.
5 j. For The University of North Carolina, the voting members of the
6 Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, the
7 president, the vice presidents, and the chancellors, the
8 vice-chancellors, and voting members of the boards of trustees of the
9 constituent institutions.
10 k. For the North Carolina Community College System, the voting
11 members of the State Board of Community Colleges, the president
12 and the chief financial officer of the North Carolina Community
13 College System, the president, chief financial officer, and chief
14 administrative officer of each community college, and voting
15 members of the boards of trustees of each community college.
16 l. Members of the State Board, the executive director, and the assistant
17 executive directors of the State Board.
18 m. Individuals under contract with the State working in or against a
19 position included under this subdivision.
20 n. The director of the Office of State Personnel.
21 o. The State Controller.
22 p. The chief information officer, deputy chief information officers,
23 chief financial officers, and general counsel of the Office of
24 Information Technology Services.
25 q. The director of the North Carolina Museum of Art.
26 r. The executive director of the Agency for Public
27 Telecommunications.
28 s. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.
29 t. The Commissioner of Banks and the Chief Deputy Commissioner of
30 Banks.
31 u. The executive director of the North Carolina Housing Finance
32 Agency.
33 v. The executive director, chief financial officer, and chief operating
34 officer of the North Carolina Turnpike Authority.
35 (41) Reportable expenditure. – Any of the following that directly or indirectly is
36 made to, at the request of, for the benefit of, or on the behalf of a designated
37 individual or that individual's immediate family member:
38 a. Any advance, contribution, conveyance, deposit, distribution,
39 payment, gift, retainer, fee, salary, honorarium, reimbursement, loan,
40 pledge, or thing of value greater than ten dollars (\$10.00) per
41 designated individual per single calendar day.
42 b. A contract, agreement, promise, or other obligation whether or not
43 legally enforceable.
44 (42) State agency. – An agency in the executive branch of the government of this
45 State, including the Governor's Office, a board, a department, a division, and
46 any other unit of government in the executive branch.
47 (43) State Board. – The State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement, as
48 established by this Chapter.
49 (44) Solicitation of others. – A solicitation of members of the public to
50 communicate directly with or contact one or more designated individuals to
51 influence or attempt to influence legislative or executive action to further the
52 solicitor's position on that legislative or executive action, when that request
53 is made by any of the methods listed in this subdivision. The term
54 "solicitation of others" does not include communications made by a person
55 or by the person's agent to that person's stockholders, employees, board
56 members, officers, members, subscribers, or other recipients who have
57 affirmatively assented to receive the person's regular publications or notices.
58 a. A broadcast, cable, or satellite transmission.
59 b. An e-mail communication or a Web site posting.

- 1 c. A communication delivered by print media, as defined in
2 G.S. 163-278.38Z.
- 3 d. A letter or other written communication delivered by mail or by
4 comparable delivery service.
- 5 e. Telephone.
- 6 f. A communication at a conference, meeting, or similar event.
- 7 (45) Vested trust. – A trust, annuity, or other funds held by a trustee or other third
8 party for the benefit of the covered person or a member of the covered
9 person's immediate family, except a blind trust. The term "vested trust" does
10 not include a widely held investment fund, including a mutual fund,
11 regulated investment company, or pension or deferred compensation plan, if:
- 12 a. The covered person or a member of the covered person's immediate
13 family neither exercises nor has the ability to exercise control over
14 the financial interests held by the fund.
- 15 b. The fund is publicly traded or the fund's assets are widely diversified.

16 **"§ 163A-201. Application to the Lieutenant Governor.**

17 For purposes of this Subchapter, the Lieutenant Governor shall be considered a legislator
18 when carrying out the Lieutenant Governor's duties under Section 13 of Article II of the North
19 Carolina Constitution and a public servant for all other purposes.

20 **"§ 163A-202. Application to candidates to certain offices.**

21 For purposes of this Subchapter, the term "legislator" and the term "public servant" shall
22 include an individual having filed a notice of candidacy or otherwise qualified to have that
23 individual's name on the ballot for such office under this Chapter.

24 **"§ 163A-203. Education programs.**

25 (a) The State Board shall develop and implement an ethics and lobbying education and
26 awareness program designed to instill in all covered persons and legislative employees a keen
27 and continuing awareness of their ethical obligations and a sensitivity to situations that might
28 result in real or potential conflicts of interest.

29 (b) The State Board shall offer basic ethics and lobbying education and awareness
30 presentations to all public servants upon their election, appointment, or employment and shall
31 offer periodic refresher presentations as the State Board deems appropriate. Every public
32 servant shall participate in an ethics and lobbying presentation approved by the State Board
33 within six months of the public servant's election, reelection, appointment, or employment and
34 shall attend refresher ethics education presentations at least every two years thereafter in a
35 manner as the State Board deems appropriate. This subsection shall not apply to judicial
36 officers.

37 (c) A public servant appointed to a board determined and designated as nonadvisory
38 under G.S. 163A-208(a)(3) shall attend an ethics and lobbying presentation approved by the
39 State Board within six months of notification of the designation by the State Board and at least
40 every two years thereafter in a manner as the State Board deems appropriate.

41 (d) The State Board, jointly with the Legislative Ethics Committee, shall make basic
42 ethics and lobbying education and awareness presentations to all legislators and legislative
43 employees upon their election, reelection, appointment, or employment and shall offer periodic
44 refresher presentations as the State Board and the Committee deem appropriate. Every
45 legislator shall participate in an ethics and lobbying presentation approved by the State Board
46 and Committee within two months of either the convening of the General Assembly to which
47 the legislator is elected or within two months of the legislator's appointment, whichever is later.
48 Every legislative employee shall participate in an ethics and lobbying presentation approved by
49 the State Board and Committee within three months of employment and shall attend refresher
50 ethics education presentations at least every two years thereafter in a manner as the State Board
51 and Committee deem appropriate.

52 (e) The State Board shall develop and implement a lobbying education and awareness
53 program designed to instill in lobbyists and lobbyists' principals a keen and continuing
54 awareness of their obligations and sensitivity to situations that might result in real or potential
55 violation of this Subchapter or other related laws. The State Board shall make lobbying
56 education and awareness programs available to lobbyists and lobbyists' principals.

57 (f) Upon request, the State Board shall assist each State agency in developing in-house
58 ethics and lobbying education programs and procedures necessary or desirable to meet the State
59 agency's particular needs for ethics education, conflict identification, and conflict avoidance.

1 (g) Each State agency head shall designate an ethics liaison who shall maintain active
2 communication with the State Board on all State agency ethics and lobbying issues. The ethics
3 liaison shall attend ethics and lobbying education and awareness programs as provided under
4 this section. The ethics liaison shall continuously assess and advise the State Board of any
5 issues or conduct which might reasonably be expected to result in a conflict of interest and seek
6 advice and rulings from the State Board as to their appropriate resolution.

7 (h) The State Board shall publish a newsletter containing summaries of the State
8 Board's opinions, policies, procedures, and interpretive bulletins with respect to ethics and
9 lobbying, as issued from time to time. The newsletter shall be distributed to all covered persons
10 and legislative employees. Publication under this subsection may be done electronically.

11 (i) The State Board shall assemble and maintain a collection of relevant State laws,
12 rules, and regulations and set forth ethical standards applicable to covered persons and lobbying
13 laws and regulations. This collection shall be made available electronically as resource
14 material.

15 **"§ 163A-204. Requests for advice.**

16 (a) At the written request of any public servant or legislative employee, any individual
17 who is responsible for the supervision or appointment of a public servant or legislative
18 employee, legal counsel for any public servant or legislative employee, any ethics liaison under
19 G.S. 163A-203, or any member of the State Board, the State Board shall render advice on
20 specific questions involving the meaning and application of Articles 3 and 4 of this Chapter and
21 the public servant's or legislative employee's compliance therewith. This subsection shall apply
22 to judicial officers only for advice related to Article 3 of this Chapter.

23 (b) At the request of a legislator, the State Board shall render recommended advice on
24 specific questions involving the meaning and application of this Subchapter and Part 1 of
25 Article 14 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes and the legislator's compliance therewith.
26 Any recommended formal advisory opinion issued to a legislator under this subsection shall
27 immediately be delivered to the chairs of the Committee, together with a copy of the request.
28 Except for the Lieutenant Governor, the immunity granted under this section shall not apply
29 after the time the Committee modifies or overturns the advisory opinion of the State Board in
30 accordance with G.S. 120-104.

31 (c) At the written request of any person, State agency, or governmental unit affected by
32 Article 5 of this Subchapter, the State Board shall render advice on specific questions involving
33 the meaning and application of Article 5 of this Subchapter and that person's, State agency's, or
34 any governmental unit's compliance therewith.

35 (d) On its own motion, the State Board may render advisory opinions on specific
36 questions involving the meaning and application of this Subchapter.

37 (e) All written requests for advice and advice rendered in response to those requests
38 shall relate prospectively to real or reasonably anticipated fact settings or circumstances.

39 (f) A request for a formal advisory opinion under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this
40 section shall be in writing, electronic or otherwise. The State Board shall issue formal advisory
41 opinions having prospective application only. Any individual, person, or governmental unit
42 who relies upon the advice provided on a specific matter addressed by the requested formal
43 advisory opinion shall be immune from all of the following:

44 (1) Investigation by the State Board, except for an inquiry under
45 G.S. 163A-206(b)(3).

46 (2) Any adverse action by the employing entity.

47 (g) At the request of the State Auditor, the State Board shall render advisory opinions
48 on specific questions involving the meaning and application of this Subchapter, Article 14 of
49 Chapter 120 of the General Statutes, and an affected person's compliance therewith. The
50 request shall be in writing, electronic or otherwise, and relate to real fact settings and
51 circumstances. Except when the question involves a question governed by subsection (b) of this
52 section, the State Board shall issue an advisory opinion under this subsection within 60 days of
53 the receipt of all information deemed necessary by the State Board to render an opinion. If the
54 question involves a question governed by subsection (b) of this section, the State Board shall
55 comply with the provisions of that section prior to responding to the State Auditor by
56 delivering the recommended advisory opinion to the Committee within 60 days of the receipt of
57 all information deemed necessary by the State Board to render an opinion. The Committee shall
58 act on the opinion within 30 days of receipt, and the Committee shall deliver the opinion to the
59 State Auditor. If the Committee fails to act on a recommended advisory opinion under this

1 subsection within 30 days of receipt, the State Board shall deliver its recommended advisory
2 opinion to the State Auditor. Notwithstanding subsection (k) of this section, the Auditor may
3 only release those portions of the advisory opinion necessary to comply with the requirements
4 of G.S. 147-64.6(c)(1).

5 (h) Staff to the State Board may issue advice, but not formal or recommended formal
6 advisory opinions, under procedures adopted by the State Board.

7 (i) The State Board shall publish its formal advisory opinions within 30 days of
8 issuance. These formal advisory opinions shall be edited for publication purposes as necessary
9 to protect the identities of the individuals requesting formal advisory opinions. When the State
10 Board issues a recommended formal advisory opinion to a legislator under subsection (b) of
11 this section, the State Board shall publish only the edited formal advisory opinion of the
12 Committee within 30 days of receipt of the edited opinion from the Committee.

13 (j) Except as provided under subsections (g), (i), and (k) of this section, a request for
14 advice, any advice provided by State Board staff, any formal or recommended formal advisory
15 opinions, any supporting documents submitted or caused to be submitted to the State Board or
16 State Board staff, and any documents prepared or collected by the State Board or State Board
17 staff in connection with a request for advice are confidential. The identity of the individual
18 making the request for advice, the existence of the request, and any information related to the
19 request may not be revealed without the consent of the requestor. An individual who requests
20 advice or receives advice, including a formal or recommended formal advisory opinion, may
21 authorize the release of the request, the advice, or any supporting documents to any other
22 person, the State, or any governmental unit.

23 For purposes of this section, "document" is as defined in G.S. 120-129. Requests for advice,
24 any advice, and any documents related to requests for advice are not "public records" as
25 defined in G.S. 132-1.

26 (k) Staff to the State Board may share with staff to the Committee all information and
27 documents related to requests for advice made by legislators under this section. The
28 information and documents in the possession of staff to the Committee are confidential and are
29 not public records.

30 (l) Requests for advice may be withdrawn by the requestor at any time prior to the
31 issuance of the advice.

32 **"§§ 163A-209 through 163A-249: Reserved for future codification purposes.**

33 **"§ 163A-250. Enforcement.**

34 In addition to any other remedy, penalty, or crime in this Subchapter:

35 (1) Violation of Articles 3 and 4 of this Chapter by any covered person or
36 legislative employee is grounds for disciplinary action. Except as
37 specifically provided in this Chapter and for perjury under G.S. 163A-206
38 and G.S. 138A-24, no criminal penalty shall attach for any violation of
39 Articles 3 and 4 of this Chapter.

40 (2) The willful failure of any public servant serving on a board to comply with
41 Articles 3 and 4 of this Chapter is misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance.
42 In the event of misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance, the offending
43 public servant serving on a board is subject to removal from the board of
44 which the public servant is a member. For appointees of the Governor and
45 members of the Council of State, the appointing authority may remove the
46 offending public servant. For appointees of the Speaker of the House of
47 Representatives, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may remove
48 the offending public servant. For appointees of the General Assembly made
49 upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
50 the Governor at the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of
51 Representatives may remove the offending public servant. For appointees of
52 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore of the
53 Senate may remove the offending public servant. For appointees of the
54 General Assembly made upon the recommendation of the President Pro
55 Tempore of the Senate, the Governor at the recommendation of the President
56 Pro Tempore of the Senate may remove the offending public servant. For
57 public servants elected to a board by either the Senate or House of
58 Representatives, the electing house of the General Assembly shall exercise
59 the discretion of whether to remove the offending public servant. For all

other appointees, the State Board shall exercise the discretion of whether to remove the offending public servant.

(3) The willful failure of any public servant serving as a State employee to comply with Articles 3 and 4 of this Chapter is a violation of a written work order, thereby permitting disciplinary action as allowed by the law, including termination from employment. For employees of State departments headed by a member of the Council of State, the appropriate member of the Council of State shall make all final decisions on the manner in which the offending public servant shall be disciplined. For public servants who are judicial employees, the Chief Justice shall make all final decisions on the matter in which the offending judicial employee shall be disciplined. For legislative employees, the Legislative Services Commission shall make or refer to the hiring authority all final decisions on the matter in which the offending legislative employee shall be disciplined. For public servants appointed or elected for The University of North Carolina or the North Carolina Community College System, the appointing or electing authority shall make all final decisions on the matter in which the offending public servant shall be disciplined. For any other public servant serving as a State employee, the Governor shall make all final decisions on the manner in which the offending public servant shall be disciplined.

(4) The willful failure of any constitutional officer of the State to comply with Articles 3 and 4 of this Subchapter is malfeasance in office for purposes of G.S. 123-5.

(5) The willful failure of a legislator, other than the Lieutenant Governor, to comply with Articles 3 and 4 of this Chapter is grounds for sanctions under G.S. 120-103.1.

(6) The State Board may seek to enjoin violations of G.S. 138A-34.

(7) Whoever willfully violates any provision of Article 3 or 4 of this Chapter shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor, except as provided in those Articles. In addition, no lobbyist who is convicted of a violation of the provisions of those Articles shall in any way act as a lobbyist for a period of two years from the date of conviction.

(8) In addition to the criminal penalties set forth in this section, the State Board may levy civil fines for a violation of any provision of Article 5 of this Chapter up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per violation.

(9) Complaints of violations of this Subchapter involving the State Board or any member or employee of the State Board shall be referred to the Attorney General for investigation. The Attorney General shall, upon receipt of a complaint, make an appropriate investigation thereof, and the Attorney General shall forward a copy of the investigation to the district attorney of the prosecutorial district, as defined in G.S. 7A-60, of which Wake County is a part, who shall prosecute any person or governmental unit who violates any provision of this Subchapter.

(10) Nothing in this Subchapter affects the power of the State to prosecute any person for any violation of the criminal law.

"Article 6. Reserved for future codification purposes.

"Article 7. Reserved for future codification purposes.

"Article 8. Reserved for future codification purposes.

"Article 9. Reserved for future codification purposes.

"SUBCHAPTER III. ELECTION ADMINISTRATION.

"Article 10.

"...

"Article 12.

"General Provisions.

"...

"Article 38: Reserved for future codification purposes.

"Article 39: Reserved for future codification purposes.

"SUBCHAPTER IV. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REGULATION."

SECTION 20.6.(d) Article 1 of Chapter 138A of the General Statutes is repealed.

1 **SECTION 20.6.(e)** The following statutes are repealed: G.S. 138A-6, 138A-7,
2 138A-8, 38A-9, 138A-13, and 138A-14.

3 **SECTION 20.6.(f)** The following statutes are recodified:

4 (1) G.S. 138A-10 as G.S. 163A-208.

5 (2) G.S. 138A-11 as G.S. 163A-205.

6 (3) G.S. 138A-12 as G.S. 163A-206.

7 (4) G.S. 138A-15 is as G.S. 163A-207.

8 (5) Article 3 of Chapter 138A of the General Statutes as Article 3 of Chapter
9 163A of the General Statutes.

10 **SECTION 20.6.(g)** The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "this Chapter" to
11 "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 138A-15, 138A-21, 138A-22, 138A-24, and
12 138A-25 as recodified by subsection (f) of this section.

13 **SECTION 20.6.(h)** Article 4 of Chapter 138A of the General Statutes is recodified
14 as Article 4 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the
15 term "this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 138A-36, 138A-39,
16 and 138A-41 as recodified by this subsection.

17 **SECTION 20.6.(i)** The following statutes are repealed:

18 (1) Article 5 of Chapter 138A of the General Statutes.

19 (2) Article 1 of Chapter 120C of the General Statutes.

20 **SECTION 20.6.(j)** Article 2 of Chapter 120C of the General Statutes is recodified
21 as Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
22 change the term "this Chapter" to "this Article" wherever it appears in
23 G.S. 120C-200, 120C-206, 120C-215, and 120C-216 as recodified by this subsection.

24 **SECTION 20.6.(k)** Article 3 of Chapter 120C of the General Statutes is recodified
25 as Part 2 of Article 5 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
26 change the term "this Chapter" to "this Article" wherever it appears in
27 G.S. 120C-301, 120C-303, and 120C-304 as recodified by this subsection.

28 **SECTION 20.6.(l)** Article 4 of Chapter 120C of the General Statutes is recodified
29 as Part 3 of Article 5 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
30 change the term "this Chapter" to "this Article" wherever it appears in G.S. 120C-400 and
31 G.S. 120C-405 as recodified by this subsection.

32 **SECTION 20.6.(m)** Article 5 of Chapter 120C of the General Statutes is recodified
33 as Part 4 of Article 5 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
34 change the term "this Chapter" to "this Article" wherever it appears in G.S. 120C-501 as
35 recodified by this subsection.

36 **SECTION 20.6.(n)** Article 6 of Chapter 120C of the General Statutes is repealed.

37 **SECTION 20.6.(o)** Article 7 of Chapter 120C of the General Statutes is recodified
38 as Part 5 of Article 5 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
39 change the term "this Chapter" to "this Article" wherever it appears in G.S. 120C-700, as
40 recodified by this subsection.

41 **SECTION 20.6.(p)** Article 8 of Chapter 120C of the General Statutes is recodified
42 as Part 6 of Article 5 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
43 change the term "this Chapter" to "this Article" wherever it appears in G.S. 120C-800, as
44 recodified by this subsection.

45 **SECTION 20.6.(q)** The following statutes are recodified:

46 (1) Article 1 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as Article 10 of Chapter
47 163A of the General Statutes.

48 (2) Article 2 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as Article 11 of Chapter
49 163A of the General Statutes.

50 **SECTION 20.6.(r)** The following statutes are repealed: G.S. 163-19, 163-20, and
51 163-21.

52 **SECTION 20.6.(s)** G.S. 163-22 is recodified as G.S. 163A-1200, to be in Article
53 12 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "this
54 Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 163-22 as recodified by this
55 subsection.

56 **SECTION 20.6.(t)** G.S. 163-22.2 is recodified as G.S. 163A-1201, to be in Article
57 12 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term
58 "Chapter 163 of the General Statutes" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 163-22.2
59 as recodified by this subsection.

1 **SECTION 20.6.(u)** G.S. 163-22.3 is recodified as G.S. 163A-1202, to be in Article
2 12 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term
3 "Article 11 of this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 163-22.3 as
4 recodified by this subsection.

5 **SECTION 20.6.(v)** G.S. 163-23 is repealed.

6 **SECTION 20.6.(w)** G.S. 163-24 is recodified as G.S. 163A-1203, to be in Article
7 12 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes.

8 **SECTION 20.6.(x)** G.S. 163-25, as amended by S.L. 2011-31, is recodified as
9 G.S. 163-1204, to be in Article 12 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of
10 Statutes shall change the term "Chapter 163 of the General Statutes" to "this Subchapter"
11 wherever it appears in G.S. 163-25, as amended by S.L. 2011-31 and as recodified by this
12 subsection.

13 **SECTION 20.6.(y)** The following statutes are repealed: G.S. 163-26 and
14 G.S. 163-27.

15 **SECTION 20.6.(z)** G.S. 163-27.1 is recodified as G.S. 163A-1205, to be in Article
16 12 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "this
17 Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 163-27.1 as recodified by this
18 subsection.

19 **SECTION 20.6.(aa)** G.S. 163-28 is repealed.

20 **SECTION 20.6.(bb)** Article 4 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is recodified
21 as Article 13 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the
22 term "this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Article 4 of Chapter 163 of the
23 General Statutes as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term
24 "Articles 4, 5, and 20 of this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 163-33.1
25 as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "Article 11 of
26 this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 163-33.3 as recodified by this
27 subsection.

28 **SECTION 20.6.(cc)** Article 4A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
29 recodified as Article 14 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
30 change the term "Article 22A of this Chapter" to "Subchapter IV of this Chapter" wherever it
31 appears in G.S. 163-40.1 as recodified by this subsection.

32 **SECTION 20.6.(dd)** Article 5 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is recodified
33 as Article 15 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the
34 term "this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Article 5 of Chapter 163 of the
35 General Statutes as recodified by this subsection.

36 **SECTION 20.6.(ee)** Article 6 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is recodified
37 as Article 16 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the
38 term "this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Article 6 of Chapter 163 of the
39 General Statutes as recodified by this subsection.

40 **SECTION 20.6.(ff)** Article 7A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is recodified
41 as Article 17 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the
42 term "this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Article 7A of Chapter 163 of
43 the General Statutes as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the
44 term "Article 8 of this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 163-82.7 and
45 G.S. 163-82.10B as recodified by this subsection.

46 **SECTION 20.6.(gg)** The following statutes are recodified:

- 47 (1) Article 8 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as Article 18 of Chapter
48 163A of the General Statutes.
- 49 (2) Article 8A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as Article 19 of Chapter
50 163A of the General Statutes.

51 **SECTION 20.6.(hh)** Article 9 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is recodified
52 as Article 20 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the
53 term "this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 163-97 as recodified by
54 this subsection.

55 **SECTION 20.6.(ii)** Article 10 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is recodified
56 as Article 21 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the
57 term "this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Article 10 of Chapter 163 of the
58 General Statutes as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term

1 "Article 11B of this Chapter" to "Article 23 of this Chapter" wherever it appears in
2 G.S. 163-106 as recodified by this subsection.

3 **SECTION 20.6.(jj)** Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is recodified
4 as Article 22 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the
5 term "Article 14A of this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 163-122 as
6 recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "Article 25 of this
7 Chapter" to "Article 37 of this Chapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 163-122 as recodified by
8 this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "Article 11B of this Chapter" to
9 "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 163-122 as recodified by this subsection. The
10 Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "Subchapter IX of Chapter 163 of the General
11 Statutes" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in G.S. 163-122 as recodified by this
12 subsection.

13 **SECTION 20.6.(kk)** Article 11B of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
14 recodified as Article 23 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes.

15 **SECTION 20.6.(ll)** Article 12 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is recodified
16 as Article 24 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the
17 term "Article 12A of this Chapter" to "Article 25 of this Chapter" wherever it appears in Article
18 12 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of
19 Statutes shall change the term "Article 5 of this Chapter" to "Article 15 of this Chapter"
20 wherever it appears in G.S. 163-130.2 as recodified by this subsection.

21 **SECTION 20.6.(mm)** Article 12A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
22 recodified as Article 25 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes.

23 **SECTION 20.6.(nn)** Article 14A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
24 recodified as Article 26 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
25 change the term "this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Article 14A of
26 Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes
27 shall change the term "Article 15A of this Chapter" to "Article 27 of this Chapter" wherever it
28 appears in Article 14A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as recodified by this subsection.

29 **SECTION 20.6.(oo)** Article 15A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
30 recodified as Article 27 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
31 change the term "Article 14A of this Chapter" to "Article 26 of this Chapter" wherever it
32 appears in Article 15A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as recodified by this subsection.

33 **SECTION 20.6.(pp)** Article 17 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
34 recodified as Article 28 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes.

35 **SECTION 20.6.(qq)** Article 18 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
36 recodified as Article 29 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
37 change the term "this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Article 18 of
38 Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as recodified by this subsection.

39 **SECTION 20.6.(rr)** Article 18A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
40 recodified as Article 30 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes.

41 **SECTION 20.6.(ss)** The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "Article 9 of
42 Chapter 163 of the General Statutes" to "Article 20 of this Chapter" wherever it appears in
43 Article 14A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

44 **SECTION 20.6.(tt)** Article 19 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is recodified
45 as Article 31 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes.

46 **SECTION 20.6.(uu)** Article 20 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
47 recodified as Article 32 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
48 change the term "Articles 20 and 21 of this" to "this Article and Article 33 of this Chapter"
49 wherever it appears in Article 20 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as recodified by this
50 subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "Article 20 of this Chapter" to "this
51 Article" wherever it appears in Article 20 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as recodified
52 by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "Article 21 of this Chapter" to
53 "Article 33 of this Chapter" wherever it appears in Article 20 of Chapter 163 of the General
54 Statutes.

55 **SECTION 20.6.(vv)** Article 21 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is recodified
56 as Article 33 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the
57 term "Article 20 of this Chapter" to "Article 32 of this Chapter" wherever it appears in
58 G.S. 163-246 as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term
59 "this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Article 21 of Chapter 163 of the

1 General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "Chapter 163 of the General
2 Statutes" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Article 21 of Chapter 163 of the General
3 Statutes.

4 **SECTION 20.6.(ww)** Article 22 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
5 recodified as Article 34 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
6 change the term "this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Article 22 of
7 Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as recodified by this subsection.

8 **SECTION 20.6.(xx)** Article 22A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
9 recodified as Article 45 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
10 change the term "this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Article 22A of
11 Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "Article 11
12 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes" to "Article 22 of this Chapter" wherever it appears in
13 G.S. 163-278.13C as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the
14 term "Article 22 of this Chapter" to "Article 34 of this Chapter" wherever it appears in
15 G.S. 163-278.19 as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term
16 "Article 22D of this Chapter" to "Article 47 of this Chapter" wherever it appears in
17 G.S. 163-278.13 as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term
18 "Article 22J of this Chapter" to "Article 50 of this Chapter" wherever it appears in
19 G.S. 163-278.13 as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term
20 "Article 22M of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes" to "Article 51 of this Chapter" wherever
21 it appears in G.S. 163-278.16B as recodified by this subsection.

22 **SECTION 20.6.(yy)** Article 22B of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
23 recodified as Article 46 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
24 change the term "Article 22A of this Chapter" to "Article 45 of this Chapter" wherever it
25 appears in Article 22B of the General Statutes as recodified by this subsection.

26 **SECTION 20.6.(zz)** Article 22D of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
27 recodified as Article 47 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
28 change the term "Article 22A of this Chapter" to "Article 45 of this Chapter" wherever it
29 appears in G.S. 163-278.64 as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall
30 change the term "Article 25 of this Chapter" to "Article 37 of this Chapter" wherever it appears
31 in G.S. 163-278.64 as recodified by this subsection.

32 **SECTION 20.6.(aaa)** Article 22G of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
33 recodified as Article 48 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
34 change the term "Article 22A of this Chapter" to "Article 45 of this Chapter" wherever it
35 appears in Article 22G of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as recodified by this subsection.

36 **SECTION 20.6.(bbb)** Article 22H of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
37 recodified as Article 49 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
38 change the term "Article 22A of this Chapter" to "Article 45 of this Chapter" wherever it
39 appears in Article 22H of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as recodified by this subsection.

40 **SECTION 20.6.(ccc)** Article 22J of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
41 recodified as Article 50 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
42 change the term "Article 22A of this Chapter" to "Article 45 of this Chapter" wherever it
43 appears in G.S. 163-278.98 as recodified by this subsection.

44 **SECTION 20.6.(ddd)** Article 22M of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
45 recodified as Article 51 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes.

46 **SECTION 20.6.(eee)** Article 23 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is
47 recodified as Article 35 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes. The Revisor of Statutes shall
48 change the term "this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Article 23 of
49 Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes
50 shall change the term "Article 8 of this Chapter" to "Article 18 of this Chapter" wherever it
51 appears in Article 23 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as recodified by this subsection.
52 The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "Chapter 163" to "this Subchapter" wherever it
53 appears in Article 23 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, as amended by S.L. 2011-31 and
54 as recodified by this subsection. The Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "Articles 3, 4, 5,
55 6, 7A, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, and 22 of this Chapter" to "this Subchapter" wherever it
56 appears in G.S. 163A-286 as recodified by this subsection.

57 **SECTION 20.6.(fff)** The following statutes are recodified:

- 58 (1) Article 24 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as Article 36 of Chapter
59 163A of the General Statutes.

1 (2) Article 25 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as Article 37 of Chapter
2 163A of the General Statutes.

3 **SECTION 20.6.(ggg)** G.S. 150B-1(c)(16) is repealed.

4 **SECTION 20.6.(hhh)** The Revisor of Statutes shall change the terms "Chapter
5 120C of the General Statutes" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Chapter 138A of the
6 General Statutes.

7 **SECTION 20.6.(iii)** The Revisor of Statutes shall change the terms "Chapter 138A
8 of the General Statutes" to "this Subchapter" wherever it appears in Chapter 120C of the
9 General Statutes.

10 **SECTION 20.6.(jjj)** The Revisor of Statutes shall change the cite "G.S. 138A-3" to
11 "G.S. 163A-200" wherever it appears in the General Statutes.

12 **SECTION 20.6.(kkk)** The Revisor of Statutes shall change the terms
13 "Commission," "Secretary of State," and "Secretary" to "State Board" wherever it appears in
14 Chapter 163A of the General Statutes, as enacted by this section.

15 **SECTION 20.6.(lll)** Except in Article 1 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes,
16 as enacted by this section, the Revisor of Statutes shall change the term "State Board of
17 Elections" to "State Board" wherever it appears in Chapter 163A of the General Statutes, as
18 enacted by this section.

19 **SECTION 20.6.(mmm)** The Revisor of Statutes, in recodifying any statute or
20 Article as instructed in this section, shall also renumber and change internal cross-references in
21 those statutes and Articles accordingly.

22 **SECTION 20.6.(nnn)** Any previous assignment of duties of a quasi-legislative or
23 quasi-judicial nature by the Governor or General Assembly to the agencies or functions
24 transferred by this section shall have continued validity with the transfer under this section.
25 Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, each enumerated commission, board,
26 or other function of State government transferred to the State Board of Elections and Ethics
27 Enforcement created in this section, is a continuation of the former entity for purposes of
28 succession to all the rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the former. Where the former
29 entities are referred to by law, contract, or other document in their former name, the State
30 Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement created in this section is charged with exercising
31 the functions of the former named entity.

32 **SECTION 20.6.(ooo)** No action or proceeding pending on January 1, 2012,
33 brought by or against the State Board of Elections, State Ethics Commission, or the Secretary
34 of State regarding the lobbyist registration and lobbying enforcement of the Secretary of State
35 shall be affected by any provision of this section, but the same may be prosecuted or defended
36 in the name of State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement created in this section. In these
37 actions and proceedings, the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement or its Executive
38 Director as appropriate shall be substituted as a party upon proper application to the courts or
39 other administrative or quasi-judicial bodies.

40 Any business or other matter undertaken or commanded by any State program or
41 office or contract transferred by this section to State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement
42 pertaining to or connected with the functions, powers, obligations, and duties set forth herein,
43 which is pending on January 1, 2012, may be conducted and completed by the State Board of
44 Elections and Ethics Enforcement in the same manner and under the same terms and conditions
45 and with the same effect as if conducted and completed by the original program, office, or
46 commissioners or directors thereof.

47 **SECTION 20.6.(ppp)** The consolidation provided for under this section shall not
48 affect any ongoing investigation or audit. Any ongoing hearing or other proceeding before the
49 State Ethics Commission or State Board of Elections shall be transferred to the State Board of
50 Elections and Ethics Enforcement, as created by this section. Prosecutions for offenses or
51 violations committed before January 1, 2012, are not abated or affected by this section, and the
52 statutes that would be applicable but for this section remain applicable to those prosecutions.

53 **SECTION 20.6.(qqq)** Any rule, policy, procedure, or other guidance document not
54 subject to Chapter 150B of the General Statutes adopted by the State Ethics Commission,
55 Secretary of State, or State Board of Elections shall remain in effect until the State Board of
56 Elections and Ethics Enforcement amends or repeals that rule, policy, procedure, or other
57 guidance document. The list of covered boards adopted by the State Ethics Commission under
58 G.S. 138A-10(a)(3) shall continue in effect until amended or repealed by the State Board of
59 Elections and Ethics Enforcement.

1 **SECTION 20.6(rrr)** Any evaluation of a statement of economic interest issued by
2 the State Ethics Commission pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 138A of the General Statutes in
3 2011 shall remain in effect amended or repealed by the State Board of Elections and Ethics
4 Enforcement.

5 **SECTION 20.6(sss)** The State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement shall
6 report to the Legislative Ethics Committee on or before April 1, 2012, and again on or before
7 February 1, 2013, as to recommendations for statutory changes necessary to further implement
8 this consolidation.

9 **SECTION 20.6(ttt)** If any subsection or provision of this section is declared
10 unconstitutional or invalid by the courts, it does not affect the validity of this section as a whole
11 or any part other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

12 **SECTION 20.6(uuu)** This section becomes effective January 1, 2012, and applies
13 to elections held on or after that date.

14 **ELIMINATE FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SMART CARDS**

15 **SECTION 20.7.** Notwithstanding Section 6.19 of S.L. 2010-31, funds in the
16 amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be transferred from the E-Commerce Reserve
17 Fund to the General Fund to support appropriations made in this act.

18 **PART XXI. DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES**

19 **TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM SPECIAL FUND**

20 **SECTION 21.1.** Article 1 of Chapter 121 of the General Statutes is amended by
21 adding a new section to read:

22 **"§ 121-7.6. North Carolina Transportation Museum special fund.**

23 (a) Fund Established. – The North Carolina Transportation Museum Fund is created as
24 a special interestbearing, nonreverting enterprise fund in the Department of Cultural Resources.
25 The Fund shall be used to pay all costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the
26 North Carolina Transportation Museum.

27 (b) Monies Credited to the Fund. – Notwithstanding Chapter 146 of the General
28 Statutes, all receipts derived from the lease, rental, or other disposition of structures or products
29 of the land, as well as all admissions and fees, gifts, donations, grants, and bequests, shall be
30 credited to the Fund. The Fund shall be credited with interest by the State Treasurer pursuant to
31 G.S. 147-69.2 and G.S. 147-69.3.

32 (c) Emergency Reserve. – The Department of Cultural Resources shall establish, out of
33 existing unobligated funds including lapsed salaries and unobligated special funds, an
34 emergency reserve fund in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000). Any use
35 of the emergency reserve will require reimbursement from museum receipts.

36 (d) Audit. – The Fund shall be subject to the oversight of the State Auditor pursuant to
37 Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes. The Fund shall reimburse the State Auditor
38 for the cost of any audit."

39 **ROANOKE ISLAND COMMISSION FUNDING/HISTORIC ROANOKE ISLAND** 40 **FUND**

41 **SECTION 21.2.(a)** The Roanoke Island Commission shall receive State funds
42 through the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Beginning with the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the Roanoke
43 Island Commission shall be self-supporting.

44 **SECTION 21.2.(b)** All funds and assets in the Outer Banks Island Farm Fund are
45 transferred to the Roanoke Island Commission Fund established in G.S. 143B-131.8.

46 **SECTION 21.2.(c)** G.S. 143B-131.8 is amended by adding the following new
47 subsections:

48 "(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, the Commission may expend and use
49 funds from the principal and from the remaining twenty percent (20%) of the interest generated
50 by the principal of the Roanoke Island Commission Endowment Fund if (i) the Commission
51 has insufficient cash flow to meet its financial obligations as they become due and (ii) those
52 financial obligations are critical to the operation and maintenance of the Commission or the
53 properties operated by the Commission. The Commission shall not use funds from the principal
54 or the remaining twenty percent (20%) of the interest generated by the principal of the Roanoke
55 Island Endowment Fund for capital expenditures.

1 (d) The Department of Cultural Resources shall pay to the Commission on a monthly
2 basis a pro rata share of the utilities, maintenance, and operating expenses of the Outer Banks
3 History Center, which is located in the facility owned by the Commission. The funds received
4 pursuant to this subsection shall be credited to the Roanoke Island Commission Fund.

5 (e) The Department of Cultural Resources shall credit to the Roanoke Island
6 Commission Fund all rental proceeds received by the Department from the rental properties
7 located near the Outer Banks Island Farm."

8 **SECTION 21.2.(d)** G.S. 143B-131.2(b)(1) reads as rewritten:

9 "(1) To advise the Secretary of Transportation and adopt rules on matters
10 pertaining to, affecting, and encouraging restoration, preservation, and
11 enhancement of the appearance, maintenance, and aesthetic quality of U.S.
12 Highway 64/264 and the U.S. 64/264 Bypass travel corridor on Roanoke
13 Island and the grounds on Roanoke Island Festival Park. However, the local
14 government that has jurisdiction over the affected portion of the travel
15 corridor shall process the applications for and issue the certificates of
16 appropriateness and shall be responsible for the enforcement of those
17 certificates and any rules adopted pursuant to this subdivision that apply to
18 the portion of the travel corridor within the jurisdiction of the local
19 government. No reimbursement shall be made by the Commission to the
20 local government for the processing of applications or issuance of
21 certificates of appropriateness, or the enforcement of those certificates or the
22 rules."

23 **SECTION 21.2.(e)** G.S. 143B-131.2(b)(10) reads as rewritten:

24 "(10) ~~To establish and maintain a separate fund composed of moneys which may~~
25 ~~come into its hands from~~ To accept gifts, donations, grants, or bequests,
26 which funds will be used by the Commission for purposes of carrying out its
27 duties and purposes herein set forth. The Commission may also establish a
28 reserve fund to be maintained and used for contingencies and emergencies.
29 ~~Funds appropriated to the Commission may be transferred to the Friends of~~
30 ~~Elizabeth II, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation. The Friends of Elizabeth~~
31 ~~II, Inc., shall use the balance of any unencumbered funds that were~~
32 ~~transferred to it to carry out the purposes of this Part.~~ pursuant to this
33 subdivision only for expenses of the Commission or the properties operated
34 by the Commission that are identified as operating or for maintenance costs
35 by the Commission and that are requested by the Commission."

36 **SECTION 21.2.(f)** Effective July 1, 2012, all funds held by the Roanoke Island
37 Commission, including all balances credited to the Roanoke Island Commission Endowment
38 Fund, shall be transferred to the Historic Roanoke Island Fund established in
39 G.S. 143B-131.8A.

40 **SECTION 21.2.(g)** Effective July 1, 2012, G.S. 143B-131.1 reads as rewritten:

41 **"§ 143B-131.1. Commission established.**

42 There is established the Roanoke Island Commission. The Commission shall be an
43 ~~independent~~ independent, self-supporting commission, but shall be located within the
44 Department of Cultural Resources for historic resource management, organizational, and
45 budgetary purposes."

46 **SECTION 21.2.(h)** Effective July 1, 2012, G.S. 143B-131.2(b)(14) reads as
47 rewritten:

48 "(14) ~~To administer the Roanoke Island Commission Fund and the Roanoke Island~~
49 ~~Commission Endowment Fund as provided in G.S. 143B-131.8. Historic~~
50 ~~Roanoke Island Fund as provided in G.S. 143B-131.8A."~~

51 **SECTION 21.2.(i)** Effective July 1, 2012, G.S. 143B-131.8 is repealed.

52 **SECTION 21.2.(j)** Effective July 1, 2012, Part 27A of Article 2 of Chapter 143B
53 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

54 **"§ 143B-131.8A. Historic Roanoke Island Fund.**

55 (a) The Historic Roanoke Island Fund is established as a nonreverting enterprise fund
56 and shall be administered by the Roanoke Island Commission. All operating revenues
57 generated by the Roanoke Island Commission, including revenues collected from any property
58 operated by the Roanoke Island Commission, together with all gifts, grants, donations, or other
59 financial assets of whatever kind received or held by the Roanoke Island Commission shall be

1 credited to the Historic Roanoke Island Fund and shall be used only (i) for the expenses of
 2 operating and maintaining the Roanoke Island Commission and the properties managed by the
 3 Roanoke Island Commission, (ii) to carry out any of the other duties and purposes set out by
 4 this Part, or (iii) for capital expenditures for the properties operated by the Commission.

5 (b) The Department of Cultural Resources shall pay to the Commission on a monthly
 6 basis a pro rata share of the utilities, maintenance, and operating expenses of the Outer Banks
 7 History Center, which is located in the facility owned by the Commission. The funds received
 8 pursuant to this subsection shall be credited to the Historic Roanoke Island Fund.

9 (c) The Department of Cultural Resources shall credit to the Historic Roanoke Island
 10 Fund all rental proceeds received by the Department from the rental properties located near the
 11 Outer Banks Island Farm."

12 13 PART XXII. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

14 15 PED STUDYING ADMINISTRATION OF STATE ATTRACTIONS

16 **SECTION 22.1.(a)** The Program Evaluation Division shall study and review State
 17 operations considered attractions in the State, such as State Historic Sites, Museums, State
 18 Parks, Aquariums, and the North Carolina Zoo, and recommend whether administration of such
 19 attractions can be consolidated in one Department or administrative unit. In conducting its
 20 study, the Program Evaluation Division shall review all sources of revenue generated by these
 21 attractions, including admission fees, donations, and concession sales, and shall review daily
 22 visitation trends for these attractions to determine optimal operating schedules.

23 **SECTION 22.1.(b)** The Program Evaluation Division shall report its findings by
 24 March 30, 2012, to the full chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations
 25 Committees, the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on
 26 General Government, the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on General
 27 Government and Information Technology, and the Fiscal Research Division.

28 29 REVISOR OF STATUTES

30 **SECTION 22.2.** Article 2 of Chapter 114 of the General Statutes is recodified as
 31 Article 7D of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes to be entitled "Codification of Statutes" and
 32 as recodified, reads as rewritten:

33 "Article 7D.

34 "Codification of Statutes.

35 **"§ 120-36.21. ~~Creation of Division; powers and duties.~~Codification of Statutes.**

36 ~~The Attorney General shall set up in the Department of Justice a division to be designated~~
 37 ~~as the Division of Legislative Drafting and Codification of Statutes. There shall be assigned to~~
 38 ~~this Division by the Attorney General Legislative Services Commission shall assign to its staff~~
 39 ~~duties as follows:~~

- 40 (1) ~~To prepare bills to be presented to the General Assembly at the request of~~
 41 ~~the Governor, and the officials of the State and departments thereof, and~~
 42 ~~members of the General Assembly, and to advise with said officials in~~
 43 ~~connection therewith, and to advise with and assist counties, cities, and~~
 44 ~~towns in the drafting of legislation to be submitted to the General Assembly.~~
 45 ~~as provided by G.S. 120-31(9).~~
- 46 (2) ~~To supervise the recodification of all the statute law of North Carolina and~~
 47 ~~supervise the keeping of such recodifications current by including therein all~~
 48 ~~laws hereafter enacted by supplements thereto issued periodically, all of~~
 49 ~~which recodifications and supplements shall be appropriately annotated.~~
- 50 (3) ~~In order that the laws of North Carolina, as set out in the General Statutes of~~
 51 ~~North Carolina, may be made and kept as simple, as clear, as concise and as~~
 52 ~~complete as possible, and in order that the amount of construction and~~
 53 ~~interpretation of the statutes required of the courts may be reduced to a~~
 54 ~~minimum, it shall also be the duty of the Division of Legislative Drafting~~
 55 ~~and Codification of Statutes to establish and maintain a system of continuous~~
 56 ~~statute research and correction. To that end the ~~Division staff~~ shall:~~
- 57 a. ~~Make a systematic study of the general statutes of the State, as set out~~
 58 ~~in the General Statutes and as hereafter enacted by the General~~
 59 ~~Assembly, for the purpose of ascertaining what ambiguities,~~

1 conflicts, duplications and other imperfections of form and
2 expression exist therein and how these defects may be corrected.

- 3 b. Consider such suggestions as may be submitted to the Division with
4 respect to the existence of such defects and the proper correction
5 thereof.
6 c. Prepare for submission to the General Assembly from time to time
7 bills to correct such defects in the statutes as its research discloses.

8 **"§ 120-36.22. Revisor of Statutes.**

9 The member of the staff of the ~~Attorney General Legislative Services Commission~~ who is
10 assigned to perform the duties prescribed by ~~G.S. 114-9(3)~~ G.S. 120-36.21(3) shall be known
11 as the Revisor of Statutes. ~~Statutes and he shall be subject to all the provisions of Chapter 126 of~~
12 ~~the General Statutes relating to the State Personnel System."~~

13
14 **PART XXIII. DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**

15
16 **PERMISSABLE USE OF INSURANCE REGULATORY FUND**

17 **SECTION 23.1.** The Department of Insurance shall not expend funds from the
18 Insurance Regulatory Fund created under G.S. 58-6-25 for any purpose other than to reimburse
19 the General Fund for appropriations from that fund to the Department.

20
21 **NO BUDGET REDUCTION FOR CERTAIN STATE FIRE PROTECTION GRANT**
22 **FUND RECIPIENTS**

23 **SECTION 23.2.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, there shall be no
24 reduction in funding under G.S. 58-85A-1 during the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium for local fire
25 districts and political subdivisions of the State that receive grant funding of one thousand
26 dollars (\$1,000) or less under that statute.

27
28 **PART XXIV. OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

29
30 **ACCESS TO REGISTER AND CODE**

31 **SECTION 24.1.** G.S. 150B-21.24 reads as rewritten:

32 **"§ 150B-21.24. Access to Register and Code.**

33 (a) Register. – The Codifier of Rules shall make available the North Carolina Register
34 on the Internet at no charge. ~~Upon request the Codifier shall provide a free copy of the current~~
35 ~~volume of the Register to any person who receives a free copy of the North Carolina~~
36 ~~Administrative Code or any member of the General Assembly.~~

37 (b) Code. – The Codifier of Rules shall make available the North Carolina
38 Administrative Code on the Internet at no charge. ~~The Codifier shall distribute copies of the~~
39 ~~North Carolina Administrative Code as soon after publication as practical, without charge, to~~
40 ~~the following:~~

- 41 (1) ~~One copy to the board of commissioners of each county that specifically~~
42 ~~requests a printed copy, to be placed at the county clerk of court's office or at~~
43 ~~another place selected by the board of commissioners. The Codifier of Rules~~
44 ~~is not required to provide a copy of the Administrative Code to any board of~~
45 ~~county commissioners unless a request is made.~~
46 (2) ~~One copy to the Commission.~~
47 (3) ~~One copy to the Clerk of the Supreme Court and to the Clerk of the Court of~~
48 ~~Appeals of North Carolina.~~
49 (4) ~~One copy to the Supreme Court Library and one copy to the library of the~~
50 ~~Court of Appeals.~~
51 (5) ~~One copy to the Administrative Office of the Courts.~~
52 (6) ~~One copy to the Governor.~~
53 (7) ~~One copy to the Legislative Services Commission for the use of the General~~
54 ~~Assembly.~~
55 (8) ~~Repealed by Session Laws 2002-97, s. 1, effective August 29, 2002.~~
56 (9) ~~One copy to the Division of State Library of the Department of Cultural~~
57 ~~Resources pursuant to G.S. 125-11.7."~~

58
59 **PART XXV. OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT**

TRANSFER STATE FIRE PROTECTION GRANT FUND

SECTION 25.1. Article 85A of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

"Article 85A.

"State Fire Protection Grant Fund.

"§ 58-85A-1. Creation of Fund; allocation to local fire districts and political subdivisions of the State.

(a) There is created in the ~~Office of State Budget and Management~~ Department of Insurance the State Fire Protection Grant Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to compensate local fire districts and political subdivisions of the State for providing local fire protection to State-owned buildings and their contents.

(b) The ~~Office of State Budget and Management~~ Department of Insurance shall develop and implement an equitable and uniform statewide method for distributing any funds to the State's local fire districts and political subdivisions.

~~Upon the request of the Director of the Budget, the Department of Insurance shall provide the Office of State Budget and Management all information necessary to develop and implement the formula.~~

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate annually to the State Fire Protection Grant Fund up to four million one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$4,180,000) from the General Fund, one hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$158,000) from the Highway Fund, and one million three hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$1,345,000) from University of North Carolina receipts. Funds received from the General Fund shall be allocated only for providing local fire protection for State-owned property supported by the General Fund; funds received from the Highway Fund shall be allocated only for providing local fire protection for State-owned property supported by the Highway Fund; and funds received from University of North Carolina receipts shall be allocated only for providing local fire protection for State-owned property supported by University of North Carolina receipts."

NC SYMPHONY FUNDING

SECTION 25.2.(a) Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Office of State Budget and Management-Special Appropriations, the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2011-2012 fiscal year shall be allocated to the North Carolina Symphony in accordance with this section.

SECTION 25.2.(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the NC Symphony achieve its goal of raising the sum of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) in non-State funding to support the operations of the Symphony. To that end, upon demonstrating to the Office of State Budget and Management that the NC Symphony has reached fund-raising targets in the amounts set forth in this subsection, the NC Symphony shall receive allocations from the Office of State Budget and Management as follows:

- (1) Upon raising the initial sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) in non-State funding, the NC Symphony shall receive the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
- (2) Upon raising an additional sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in non-State funding for a total amount of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in non-State funds, the NC Symphony shall receive the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
- (3) Upon raising an additional sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in non-State funding for a total sum of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) in non-State funds, the NC Symphony shall receive the final sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

SECTION 25.2.(c) Funds allocated pursuant to this section are in addition to any other funds allocated to the NC Symphony in this act.

PART XXVI. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**NO EXPENDITURE OF HAVA TITLE II FUNDS FOR STATE FY 2011-2012**

1 **SECTION 26.1.** The State Board of Election shall not expend any Help America
2 Vote Funds (HAVA) Title II Funds for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and, unless prohibited by
3 federal law, shall retain those funds until Maintenance of Effort funds are appropriated.

4 **ALLOWING COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION TO EMPLOY PERSONNEL TO**
5 **MAINTAIN VOTING SYSTEMS**

6 **SECTION 26.3.(a)** G.S. 163-165.9 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 163-165.9. Voting systems: powers and duties of county board of elections.**

8 (a) Before approving the adoption and acquisition of any voting system by the board of
9 county commissioners, the county board of elections shall do all of the following:

- 10 (1) Recommend to the board of county commissioners which type of voting
11 system should be acquired by the county.
- 12 (2) Witness a demonstration, in that county or at a site designated by the State
13 Board of Elections, of the type of voting system to be recommended and also
14 witness a demonstration of at least one other type of voting system certified
15 by the State Board of Elections.
- 16 (3) Test, during an election, the proposed voting system in at least one precinct
17 in the county where the voting system would be used if adopted.

18 (b) After the acquisition of any voting system, the county board of elections shall
19 comply with any requirements of the State Board of Elections regarding training and support of
20 the voting system by completing all of the following:

- 21 (1) The county board of elections shall comply with all specifications of its
22 voting system vendor for ballot printers. The county board of elections is
23 authorized to contract with noncertified ballot printing vendors, so long as
24 the noncertified ballot printing vendor meets all specifications and all quality
25 assurance requirements as set by the State Board of Elections.
- 26 (2) The county board of elections shall annually maintain software license and
27 maintenance agreements necessary to maintain the warranty of its voting
28 system. A county board of elections may employ qualified personnel to
29 maintain a voting system in lieu of entering into maintenance agreements
30 necessary to maintain the warranty of its voting system. The State Board of
31 Elections ~~shall not~~ is not required to provide routine maintenance to any
32 county board of elections that does not maintain the warranty of its voting
33 system. If the State Board of Elections provides any maintenance to a county
34 that has not maintained the warranty of its voting system, the county shall
35 reimburse the State for the cost.
- 36 (3) The county board of elections shall not replace any voting system, or any
37 portion thereof, without approval of the State Board of Elections.
- 38 (4) The county board of elections may have its voting system repaired pursuant
39 to its maintenance agreement but shall notify the State Board of Elections at
40 the time of every repair, according to guidelines that shall be provided by the
41 State Board of Elections."

42 **SECTION 26.3.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2011.

43
44 **PART XXVI-A. STATE CONTROLLER**

45
46 **OVERPAYMENTS AUDIT**

47 **SECTION 26A.1.(a)** During the 2011-2013 biennium, receipts generated by the
48 collection of inadvertent overpayments by State agencies to vendors as a result of pricing
49 errors, neglected rebates and discounts, miscalculated freight charges, unclaimed refunds,
50 erroneously paid excise taxes, and related errors as required by G.S. 147-86.22(c) are to be
51 deposited in Special Reserve Account 24172.

52 **SECTION 26A.1.(b)** For each year of the 2011-2013 biennium, five hundred
53 thousand dollars (\$500,000) of the funds transferred from Special Reserve Account 24172 shall
54 be used by the Office of the State Controller for data processing, debt collection, or
55 e-commerce costs.

56 **SECTION 26A.1.(c)** All funds available in Special Reserve Account 24172 on
57 July 1 of each year of the 2011-2013 biennium are transferred to the General Fund on that date.

1 **SECTION 26A.1.(d)** Any unobligated funds in Special Reserve Account 24172
2 that are realized above the allowance in subsection (b) of this section are subject to
3 appropriation by the General Assembly.

4 **SECTION 26A.1.(e)** The State Controller shall report quarterly to the Joint
5 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division on the
6 revenue deposited into Special Reserve Account 24172 and the disbursement of that revenue.
7

8 **PART XXVII. DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE TREASURER**

9 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT POSITIONS**

10 **SECTION 27.1.(a)** G.S. 105-501(b) reads as rewritten:

11 "(b) Deductions. – The costs incurred by the State to provide the functions listed in this
12 subsection that support local governments are deductible from the collections to be allocated
13 each month for distribution.
14

15 (1) The Department's cost of the following for the preceding month must be
16 deducted and credited to the Department:

17 a. ~~Performing the duties imposed by Article 15 of this Chapter. The~~
18 Local Government Division.

19 b. The Property Tax Commission.

20 (1a) The Department of State Treasurer's costs for personnel and operations of
21 the Local Government Commission.

22 (2) One-twelfth of the costs of the following for the preceding fiscal year must
23 be deducted and credited to the General Fund:

24 a. The School of Government at the University of North Carolina at
25 Chapel Hill in operating a training program in property tax appraisal
26 and assessment.

27 b. The personnel and operations provided by the Department of State
28 Treasurer for the Local Government Commission.

29 c. Seventy percent (70%) of the expenses of the Department of
30 Revenue in performing the duties imposed by Article 2D of this
31 Chapter."

32 **SECTION 27.1.(b)** G.S. 105-501(b), as rewritten by subsection (a) of this section,
33 reads as rewritten:

34 "(b) Deductions. – The costs incurred by the State to provide the functions listed in this
35 subsection that support local governments are deductible from the collections to be allocated
36 each month for distribution.

37 (1) The Department's cost of the following for the preceding month must be
38 deducted and credited to the Department:

39 a. The Local Government Division.

40 b. The Property Tax Commission.

41 (1a) The Department of State Treasurer's costs for personnel and operations of
42 the Local Government Commission.

43 (2) One-twelfth of the costs of the following for the preceding fiscal year must
44 be deducted and credited to the General Fund:

45 a. The School of Government at the University of North Carolina at
46 Chapel Hill in operating a training program in property tax appraisal
47 and assessment.

48 b. ~~The personnel and operations provided by the Department of State~~
49 ~~Treasurer for the Local Government Commission.~~

50 c. Seventy percent (70%) of the expenses of the Department of
51 Revenue in performing the duties imposed by Article 2D of this
52 Chapter."

53 **SECTION 27.1.(c)** Subsection (b) of this section becomes effective July 1, 2012.
54

55 **PART XXVIII. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

56 **CASH FLOW HIGHWAY FUND AND HIGHWAY TRUST FUND APPROPRIATION**

57 **SECTION 28.1.(a)** The General Assembly authorizes and certifies anticipated
58 revenues for the Highway Fund as follows:
59

1	For Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$2,125.4 million
2	For Fiscal Year 2014-2015	\$2,238.0 million
3	For Fiscal Year 2015-2016	\$2,352.3 million
4	For Fiscal Year 2016-2017	\$2,470.9 million

5 **SECTION 28.1.(b)** The General Assembly authorizes and certifies anticipated
6 revenues for the Highway Trust Fund as follows:

7	For Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$1,084.0 million
8	For Fiscal Year 2014-2015	\$1,169.8 million
9	For Fiscal Year 2015-2016	\$1,232.6 million
10	For Fiscal Year 2016-2017	\$1,256.7 million

11 **CHANGES TO HIGHWAY FUND CERTIFIED BUDGET TO INCREASE** 12 **TRANSPARENCY**

13 **SECTION 28.2.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-4(b), the Office of State Budget and
14 Management, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, the Office of the State
15 Controller, and the Fiscal Research Division, shall execute changes to the Department of
16 Transportation's Highway Fund (Budget Code 84210) 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Certified Budget
17 to increase transparency. The Adjusted 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Certified Budget for Budget
18 Code 84210 shall include object detail using the North Carolina Accounting System Uniform
19 Chart of Accounts prescribed by the Office of the State Controller to provide a more detailed
20 accounting of the proposed budgets and receipts and actual expenditures and revenue
21 collections. This includes, but is not limited to, applying object detail at the four-digit level for
22 all accounts to full-time and part-time positions, to operating expenditures and receipts, and to
23 intrafund transfers. In addition, work order positions shall be budgeted within existing fund
24 codes. These readjustments to the enacted budget are for the sole purpose of correctly aligning
25 authorized positions and associated operating costs with the appropriate purposes and
26 definitions as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1. The Office of State Budget and Management shall
27 change the certified budget to reflect these adjustments only after reporting the proposed
28 adjustments to the Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Department of
29 Transportation and the Chairs of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation
30 and to the Fiscal Research Division no later than March 1, 2012. It is the intent of the General
31 Assembly that these changes in the certified budget for Budget Code 84210 shall begin with the
32 2012-2013 fiscal year and shall be used in subsequent fiscal years.
33
34

35 **REMOVE PILOT DESIGNATION FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

36 **SECTION 28.3.** G.S. 136-28.1 reads as rewritten:

37 "**§ 136-28.1. Letting of contracts to bidders after advertisement; exceptions.**

38 ...
39 (l) The Department of Transportation may enter into ~~as many as two pilot~~ contracts for
40 ~~public-private~~ public-private participation in providing litter removal from State right-of-way.
41 Selection of firms to perform this work shall be made using a best value procurement process
42 and shall be without regard to other provisions of law regarding the Adopt-A-Highway
43 Program administered by the Department. Acknowledgement of sponsors may be indicated by
44 appropriate signs that shall be owned by the Department of Transportation. The size, style,
45 specifications, and content of the signs shall be determined in the sole discretion of the
46 Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation may issue ~~rules~~ guidelines,
47 rules, and policies necessary to ~~implement~~ administer ~~this section.~~ subsection.

48 (m) The Department of Transportation may enter into ~~as many as two pilot~~ contracts for
49 ~~public-private~~ participation in ~~providing real-time traveler information~~ at State-owned rest
50 areas. Selection of firms ~~to perform this work~~ shall be made using a best value procurement
51 process. Recognition of sponsors in the program may be indicated by appropriate
52 acknowledgment for any services provided. The size, style, specifications, and content of the
53 acknowledgment shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Department. Revenues
54 generated pursuant to a contract initiated under this subsection shall be shared with Department
55 of Transportation at a predetermined percentage or rate, and shall be earmarked by the
56 Department to maintain the State owned rest areas from which the revenues are generated. The
57 Department of Transportation may issue guidelines, rules, and policies necessary to administer
58 ~~a pilot program initiated under~~ this subsection.
59

REMOVE CAP ON DESIGN-BUILD PROJECTS

SECTION 28.4. G.S. 136-28.11(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Design-Build Contracts Authorized. – Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Board of Transportation may award contracts for up to 25 projects each fiscal year for construction of transportation projects on a design-build basis."

FLEXIBILITY TO SEEK LIMITED SPONSORSHIPS

SECTION 28.5.(a) G.S. 66-58 reads as rewritten:

"§ 66-58. **Sale of merchandise or services by governmental units.**

...
(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to:

...
(20) The Department of Transportation, or any nonprofit lessee of or other party contracting with the Department, for the sale of books, crafts, gifts, and other tourism-related items at visitor centers travel-related goods and services at welcome centers, visitor centers, rest areas, and administrative facilities owned by the Department.

...
(c) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not prohibit:

...
(20) The Department of Transportation or any lessee of or contracting party with the Department from conducting activities related to privatization and operation of welcome centers, visitor centers, rest areas, and administrative facilities or from entering into agreements for sponsorship of agency services.

...."

SECTION 28.5.(b) G.S. 136-18 reads as rewritten:

"§ 136-18. **Powers of Department of Transportation.**

The said Department of Transportation is vested with the following powers:

...
(9) To employ appropriate means for properly selecting, planting and protecting trees, shrubs, vines, grasses or legumes in the highway right-of-way in the promotion of erosion control, landscaping and general protection of said highways; to acquire by gift or otherwise land for and to construct, operate and maintain roadside parks, picnic areas, picnic tables, scenic overlooks and other appropriate turnouts for the safety and convenience of highway users; and to cooperate with municipal or county authorities, federal agencies, civic bodies and individuals in the furtherance of those objectives. None of the roadside parks, picnic areas, picnic tables, scenic overlooks or other turnouts, or any part of the highway right-of-way shall be used for commercial purposes except (i) for materials displayed in welcome centers in accordance with G.S. 136-89.56, and (ii) for vending machines permitted by the Department of Transportation and placed by the Division of Services for the Blind, Department of Health and Human Services, as the State licensing agency designated pursuant to Section 2(a)(5) of the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 USC 107a(a)(5)). The Department of Transportation shall regulate the placing of the vending machines in highway rest areas and shall regulate the articles to be dispensed. Every other use or attempted use of any of these areas for commercial purposes shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor and each day's use shall constitute a separate offense. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Department of Transportation is authorized to contract for sponsorship of ferry welcome centers, Incident Management Assistance Patrols, welcome centers, visitor centers, and rest areas and to allow the contracting party to use the right-of-way for commercial purposes for the sale of travel-related goods at services in accordance with G.S. 136-89.56."

...
(39) To enter into partnership agreements with private entities, and authorized political subdivisions to finance, by tolls, contracts, and other financing

1 methods authorized by law, the cost of acquiring, constructing, equipping,
 2 maintaining, and operating transportation infrastructure in this State, and to
 3 plan, design, develop, acquire, construct, equip, maintain, and operate
 4 transportation infrastructure in this State. The Department is also authorized
 5 to enter into partnership agreements with private entities and authorized
 6 political subdivisions to finance the cost of acquiring, constructing,
 7 equipping, maintaining, and operating facilities, including ferry welcome
 8 centers, Incident Management Assistance Patrols, welcome centers, visitor
 9 centers, rest areas, and administrative offices. The Department is further
 10 authorized to enter into partnership agreements with private entities and
 11 authorized political subdivisions to finance the cost of providing sponsorship
 12 for State services. An agreement entered into under this subdivision requires
 13 the concurrence of the Board of Transportation. The Department shall report
 14 to the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee,
 15 the Chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on
 16 Transportation, and the Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on
 17 the Department of Transportation, at the same time it notifies the Board of
 18 Transportation of any proposed agreement under this subdivision. Any
 19 contracts for construction of highways, roads, streets, and bridges which are
 20 awarded pursuant to an agreement entered into under this section shall
 21 comply with the competitive bidding requirements of Article 2 of this
 22 Chapter.

23 "...."

24 **SECTION 28.5.(c)** G.S. 136-89.56 reads as rewritten:

25 **"§ 136-89.56. Commercial enterprises.**

26 No commercial enterprises or activities shall be authorized or conducted by the Department
 27 of Transportation, any other State agency, or the governing body of any city or town, within or
 28 on the property acquired for or designated as a controlled-access facility, as defined in this
 29 Article, except for:

- 30 (1) ~~Materials displayed~~ The sale of goods and services by the Department, a
 31 lessee, or other service provider or contracting party at welcome centers
 32 ~~which~~ centers, visitor centers, rest areas, and other administrative offices
 33 shall be directly related to travel, accommodations, tourist-related activities,
 34 tourist-related services, and attractions. The Department of Transportation
 35 shall issue rules and may adopt guidelines and policies regulating the display
 36 and sale of these materials. These materials may contain advertisements for
 37 real estate; and

38 "...."

39
 40 **SMALL CONSTRUCTION AND CONTINGENCY FUNDS**

41 **SECTION 28.6.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
 42 Transportation:

- 43 (1) Seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) shall be allocated in each fiscal year for
 44 small construction projects recommended by the State Highway
 45 Administrator in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer and approved
 46 by the Secretary of the Department of Transportation. These funds shall be
 47 allocated equally in each fiscal year of the biennium among the 14 Highway
 48 Divisions for small construction projects.
- 49 (2) Twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) shall be allocated statewide in each
 50 fiscal year for rural or small urban highway improvements and related
 51 transportation enhancements to public roads and public facilities, industrial
 52 access roads, and spot safety projects, including pedestrian walkways that
 53 enhance highway safety. Projects funded pursuant to this subdivision shall
 54 be approved by the Secretary of Transportation.

55 None of these funds used for rural secondary road construction are subject to the
 56 county allocation formulas in G.S. 136-44.5(b) and (c).

57 These funds are not subject to G.S. 136-44.7.

58 The Department of Transportation shall report to the members of the General
 59 Assembly on projects funded pursuant to this section in each member's district prior to

1 construction. The Department shall make a quarterly comprehensive report on the use of these
2 funds to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research
3 Division.

4 5 **ADJUST SECONDARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND SECONDARY ROAD** 6 **MAINTENANCE**

7 **SECTION 28.7.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 136-44.2A, secondary road construction
8 and secondary road maintenance funds from the Highway Fund shall not increase over the
9 amounts allocated in the fiscal year 2011-2012 and fiscal year 2012-2013 base budgets.

10 **SECTION 28.7.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 136-182, secondary road construction
11 and secondary road maintenance funds from the Highway Trust Fund shall not increase over
12 the amounts allocated in the fiscal year 2011-2012 and fiscal year 2012-2013 base budgets.

13 14 **SYSTEM PRESERVATION FUNDS PREFERENCE FOR DEFICIENT BRIDGES**

15 **SECTION 28.8.** The funds allocated to the system preservation program (Budget
16 Code 84240-7839) for fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 shall be used for bridge
17 improvements on structurally deficient bridges.

18 19 **INCREASE DOT PRIVATIZATION**

20 **SECTION 28.9.** The Department of Transportation shall seek to increase the use of
21 contracts to further privatize design and engineering work where practical and economical. In
22 doing so, the Department of Transportation shall do the following:

- 23 (1) Identify State-funded professional service contracts of two hundred fifty
24 thousand dollars (\$250,000) or less that are likely to attract increased
25 participation by Small Professional Services Firms and then direct the
26 solicitation of applicable contracts to those firms.
- 27 (2) Expand the use of multiple contract awards for maintenance and repair
28 projects.
- 29 (3) Increase the outsourcing of preliminary engineering projects to fifty percent
30 (50%) of the total funds in the annual work plan.

31 32 **STATE STREET-AID TO MUNICIPALITIES (POWELL BILL) ADJUSTMENTS**

33 **SECTION 28.10.(a)** G.S. 136-41.1(a) reads as rewritten:

34 "(a) There is annually appropriated out of the State Highway Fund a sum equal to the net
35 amount after refunds that was produced during the fiscal year by a one and three-fourths cents
36 (1 3/4¢) tax on each gallon of motor fuel taxed under Article 36C of Chapter 105 of the General
37 Statutes and on the equivalent amount of alternative fuel taxed under Article 36D of that
38 Chapter. ~~The One-half of the~~ amount appropriated shall be allocated in cash on or before
39 October 1 of each year to the cities and towns of the State in accordance with this section. The
40 second one-half of the amount appropriated shall be allocated in cash on or before January 1 of
41 each year to the cities and towns of the State in accordance with this section. In addition, as
42 provided in G.S. 136-176(b)(3), revenue is allocated and appropriated from the Highway Trust
43 Fund to the cities and towns of this State to be used for the same purposes and distributed in the
44 same manner as the revenue appropriated to them under this section from the Highway Fund.
45 Like the appropriation from the Highway Fund, the appropriation from the Highway Trust
46 Fund shall be based on revenue collected during the fiscal year preceding the date the
47 distribution is made.

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49 **SECTION 28.10.(b)** Article 2 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended
50 by adding a new section to read:

51 **"§ 136-41.2B. Eligibility for funds; municipalities with no road miles ineligible.**

52 No municipality shall be eligible to receive funds under G.S. 136-41.1 unless the
53 municipality maintains public streets that (i) are within its jurisdiction and (ii) do not form a
54 part of the State highway system."

55 **SECTION 28.10.(c)** Unexpended and unencumbered funds previously allocated to
56 municipalities made ineligible to receive funds by subsection (b) of this section shall be
57 reallocated to eligible municipalities in accordance with G.S. 136-41.1.

58 **SECTION 28.10.(d)** G.S. 136-41.3 reads as rewritten:

1 "§ 136-41.3. Use of funds; records and annual statement; excess accumulation of funds;
2 contracts for maintenance, etc., of streets.
3

4 ...
5 No funds allocated to municipalities pursuant to G.S. 136-41.1 and 136-41.2 shall be
6 permitted to accumulate for a period greater than permitted by this section. Interest on
7 accumulated funds shall be used only for the purposes permitted by the provisions of
8 G.S. 136-41.3. ~~Any~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, any municipality having
9 accumulated an amount greater than the sum of the past 10 allocations made, shall have an
10 amount equal to such excess deducted from the next allocation after receipt of the report
11 required by this section. Such deductions shall be carried over and added to the amount to be
12 allocated to municipalities for the following year. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this
13 section, the Department shall adopt a policy to allow small municipalities to apply to the
14 Department to be allowed to accumulate up to the sum of the past 20 allocations if a
15 municipality's allocations are so small that the sum of the past 10 allocations would not be
16 sufficient to accomplish the purposes of this section.

17"

18 STATE AID TO RAILROADS TRANSPARENCY

19 SECTION 28.12. G.S. 136-44.20(d) is repealed.
20

21 PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION TO STUDY NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD

22 SECTION 28.12A. The Program Evaluation Division of the General Assembly
23 shall conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the North Carolina Railroad Company, a North
24 Carolina corporation of which the State is the sole shareholder and which is a discretely
25 reported component unit of the State as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards
26 Board. The evaluation shall address, at a minimum, the following issues:

- 27 (1) Whether the corporation is adhering to its stated corporate mission of
28 maximizing the value of the corporation for the people of the State.
- 29 (2) What economic development benefits have been provided by the corporation
30 and for what costs.
- 31 (3) An evaluation of the use of available cash by the corporation, including the
32 purchase of real property used for investment purposes rather than paying
33 dividends to the State.
- 34 (4) The approximate value of the corporation's assets, based on a market
35 valuation rather than historic or book value of assets.
- 36 (5) The approximate value of the entire corporation as a going concern.
- 37 (6) The effectiveness of the provisions of Chapter 124 of the General Statutes to
38 allow the State to exercise its shareholder rights and to provide effective
39 shareholder oversight of the corporation.
- 40 (7) Whether the ownership of the corporation provides the State a reasonable
41 return on its investment, attempting to consider both the tangible and
42 intangible value provided by the corporation.
- 43 (8) Whether the corporation should be sold, transferred under the jurisdiction of
44 the Department of Transportation or another State agency, or maintain its
45 corporate structure.
- 46 (9) Whether the General Assembly should consider the possibility of repealing
47 the corporate charter of the corporation by a special act, as allowed under
48 Section 1 of Article VIII of the North Carolina Constitution.

49 For the purposes of this evaluation, the terms "State agency" or "agency" as used under
50 Article 7C of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes shall include the North Carolina Railroad
51 Company.

52 For the purposes of this evaluation, the Program Evaluation Division is hereby granted
53 authority to exercise the State's shareholder right to inspect the corporate books and records of
54 the North Carolina Railroad Company on behalf of the State.

55 The Program Evaluation Division may hire consultants to aid it in its evaluation, including
56 experts in appraisal and valuation.

57 The Program Evaluation Division shall report the results of its study to the Joint Legislative
58 Program Evaluation Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight
59 Committee no later than May 1, 2012.

REPORT, CONSULTATION, AND APPROVAL OF RAIL PROJECTS**SECTION 28.15.** G.S. 136-44.36 reads as rewritten:**"§ 136-44.36. Department of Transportation designated as agency to administer federal and State railroad revitalization programs.**

(a) The General Assembly hereby designates the Department of Transportation as the agency of the State of North Carolina responsible for administering all State and federal railroad revitalization programs. The Department of Transportation is authorized to develop, and the Board of Transportation is authorized to adopt, a State railroad plan, and the Department of Transportation is authorized to do all things necessary under applicable State and federal legislation to properly administer State and federal railroad revitalization programs within the State. Such authority shall include, but shall not be limited to, the power to receive federal funds and distribute and expend federal and State funds for rail programs designed to cover the costs of acquiring, by purchase, lease or other manner as the department considers appropriate, a railroad line or other rail property to maintain existing or to provide future rail service; the costs of rehabilitating and improving rail property on railroad lines to the extent necessary to permit safe, adequate and efficient rail service on such lines; and the costs of constructing rail or rail related facilities for the purpose of improving the quality, efficiency and safety of rail service. The Department shall also have the authority to preserve railroad corridors for future railroad use and interim compatible uses and may lease such corridors for interim compatible uses. Such authority shall also include the power to receive and administer federal financial assistance without State financial participation to railroad companies to cover the costs of local rail service continuation payments, of rail line rehabilitation, and of rail line construction as listed above. This Article shall not be construed to grant to the department the power or authority to operate directly any rail line or rail facilities.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the acceptance of federal funds by the Department of Transportation for rail programs shall be subject to the following:

- (1) Report. – For any project under subsection (a) of this section, the Department of Transportation shall report the project details, including the amounts of federal funds and any State matching funds, as well as the expected annual maintenance and operational costs to the State of the project for the next 25 years, to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, or to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Appropriations on Department of Transportation if the General Assembly is in session.
- (2) Consultation. – If either the amount of State matching funds required by the federal grant or the amount of future annual maintenance and operational costs of the project are reasonably expected to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000), then the Department shall not accept the federal funds prior to consultation with the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, or with the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Appropriations on Department of Transportation if the General Assembly is in session. Failure of the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, or the Senate Committee on Appropriations on Department of Transportation to hold a meeting with the Department of Transportation within 60 days of a written request for a meeting from the Department of Transportation shall be deemed a waiver of consultation by the committee.
- (3) Approval. – If either the amount of State matching funds required by the federal grant or the amount of future annual maintenance and operational costs of the project are reasonably expected to exceed twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000), then the Department's acceptance of funds shall be subject to approval of the project by an act of the General Assembly. If 30 days have passed since consultation or the expiration of the consultation period under subdivision (2) of this subsection, then the inaction of the General Assembly, including the lack of an extra session to address the project, shall

1 be deemed an approval of the project, and the Department may accept the
2 funds without an act of the General Assembly.
3 For purposes of this subsection, the terms "State matching funds" and "annual maintenance and
4 operational costs to the State" shall not include funds that may pass through the Department of
5 Transportation but that originally came from a non-State source."
6

7 **PROHIBIT RAIL DIVISION FROM PROVIDING CONVENIENCE ITEMS FREE OF**
8 **CHARGE ON ALL PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE**

9 **SECTION 28.16.** The Department of Transportation, Rail Division, shall not
10 provide convenience items to passengers free of charge unless the items are donated to the
11 State. These items include bottled or canned drink products, excluding water, newspapers, or
12 other items of convenience. The Department of Transportation may charge a nominal fee for
13 such items through vending machines or through other mechanisms.
14

15 **STUDY MANN'S HARBOR REPAIR AND PAINT SHOP**

16 **SECTION 28.16A.** The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
17 shall study the issue of privatizing the ferry repair facilities and paint shop at Manns Harbor.
18 As part of its analysis, the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee shall consider
19 the cost of performing ferry repairs through a private corporation, potential operational savings
20 from closing the Manns Harbor repair and paint shop facilities, the potential sale or lease price
21 of the Manns Harbor facility, and the overall annual savings or costs from privatizing ferry
22 repairs and paint operations. In order to conduct its study, the Joint Legislative Transportation
23 Oversight Committee may employ outside consultants. The Joint Legislative Transportation
24 Oversight Committee shall submit its report to the General Assembly no later than May 25,
25 2012.
26

27 **ELIMINATE AERONAUTICS COUNCIL, BICYCLE COMMITTEE, AND RAIL**
28 **COUNCIL**

29 **SECTION 28.17.(a)** The Aeronautics Council of the Department of Transportation
30 is eliminated. G.S. 143B-356 and G.S. 143B-357 are repealed.

31 **SECTION 28.17.(b)** The North Carolina Bicycle Committee within the
32 Department of Transportation is eliminated. G.S. 136-71.13 is repealed.

33 **SECTION 28.17.(c)** The North Carolina Rail Council of the Department of
34 Transportation is eliminated. Part 9 of Article 8 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is
35 repealed.
36

37 **AVIATION DIVISION APPROPRIATION**

38 **SECTION 28.17A.** Notwithstanding G.S. 136-16.4, the continuing aviation
39 appropriation from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation shall be reduced as
40 provided in this act.
41

42 **FLEXIBLE USE OF FUNDS TO LEVERAGE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR RURAL**
43 **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

44 **SECTION 28.18.** In order to ensure maximum receipts of funding and to facilitate
45 the use of funds available to the Department, the Department of Transportation, Public
46 Transportation Division, shall have the flexibility to transfer funding from the consolidated
47 capital program of its rural funding programs for vehicles, technology, and facilities to the
48 operating programs, based on the Department's ability to leverage all additional federal funds to
49 meet the capital needs of rural transportation systems. This section applies only to fiscal years
50 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.
51

52 **MAXIMIZE LEVERAGE OF FEDERAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATING**
53 **AND CAPITAL FUNDS FOR LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS**

54 **SECTION 28.19.** The Department of Transportation, Public Transportation
55 Division, shall provide local public transportation systems with maximum flexibility to use
56 State operating funds from the "urban and regional maintenance," "elderly and disabled," "work
57 first and transportation employment," and "urban technology, human service transportation
58 management, and rural general public" grant programs to leverage all eligible federal transit
59 operating assistance funds. This section applies only to fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

1
2 **STREAMLINE GRANT PROCESS AND CONSOLIDATE GRANTS FOR PUBLIC**
3 **TRANSPORTATION**

4 **SECTION 28.20.(a)** The Department of Transportation, Public Transportation
5 Division, shall work with stakeholders to streamline the grant application process, determine
6 levels for funding distributions, and make recommendations to the General Assembly to
7 maximize the use of these grant funds. The Department of Transportation shall report these
8 findings to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee no later than March 1,
9 2012.

10 **SECTION 28.20.(b)** The Department of Transportation and the Office of State
11 Budget and Management are directed to combine grant funding to the "elderly and disabled,"
12 "work first and transportation employment," and the human service transportation management
13 and rural general public grant programs within the "urban technology, human service
14 transportation management and rural general public" grant programs. The Highway Fund
15 Budget Code 84210, Fund Code 7831, shall be changed to reflect these consolidations and the
16 separation of the "urban technology, human service transportation management and rural
17 general public" grant program. The grant categories and respective formulas shall remain
18 unchanged. The Department shall determine an appropriate distribution for funds based upon
19 the needs of the local governments.

20 Consolidating the funding sources should enable the Department to increase
21 utilization of all available funds based on documented local needs, reduce program
22 administration at the State and local levels, and increase flexibility for regional systems to
23 apply and expend funds for multicounty transit needs.

24 **SECTION 28.20.(c)** Subsection (b) of this section becomes effective July 1, 2012.
25

26 **STUDY REGIONAL CONSOLIDATION OF TRANSIT SYSTEMS**

27 **SECTION 28.21.** The Department of Transportation, Public Transportation
28 Division, is directed to study the feasibility and appropriateness of developing regional transit
29 systems with the goals of (i) providing increased mobility between existing transit systems
30 within one county and between counties, (ii) improving planning and coordination to better
31 meet public demand, (iii) maximizing funding, and (iv) developing centralized professional
32 staff that will create operational and administrative efficiencies. This study shall examine both
33 (i) the consolidation of transit service planning and delivery based on regional travel patterns
34 and (ii) the consolidation of single-county transit systems, where applicable. The Department of
35 Transportation, Public Transportation Division, shall report the results of its study to the Joint
36 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee no later than March 1, 2012.
37

38 **BLUE LINE EXTENSION AND RED LINE COMMUTER RAIL PROJECTS**

39 **SECTION 28.21A.** The Department of Transportation shall not enter into any
40 contracts for the construction, design, or planning of the LYNX Blue Line Extension/Northeast
41 Corridor project or the LYNX Red Line/North Corridor Commuter Rail project if the contract
42 requires the present or future commitment of any State funds.
43

44 **FLEXIBLE USE OF FUNDS FOR DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR FISCAL**
45 **YEARS 2011-2012 AND 2012-2013**

46 **SECTION 28.23.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
47 Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles:

- 48 (1) One hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000) may be used for contractual
49 security services at the Division of Motor Vehicles Registration and
50 International Registration Plan (IRP) office in the City of Charlotte.
51 (2) Two hundred twenty-five thousand thirty dollars (\$225,030) may be used for
52 the purpose of staffing the dedicated commercial drivers license skills testing
53 sites located in the City of Lumberton and under construction in Iredell
54 County. The Division is authorized to reclassify five existing, vacant
55 positions for this purpose.
56

57 **COMPETITIVE BIDDING OF LICENSE PLATE AGENCY CONTRACTS**

58 **SECTION 28.23A.(a)** G.S. 20-63(h) reads as rewritten:

1 "(h) Commission Contracts for Issuance of Plates and Certificates. – All registration
2 plates, registration certificates, and certificates of title issued by the Division, outside of those
3 issued from the Charlotte and Raleigh offices of the Division and those issued and handled
4 through the United States mail, shall be issued insofar as practicable and possible through
5 commission contracts entered into by the Division for the issuance of the plates and certificates
6 in localities throughout North Carolina with persons, firms, corporations or governmental
7 subdivisions of the State of North Carolina. The Division shall make a reasonable effort in
8 every locality, except as noted above, to enter into a commission contract for the issuance of
9 the plates and certificates and a record of these efforts shall be maintained in the Division. In
10 the event the Division is unsuccessful in making commission contracts, it shall issue the plates
11 and certificates through the regular employees of the Division. Whenever registration plates,
12 registration certificates, and certificates of title are issued by the Division through commission
13 contract arrangements, the Division shall provide proper supervision of the distribution.
14 Nothing contained in this subsection will allow or permit the operation of fewer outlets in any
15 county in this State than are now being operated.

16 Commission contracts entered into by the Division under this subsection prior to September
17 1, 2011, shall provide for the payment of compensation on a per transaction basis. The
18 collection of the highway use tax shall be considered a separate transaction for which one
19 dollar and twenty-seven cents (\$1.27) compensation shall be paid. The performance at the same
20 time of one or more of the remaining transactions listed in this subsection shall be considered a
21 single transaction for which one dollar and forty-three cents (\$1.43) compensation shall be
22 paid.

23 A transaction is any of the following activities:

- 24 (1) Issuance of a registration plate, a registration card issued without collection
25 of property taxes or fees under G.S. 105-330.5, a registration renewal
26 sticker, or a certificate of title.
- 27 (2) Issuance of a handicapped placard or handicapped identification card.
- 28 (3) Acceptance of an application for a personalized registration plate.
- 29 (4) Acceptance of a surrendered registration plate, registration card, or
30 registration renewal sticker, or acceptance of an affidavit stating why a
31 person cannot surrender a registration plate, registration card, or registration
32 renewal sticker.
- 33 (5) Cancellation of a title because the vehicle has been junked.
- 34 (6) Acceptance of an application for, or issuance of, a refund for a fee or a tax,
35 other than the highway use tax.
- 36 (7) Receipt of the civil penalty imposed by G.S. 20-311 for a lapse in financial
37 responsibility or receipt of the restoration fee imposed by that statute.
- 38 (8) Acceptance of a notice of failure to maintain financial responsibility for a
39 motor vehicle.
- 40 (8a) Collection of civil penalties imposed for violations of G.S. 20-183.8A.
- 41 (8b) Sale of one or more inspection stickers in a single transaction to a licensed
42 inspection station.
- 43 (9) Collection of the highway use tax.
- 44 (10) Acceptance of a temporary lien filing."

45 **SECTION 28.23A.(b)** G.S. 20-63(h1) reads as rewritten:

46 "(h1) Commission contracts entered into by the Division under this subsection prior to
47 September 1, 2011, shall also provide for the payment of an additional one dollar (\$1.00) of
48 compensation to commission contract agents for any transaction assessed a fee under
49 subdivision (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(7), (a)(8), or (a)(9) of G.S. 20-85."

50 **SECTION 28.23A.(c)** G.S. 20-63 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

51 "(h3) Competitive Contract Bidding. – For contracts entered into after September 1, 2011,
52 the Division shall advertise geographic regions for commission contracts. The Division shall
53 award commission contracts through a competitive bidding process, to include bids on all
54 transaction fees to be earned under the commission contract. The Division shall award the
55 contract to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, taking into consideration background
56 checks, prior contractual relations with potential commission agents, the ability to satisfactorily
57 perform commission contract, and other factors deemed appropriate by the Division and
58 advertised as part of the bid solicitation."
59

CONFORMING CHANGES RELATED TO DMV AUDITORS AND CHANGES RELATED TO DMV HEARINGS

SECTION 28.23B.(a) G.S. 20-183.8F reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-183.8F. Requirements for giving license holders notice of violations and for taking summary action.

(a) ~~Finding of Violation. — When an auditor of the Division finds that a violation has occurred that could result in the suspension or revocation of an inspection station license, a self-inspector license, a mechanic license, or the registration of a person engaged in the business of replacing windshields, the auditor must give the affected license holder written notice of the finding. The notice must be given within five business days after the completion of the investigation that resulted in the discovery of the violation. The notice must state the period of suspension or revocation that could apply to the violation and any monetary penalty that could apply to the violation. The notice must also inform the license holder of the right to a hearing if the Division charges the license holder with the violation.~~

(b) ~~Notice of Charges. — When the Division decides to charge an inspection station, a self-inspector, or a mechanic, or a person who is engaged in the business of replacing windshields~~mechanic with a violation that could result in the suspension or revocation of the person's license, ~~an auditor of the Division~~ must deliver a written statement of the charges to the affected license holder. The statement of charges must inform the license holder of ~~this right,~~ the right to request a hearing, instruct the person on how to obtain a hearing, and inform the license holder of the effect of not requesting a hearing. The license holder has the right to a hearing before the license is suspended or revoked. ~~G.S. 20-183.8E~~G.S. 20-183.8G sets out the procedure for obtaining a hearing.

(c) ~~Exception for Summary Action. — The right granted by subsection (b) of this section to have a hearing before a license is suspended or revoked does not apply if the Division summarily suspends or revokes the license after a judge has reviewed and authorized the proposed action. A license issued to an inspection station, a self-inspector, or a mechanic is a substantial property interest that cannot be summarily suspended or revoked without judicial review.~~

(d) A notice or statement prepared pursuant to this section or an order of the Division that is directed to a mechanic may be served on the mechanic by delivering a copy of the notice, statement, or order to the station or to the place of business of the self-inspector where the mechanic is employed. Delivery under this section to any person may be made via certified mail or by hand delivery."

SECTION 28.23B.(b) G.S. 20-183.8G(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) ~~Hearing After Statement of Charges. — When a license holder receives a statement of charges of a violation that could result in the suspension or revocation of the person's license, the person can obtain a hearing by making a request for a hearing. The person must make the request to the Division within 10 days after receiving the statement of the charges. A person who does not request a hearing within this time limit waives the right to a hearing.~~

The Division must hold a hearing requested under this subsection within ~~10 business~~³⁰ days after receiving the request. The hearing must be held at the location designated by the Division. Suspension or revocation of the license is stayed until a decision is made following the hearing.

If a person does not request a hearing within the time allowed for making the request, the proposed suspension or revocation becomes effective the day after the time for making the request ends. If a person requests a hearing but does not attend the hearing, the proposed suspension or revocation becomes effective the day after the date set for the hearing."

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO REPORT ON MOTOR FUELS TAX AUDITOR AND INVESTIGATOR PERFORMANCE

SECTION 28.25. The Department of Revenue, Motor Fuels Division and the Tax Enforcement Division, shall report on the performance of auditor and investigator collection and enforcement activities as it relates to its administration of the motor fuels, alternative fuels, motor carrier, and inspection tax laws. The report will overview the Department's collection and enforcement activities and include recommendations to improve these efforts. This Department shall develop a methodology to compare performance by employees and include these results in the report. The Department of Revenue shall report to the Joint Legislative

1 Transportation Oversight Committee and to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
2 Operations by March 1, 2012.

3
4 **REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFERS AND REDIRECT LEAKING**
5 **UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FUNDING TO HIGHWAY FUND FOR**
6 **SYSTEM PRESERVATION**

7 **SECTION 28.25A.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 119-18(b) or any other provision of
8 law, the amount of allowable costs of administering Chapter 119 of the General Statutes for the
9 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall be reduced by a recurring two hundred
10 sixty-one thousand eight hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$261,888). Notwithstanding
11 G.S. 119-18(b) or any other provision of law, the amount of allowable costs of administering
12 Subchapter V of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes for the Department of Revenue shall be
13 reduced by a recurring one million twenty-four thousand five hundred forty-four dollars
14 (\$1,024,544).

15 **SECTION 28.25A.(b)** G.S. 119-18(b) reads as rewritten:

16 "(b) Proceeds. – The proceeds of the inspection tax levied by this section shall be applied
17 first to the costs of administering this Article and Subchapter V of Chapter 105 of the General
18 Statutes. The remainder of the proceeds shall be credited on a monthly basis to ~~the Commercial~~
19 ~~Leaking Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund and the Noncommercial Leaking~~
20 ~~Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund. If the amount of revenue in the~~
21 ~~Noncommercial Fund at the end of a month is at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000),~~
22 ~~one half of the remainder of the proceeds shall be credited to the Noncommercial Fund and~~
23 ~~one half of the remainder of the proceeds shall be credited to the Commercial Fund. If the~~
24 ~~amount of revenue in the Noncommercial Fund at the end of a month is less than this threshold~~
25 ~~amount, all of the remainder of the proceeds shall be credited to the Noncommercial Fund.~~
26 the Highway Fund to be used for system preservation under the Department of Transportation in
27 the highway maintenance program."

28
29 **STUDY REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS FOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION**
30 **LITTER PICKUP**

31 **SECTION 28.26.** The Office of State Budget and Management, in consultation
32 with the Department of Correction and Department of Transportation, shall study
33 performance-based reimbursement as an alternative to the current funding mechanism for
34 inmate litter pickup, which consists of a direct appropriation from the Department of
35 Transportation's Highway Fund budget to the Department of Correction. Measures for an
36 alternative funding mechanism may include reimbursements based on total mileage of
37 highways cleaned, per hour reimbursements for non-litter pickup activities, or other factors, as
38 appropriate.

39 The Office of State Budget and Management shall report to the Joint Legislative
40 Transportation Oversight Committee and to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
41 Operations no later than March 1, 2012. It is intended that the report contain recommendations
42 for reimbursement rates that have been agreed upon by the Department of Correction and the
43 Department of Transportation and that the recommended rate structure will be included in the
44 report. The report shall also include any statutory changes to be considered by the General
45 Assembly in relation to this report.

46
47 **STATE HIGHWAY PATROL FUNDS TRANSFER**

48 **SECTION 28.27.(a)** In fiscal year 2011-2012, the State Treasurer shall transfer
49 one hundred ninety-three million five hundred eighty-five thousand four hundred thirty-four
50 dollars (\$193,585,434) of the funds allocated to the Highway Fund under G.S. 105-449.125 to
51 the General Fund. The transfer of funds authorized by this section may be made by transferring
52 one-fourth of the amount at the end of each quarter in the fiscal year or by transferring the full
53 amount annually on July 1 of each fiscal year, subject to the availability of revenue.

54 **SECTION 28.27.(b)** In fiscal year 2012-2013, the State Treasurer shall transfer
55 one hundred eighty-nine million eight hundred fifty-nine thousand five hundred seven dollars
56 (\$189,859,507) of the funds allocated to the Highway Fund under G.S. 105-449.125 to the
57 General Fund. The transfer of funds authorized by this section may be made by transferring
58 one-fourth of the amount at the end of each quarter in the fiscal year or by transferring the full
59 amount annually on July 1 of each fiscal year, subject to the availability of revenue.

1 **SECTION 28.27.(c)** The Office of State Budget and Management and the Office
 2 of State Controller shall discontinue use of the Crime Control and Public Safety – Highway
 3 Fund budget code (Budget Code 24960) and shall certify funds appropriated by this act for the
 4 State Highway Patrol under a separate fund code within the Crime Control and Public Safety –
 5 General Fund budget code (Budget Code 14900). The Department of Transportation, Office of
 6 State Budget and Management, and Office of State Controller shall certify and account for
 7 State matching funds for Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program grants, federal funds, and
 8 other receipts budgeted for State Highway Patrol programs, as necessary.

9 **SECTION 28.27.(d)** G.S. 20-194 reads as rewritten:

10 "~~§ 20-194. Expense of administration; defense~~**Defense of members and other State**
 11 **law-enforcement officers in civil actions; payment of judgments.**

12 ~~(a) All expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Article shall be paid out~~
 13 ~~of the highway fund.~~

14 ~~...."~~

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 16 **STATE HIGHWAY PATROL POSITIONS AND MANAGEMENT FLEXIBILITY**

17 **SECTION 28.28.(a)** The Administrative Services Section of the State Highway
 18 Patrol is hereby eliminated. The Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public
 19 Safety shall consolidate remaining Administrative Services Section positions and
 20 organizational units with other functions of the Department.

21 **SECTION 28.28.(b)** The following State Highway Patrol positions are hereby
 22 eliminated:

Position ID	Position Title
60084611	Program Assistant V
60084615	Attorney
60085385	Sergeant
60084952	First Sergeant
60085315	W/A First Sergeant
60084628	Assessment Analyst
60084772	Office Assistant
60084779	Budget Analyst
60085953	Major
60084998	First Sergeant
60084947	Captain
60085945	W/A Captain
60085302	Lieutenant
60084755	Office Assistant
60084858	Office Assistant
60084686	Deputy Secretary

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 40 **SECTION 28.28.(c)** In addition to the other budgetary reductions required by this
 41 act, the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, State Highway Patrol, shall have
 42 management flexibility to achieve savings in the Patrol's operation of five million five hundred
 43 eighty-nine thousand five hundred ninety-two dollars (\$5,589,592), recurring, in fiscal year
 44 2011-2012 and eight million seven hundred twenty-two thousand eight hundred ninety-two
 45 dollars (\$8,722,892), recurring, in fiscal year 2012-2013. The Department of Crime Control
 46 and Public Safety, State Highway Patrol, is authorized to eliminate positions to achieve this
 47 budgetary reduction but is encouraged to find efficiencies and savings elsewhere in the Patrol's
 48 administrative structure. Additionally, the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety,
 49 State Highway Patrol, may eliminate filled positions but shall not eliminate sworn law
 50 enforcement officer positions assigned to districts for the purposes of traffic and commercial
 51 motor vehicle enforcement, unless the State Highway Patrol has first achieved twenty-five
 52 percent (25%) of the requisite savings elsewhere in the operation of the Patrol including
 53 through staffing reductions in its administrative structure and areas other than district-level
 54 enforcement operations. If the State Highway Patrol must eliminate district-level enforcement
 55 positions to meet the savings required by this section, then the Patrol shall maintain balanced
 56 law enforcement coverage among the troops and is authorized to move trooper positions from
 57 one troop to another to maintain balanced coverage.

58 **SECTION 28.28.(d)** The Commander of the State Highway Patrol shall report on
 59 the number of positions eliminated for fiscal year 2011-2012. The report shall identify the

1 position number and type; assignment area or organizational unit; whether the position was
2 filled or vacant; personnel savings achieved; and any severance paid. The report shall also
3 include alternatives considered to the implemented reductions in force. The Commander shall
4 submit the report to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and
5 Public Safety, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety, and the Joint
6 Legislative Crime Control and Public Safety Oversight Committee no later than March 1, 2012.

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8 **ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY TRUST FUND MONEY FOR MOBILITY FUND; VISITOR**
9 **CENTERS FUNDING**

10 **SECTION 28.30.(a)** G.S. 20-85(a1), as amended by Section 31.11 of this act,
11 reads as rewritten:

12 "(a1) One dollar (\$1.00) of the fee imposed for any transaction assessed a fee under
13 subdivision (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(7), (a)(8), or (a)(9) of this section shall be credited to the
14 North Carolina Highway Fund. The Division shall use the fees derived from transactions with
15 the Division for technology improvements. The Division shall use the fees derived from
16 transactions with commission contract agents for the payment of compensation to commission
17 contract agents. An additional fifty cents (\$.50) of the fee imposed for any transaction assessed
18 a fee under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be credited to the Mercury Switch Removal
19 Account in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. An additional fifty cents
20 (50¢) of the fee imposed for any transaction assessed a fee under subdivision (a)(1) of this
21 section shall be credited to the Mobility Fund."

22 **SECTION 28.30.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 20-85(a1), as amended by subsection
23 (a) of this section, for fiscal year 2011-2012, the first four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000)
24 collected of the additional fifty cents (50¢) of the transaction fee that would be credited to the
25 Mobility Fund under G.S. 20-85(a1), as amended by subsection (a) of this section, shall instead
26 be credited to the Reserve for Visitor Centers in the Highway Fund.

27 **SECTION 28.30.(c)** Notwithstanding G.S. 20-79.7(c)(2), for fiscal year
28 2012-2013, the annual appropriation under G.S. 20-79.7(c)(2) shall instead be appropriated to
29 the Highway Fund.

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31 **MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVEL OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING FROM**
32 **HIGHWAY TRUST FUND**

33 **SECTION 28.31.** Notwithstanding G.S. 136-176(b), the amount of allowable
34 expenses to administer the Highway Trust Fund shall not increase over the amounts allocated
35 in the fiscal year 2011-2012 and fiscal year 2012-2013 base budgets.

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37 **TRANSFER MID-CURRITUCK BRIDGE FUNDING TO GENERAL FUND TO**
38 **PURCHASE SCHOOL BUSES IN FY 2011-2012 AND TO THE MOBILITY FUND;**
39 **AND TRANSFER GARDEN PARKWAY FUNDING TO URBAN LOOPS**
40 **PROGRAM**

41 **SECTION 28.32.(a)** Any funds appropriated to the North Carolina Turnpike
42 Authority under G.S. 136-176(b2) to cover debt service or related financing costs for the
43 Mid-Currituck Bridge project and that remain unencumbered at the end of fiscal year
44 2010-2011 are hereby transferred to the General Fund for the purpose of replacing school buses
45 for local school districts. Notwithstanding G.S. 105-187.9(c), as amended by subsection (e) of
46 this section, in fiscal year 2011-2012 the amount to be transferred under G.S. 105-187.9(c) to
47 the Mobility Fund shall be reduced by the sum of five million two hundred twenty-three
48 thousand six hundred forty-two dollars (\$5,223,642), and that amount shall instead be
49 transferred to the General Fund for the purpose of replacing school buses for local school
50 districts.

51 **SECTION 28.32.(b)** Any funds appropriated to the North Carolina Turnpike
52 Authority under G.S. 136-176(b2) to cover debt service or related financing costs for the
53 Garden Parkway project and that remain unencumbered at the end of fiscal year 2010-2011 are
54 hereby transferred to the Highway Trust Fund to be used for urban loop projects.

55 **SECTION 28.32.(c)** The amendment to G.S. 105-187.9(c) made in Section 28.7(h)
56 of S.L. 2010-31 is repealed. Sections 28.7(j) and 28.7(k) of S.L. 2010-31 are repealed.

57 **SECTION 28.32.(d)** Section 28.7(l) of S.L. 2010-31 reads as rewritten:

58 **"SECTION 28.7.(l)** Subsections (f) and (g) of this section become effective July 1, 2011.
59 Subsection (h) of this section becomes effective July 1, 2012. ~~Subsections (i), (j), and (k)~~

1 Subsection (i) of this section ~~become~~ becomes effective July 1, 2013. The remainder of this
2 section becomes effective July 1, 2010."

3 **SECTION 28.32.(e)** G.S. 105-187.9(c) reads as rewritten:

4 "(c) Mobility Fund Transfer. – In each fiscal year, the State Treasurer shall transfer
5 ~~thirty-one million dollars (\$31,000,000)~~ forty-six million dollars (\$46,000,000) from the taxes
6 deposited in the Trust Fund to the Mobility Fund. The transfer of funds authorized by this
7 section may be made by transferring one-fourth of the amount at the end of each quarter in the
8 fiscal year or by transferring the full amount annually on July 1 of each fiscal year, subject to
9 the availability of revenue."

10 **SECTION 28.32.(f)** Effective July 1, 2012, G.S. 105-187.9(c), as amended by
11 subsection (e) of this section, reads as rewritten:

12 "(c) Mobility Fund Transfer. – In each fiscal year, the State Treasurer shall transfer
13 ~~forty-six million dollars (\$46,000,000)~~ sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) from the taxes
14 deposited in the Trust Fund to the Mobility Fund. The transfer of funds authorized by this
15 section may be made by transferring one-fourth of the amount at the end of each quarter in the
16 fiscal year or by transferring the full amount annually on July 1 of each fiscal year, subject to
17 the availability of revenue."

18 **SECTION 28.32.(g)** Effective July 1, 2013, G.S. 105-187.9(c), as amended by
19 subsection (d) of this section, reads as rewritten:

20 "(c) Mobility Fund Transfer. – In each fiscal year, the State Treasurer shall transfer ~~sixty~~
21 ~~million dollars (\$60,000,000)~~ eighty-six million dollars (\$86,000,000) from the taxes deposited
22 in the Trust Fund to the Mobility Fund. The transfer of funds authorized by this section may be
23 made by transferring one-fourth of the amount at the end of each quarter in the fiscal year or by
24 transferring the full amount annually on July 1 of each fiscal year, subject to the availability of
25 revenue."

26 **SECTION 28.32.(h)** G.S. 136-89.183A is repealed.

27 **SECTION 28.32.(i)** G.S. 136-176(b) reads as rewritten:

28 "(b) Funds in the Trust Fund are annually appropriated to the Department of
29 Transportation to be allocated and used as provided in this subsection. A sum, not to exceed
30 four and eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the amount of revenue deposited in the Trust Fund
31 under subdivisions (a)(1), (2), and (3) of this section may be used each fiscal year by the
32 Department for expenses to administer the Trust Fund. Operation and project development
33 costs of the North Carolina Turnpike Authority are eligible administrative expenses under this
34 subsection. Any funds allocated to the Authority pursuant to this subsection shall be repaid by
35 the Authority from its toll revenue as soon as possible, subject to any restrictions included in
36 the agreements entered into by the Authority in connection with the issuance of the Authority's
37 revenue bonds. Beginning one year after the Authority begins collecting tolls on a completed
38 Turnpike Project, interest shall accrue on any unpaid balance owed to the Highway Trust Fund
39 at a rate equal to the State Treasurer's average annual yield on its investment of Highway Trust
40 Fund funds pursuant to G.S. 147-6.1. Interest earned on the unpaid balance shall be deposited
41 in the Highway Trust Fund upon repayment. The sum up to the amount anticipated to be
42 necessary to meet the State matching funds requirements to receive federal-aid highway trust
43 funds for the next fiscal year may be set aside for that purpose. The sum of thirty-five million
44 dollars (\$35,000,000) shall be allocated and used for urban loop projects. The rest of the funds
45 in the Trust Fund shall be allocated and used as follows:

- 46 (1) Sixty-one and ninety-five hundredths percent (61.95%) to plan, design, and
47 construct projects on segments or corridors of the Intrastate System as
48 described in G.S. 136-178 and to pay debt service on highway bonds and
49 notes that are issued under the State Highway Bond Act of 1996 and whose
50 proceeds are applied to these projects.
- 51 (2) Twenty-five and five hundredths percent (25.05%) to plan, design, and
52 construct the urban loops described in G.S. 136-180 and to pay debt service
53 on highway bonds and notes that are issued under the State Highway Bond
54 Act of 1996 and whose proceeds are applied to these urban loops.
- 55 (3) Six and one-half percent (6.5%) to supplement the appropriation to cities for
56 city streets under G.S. 136-181.
- 57 (4) Six and one-half percent (6.5%) for secondary road construction as provided
58 in G.S. 136-182 and to pay debt service on highway bonds and notes that are

1 issued under the State Highway Bond Act of 1996 and whose proceeds are
2 applied to secondary road construction.

3 The Department must administer funds allocated under subdivisions (1), (2), and (4) of this
4 subsection in a manner that ensures that sufficient funds are available to make the debt service
5 payments on bonds issued under the State Highway Bond Act of 1996 as they become due."

6 **SECTION 28.32.(j)** G.S. 136-176(b2), as amended by Section 28.7(g) of S.L.
7 2010-31, reads as rewritten:

8 "(b2) There is annually appropriated to the North Carolina Turnpike Authority from the
9 Highway Trust Fund the sum of ~~ninety-nine million dollars (\$99,000,000)~~ forty-nine million
10 dollars (\$49,000,000). Of the amount allocated by this subsection, twenty-five million dollars
11 (\$25,000,000) shall be used to pay debt service or related financing costs and expenses on
12 revenue bonds or notes issued for the construction of the Triangle Expressway, Expressway and
13 twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) shall be used to pay debt service or related financing
14 expenses on revenue bonds or notes issued for the construction of the Monroe
15 Connector/Bypass, fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be used to pay debt service or
16 related financing expenses on revenue bonds or notes issued for the construction of the
17 Mid-Currituck Bridge, and thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) shall be used to pay debt
18 service or related financing expenses on revenue bonds or notes issued for the construction of
19 the Garden Parkway Connector/Bypass. The amounts appropriated to the Authority pursuant to
20 this subsection shall be used by the Authority to pay debt service or related financing costs and
21 expenses on revenue bonds or notes issued by the Authority to finance the costs of one or more
22 Turnpike Projects, to refund such bonds or notes, or to fund debt service reserves, operating
23 reserves, and similar reserves in connection therewith. The appropriations established by this
24 subsection constitute an agreement by the State to pay the funds appropriated hereby to the
25 Authority within the meaning of G.S. 159-81(4). Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is the
26 intention of the General Assembly that the enactment of this provision and the issuance of
27 bonds or notes by the Authority in reliance thereon shall not in any manner constitute a pledge
28 of the faith and credit and taxing power of the State, and nothing contained herein shall prohibit
29 the General Assembly from amending the appropriations made in this subsection at any time to
30 decrease or eliminate the amount annually appropriated to the Authority. Funds transferred
31 from the Highway Trust Fund to the Authority pursuant to this subsection are not subject to the
32 equity formula in G.S. 136-17.2A."

33 **SECTION 28.32.(k)** G.S. 136-89.183(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

34 "(2) To study, plan, develop, and undertake preliminary design work on up to
35 ~~nine~~ six Turnpike Projects. At the conclusion of these activities, the
36 Turnpike Authority is authorized to design, establish, purchase, construct,
37 operate, and maintain the following projects:

38 a. Triangle Expressway, including segments also known as N.C. 540,
39 Triangle Parkway, ~~and~~ Western Wake Freeway in Wake and Durham
40 Counties; Counties, and Southeast Extension in Wake and Johnston
41 Counties.

42 b. ~~Gaston East-West Connector, also known as the Garden Parkway.~~

43 c. Monroe Connector/Bypass.

44 d. Cape Fear Skyway.

45 e. ~~A bridge of more than two miles in length going from the mainland~~
46 ~~to a peninsula bordering the State of Virginia, pursuant to~~
47 ~~G.S. 136-89.183A.~~

48 f. Repealed by Session Laws 2008-225, s. 4, effective August 17, 2008.
49 Any other project proposed by the Authority in addition to the projects listed
50 in this subdivision must be approved by the General Assembly prior to
51 construction.

52 A Turnpike Project selected for construction by the Turnpike Authority shall
53 be included in any applicable locally adopted comprehensive transportation
54 plans and shall be shown in the current State Transportation Improvement
55 Plan prior to the letting of a contract for the Turnpike Project."

57 MOBILITY FUND PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA ADJUSTMENT

58 **SECTION 28.33.(a)** Section 28.7(b) of S.L. 2010-31, as rewritten by Section 8.2
59 of S.L. 2010-123, reads as rewritten:

1 "SECTION 28.7.(b) The Department of Transportation shall develop selection criteria
 2 under G.S. 136-188, as enacted by this act, and shall report to the Joint Legislative
 3 Transportation Oversight Committee on its development of the selection criteria. A preliminary
 4 report on the selection criteria for projects is due to the Joint Legislative Transportation
 5 Oversight Committee by October 1, 2010. A final report is due to the Joint Legislative
 6 Transportation Oversight Committee by December 15, 2010. ~~When developing the project
 7 criteria and selection process, the Department shall give preferential consideration to projects
 8 qualified to receive State grants from the Congestion Relief and Intermodal Transportation 21st
 9 Century Fund under Article 19 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes. When developing the
 10 project criteria and selection process, the Department shall involve the public and other
 11 stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the North Carolina Association of Metropolitan
 12 Planning Organizations, the North Carolina Association of Rural Planning Organizations, the
 13 North Carolina League of Municipalities, the North Carolina Association of County
 14 Commissioners, the North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, and the North Carolina
 15 Council of Regional Governments."~~

16 SECTION 28.33.(b) The Department of Transportation shall report to the Joint
 17 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on its development of the selection criteria,
 18 taking into account the modification by subsection (a) of this section, by October 15, 2011.
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20 REMOVE URBAN LOOP PROJECTS FROM STATUTE AND ALLOW
 21 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEFINE AND PRIORITIZE URBAN
 22 LOOP PROJECTS

23 SECTION 28.34.(a) G.S. 136-180 reads as rewritten:

24 "§ 136-180. Urban loops.

25 (a) Funds allocated from the Trust Fund for urban loops may be used only for the
 26 following ~~urban loops:~~urban loops as designated and prioritized by the Department of
 27 Transportation.

28 Loop	29 Description	30 Affected 31 Counties
32 Asheville Western Loop	33 Multilane facility on new- 34 location from I-26 west of 35 Asheville to US 19/23 north 36 of Asheville for the purpose 37 of connecting these roads. 38 The funds may be used to 39 improve existing corridors.	40 Buncombe
41 Charlotte Outer Loop	42 Multilane facility encircling- 43 City of Charlotte including 44 6-laning of the portion from 45 Johnston Road/US 521 south 46 to I-77 south of Charlotte- 47 including widening, resurface, 48 and interchange	49 Mecklenburg
50 Durham Northern Loop	51 The projects listed below 52 are eligible for funding 53 under this section as part of 54 the Durham Northern Loop. 55 The priorities for planning 56 and constructing these projects 57 will be established by mutual 58 agreement of the Metropolitan 59 Planning Organization (MPO) and the Department of Transportation through the federally mandated Transportation Improvement Program development process. The cross sections for these	Durham, Wake

1		projects will be established	
2		by mutual agreement of the	
3		MPO and the Department of	
4		Transportation through the	
5		State and federal environmental	
6		review process. (1) East end	
7		connector, from N.C. 147 to	
8		U.S. 70 East. (2) U.S. 70, from	
9		Lynn Rd. to the Northern	
10		Durham Parkway. (3) I-85,	
11		from U.S. 70 to Red Mill Rd.	
12		(4) Northern Durham Parkway,	
13		Section B, from Old Oxford	
14		Rd. to I-85. (5) Northern	
15		Durham Parkway, Section A,	
16		from I-85 to I-540. (6)	
17		Northern Durham Parkway,	
18		Section C, from Old Oxford	
19		Rd. to Roxboro Rd. (7)	
20		Roxboro Rd. from Duke St.	
21		to Goodwin Rd.	
22	Fayetteville Western	Multilane facility on new-	Cumberland
23	Outer Loop	location from US 401 north	
24		of Fayetteville to I-95	
25		south of Hope Mills	
26	Gastonia Loop	Multilane facility known-	Gaston, Mecklenburg
27		as the Garden Parkway,	
28		on a new location	
29		beginning at I-485,	
30		extending west across	
31		southern Gaston County	
32		to I-85, and continuing	
33		north to US 321	
34	Greensboro Loop	Multilane facility on new-	Guilford
35		location encircling City of	
36		Greensboro including	
37		interchanges with Cone	
38		Boulevard Extension and	
39		Lewiston-Fleming Road	
40		Extension	
41	Greenville Loop	Multilane extension of	Pitt
42		the Greenville Loop from	
43		US 264 west of Greenville	
44		to NC 11 south of Winterville	
45	Raleigh Outer Loop	Multilane facility on new-	Wake, Durham,
46		location encircling City	Johnston
47		of Raleigh	
48	Wilmington Bypass	Multilane facility on new-	New Hanover
49		location from US 17 northeast	
50		of Wilmington to US 421	
51		in southern Wilmington,	
52		continuing from US 421	
53		in southern Wilmington	
54		northeast along Independence	
55		Blvd., and extending to	
56		Martin Luther King, Jr.	
57		Parkway, and including	
58		the Blue Clay Road	
59		interchange	

1 ~~Winston-Salem Northbelt~~ ~~Multilane facility on new~~ ~~Forsyth~~
 2 ~~location from I-40 west of~~
 3 ~~Winston-Salem northerly to~~
 4 ~~US 311/Future I-74 in eastern~~
 5 ~~Forsyth County~~

6 (b) ~~The Board of Transportation may, by official resolution, accept a new interstate or~~
 7 ~~freeway as the revised termini of an urban loop described in subsection (a) of this section, and~~
 8 ~~the revised project shall be eligible for funding with funds described in G.S. 136-176(b)(2) if~~
 9 ~~the following conditions are met:~~

10 (1) ~~The Department of Transportation has constructed a new interstate or~~
 11 ~~freeway facility since 1989 and has changed the official route designation~~
 12 ~~from the termini described in subsection (a) of this section to the new~~
 13 ~~facility.~~

14 (2) ~~The Board of Transportation finds that the purposes of the urban loop~~
 15 ~~facility, specifically including reduced congestion and high-speed, safe,~~
 16 ~~regional through-travel service, would be enhanced by the action."~~

17 **SECTION 28.34.(b)** In removing the statutory listing of urban loop projects, it is
 18 not the intent of the General Assembly to interfere with the acceleration of the following urban
 19 loop projects announced in March 2011:

20 (1) Charlotte I-485 widening.

21 (2) Greensboro Western Loop, Part C (Bryan Boulevard to Battleground
 22 Avenue) and Part D (Battleground Avenue to Lawndale Drive).

23 (3) Greensboro Eastern Loop, Part B (US 70 to US 29).

24 (4) Wilmington US 17 Bypass, Part B (US 74/76 to US 421).

25 **MODIFY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

26 **SECTION 28.35.(a)** G.S. 136-12(a1), 136-12.2, 136-89.193(e), 136-93.1(g), and
 27 136-125.2 are repealed.

28 **SECTION 28.35.(b)** G.S. 136-44.2 reads as rewritten:

29 **"§ 136-44.2. Budget and appropriations.**

30 ...
 31 ...
 32 The Department of Transportation shall have all powers necessary to comply fully with
 33 provisions of present and future federal-aid acts. ~~No federally eligible construction project may~~
 34 ~~be funded entirely with State funds unless the Department of Transportation has first reported~~
 35 ~~to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.~~ For purposes of this section,
 36 "federally eligible construction project" means any construction project except secondary road
 37 projects developed pursuant to G.S. 136-44.7 and 136-44.8 eligible for federal funds under any
 38 federal-aid act, whether or not federal funds are actually available.

39"

40 **SECTION 28.35.(c)** G.S. 136-89.182 reads as rewritten:

41 **"§ 136-89.182. North Carolina Turnpike Authority.**

42 ...
 43 (j) Bylaws. – The Authority Board shall adopt, change, or amend bylaws with respect
 44 to the calling of meetings, quorums, voting procedures, the keeping of records, and other
 45 organizational, staffing, and administrative matters as the Authority Board may determine. Any
 46 bylaws, or subsequent changes or amendments to the bylaws, shall be ~~submitted to the Board of~~
 47 ~~Transportation and the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee for review and~~
 48 ~~comment at least 45 days prior to adoption by the Authority Board. included in the Annual~~
 49 ~~Report as required by G.S. 136-89.193.~~

50 (k) Executive Director and Administrative Employees. – The Authority Board shall
 51 appoint an Executive Director, whose salary shall be fixed by the Authority, to serve at its
 52 pleasure. The Executive Director shall be the Authority's chief administrative officer and shall
 53 be responsible for the daily administration of the toll roads and bridges constructed,
 54 maintained, or operated pursuant to this Article. The Executive Director or his designee shall
 55 appoint, employ, dismiss, and, within the limits approved by the Authority Board, fix the
 56 compensation of administrative employees as the Executive Director deems necessary to carry
 57 out this Article. ~~The Authority shall report the hiring of all administrative employees to the~~
 58 ~~Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee within 30 days of the date of~~
 59 ~~employment.~~

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COST-EFFICIENT TIRE RETREADS ON STATE VEHICLES AND SCHOOL BUSES

SECTION 28.36.(a) Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 143-63.2. Purchase of tires for State vehicles; repair or refurbishment of tires for State vehicles.

(a) Definitions. – The following terms apply in this section:

(1) State vehicle. – Any vehicle owned, rented, or leased by the State, or an institution, department, or agency of the State, that is driven on a public road consistently at speeds greater than 30 miles per hour.

(2) Critical tire information. – Tire brand name, tire line name, tire identification numbers, load and pressure markings, tire size designation, service descriptions such as load and speed ratings, and other information and specifications placed on the original tire sidewall by the original tire manufacturer.

(b) Forensic Tire Standards. – In order to preserve critical tire information, the Secretary of Administration and any institution, department, or agency of the State shall only procure and install tires for State vehicles that possess the original, unaltered, and uncovered tire sidewall. Furthermore, neither the Secretary of Administration nor any institution, department, or agency of the State shall execute a contract for the repair or refurbishment of tires for State vehicles that provides for the removal, covering, or other alteration in any manner of the critical tire information contained on the original tire sidewall.

(c) Tire Purchase and Contract Standards Applicability. – All contracts for the purchase, repair, or refurbishment of tires for State vehicles, or contracts for the purchase of products or services related to the repair or refurbishment of tires for State vehicles, executed on or after the date this section becomes effective shall comply with the provisions of this section.

(d) Exemption. – Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the State or any institution, department, or agency of the State that owns or has a legally binding contract in place for the future purchase of tires having altered or covered sidewalls prior to the date that this section becomes effective shall perform its existing contractual obligations related thereto and may continue to use those tires on State vehicles for the useful life of the retreaded tire."

SECTION 28.36.(b) Article 17 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 115C-249.1. Purchase of tires for school buses; repair or refurbishment of tires for school buses.

(a) Definitions. – The following terms apply in this section:

(1) Critical tire information. – Tire brand name, tire line name, tire identification numbers, load and pressure markings, tire size designation, service descriptions such as load and speed ratings, and other information and specifications placed on the original tire sidewall by the original tire manufacturer.

(2) School bus. – A vehicle as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)d3. and G.S. 20-4.01(27)d4. that is owned, rented, or leased by a local board of education.

(b) Forensic Tire Standards. – In order to preserve critical tire information, a local board of education shall procure and install for school buses only tires that possess the original, unaltered, and uncovered tire sidewall. Furthermore, a local board of education shall not execute a contract for the repair or refurbishment of tires for school buses that provides for the removal, covering, or other alteration in any manner of the critical tire information contained on the original tire sidewall.

(c) Tire Purchase and Contract Standards Applicability. – All contracts for the purchase, repair, or refurbishment of tires for school buses, or contracts for the purchase of products or services related to the repair or refurbishment of tires for school buses, executed on or after the date this section becomes effective shall comply with the provisions of this section.

(d) Exemption. – Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a local board of education that owns or has a legally binding contract in place for the future purchase of tires having altered or covered sidewalls prior to the date that this section becomes effective shall

1 perform its existing contractual obligations related thereto and may continue to use those tires
2 on school buses for the useful life of the retreaded tire."
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4 DRIVER EDUCATION REFORM

5 SECTION 28.37.(a) G.S. 115C-215 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 115C-215. ~~Instruction in driver training and safety education.~~ Administration of driver
7 education program by the Department of Public Instruction.**

8 ~~There shall be organized and administered under the general supervision of the~~
9 ~~Superintendent of Public Instruction a program of driver training and safety education in the~~
10 ~~public schools of this State, said courses to be noncredit courses taught by instructors who meet~~
11 ~~the requirements established by the State Board of Education. Instructors shall not be required~~
12 ~~to hold teacher certificates.~~

13 (a) In accordance with criteria and standards approved by the State Board of Education,
14 the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall organize and administer a standardized
15 program of driver education to be offered at the public high schools of this State for all
16 physically and mentally qualified persons who (i) are older than 14 years and six months, (ii)
17 are approved by the principal of the school, pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of
18 Education, (iii) are enrolled in a public or private high school within the State, and (iv) have not
19 previously enrolled in the program. The State Board of Education shall use for this purpose all
20 funds appropriated to it for this purpose and may use all other funds that become available for
21 its use for this purpose.

22 (b) The driver education curriculum shall include the following:

23 (1) Instruction on the rights and privileges of the handicapped and the signs and
24 symbols used to assist the handicapped relative to motor vehicles, including
25 the "international symbol of accessibility" and other symbols and devices as
26 provided in Article 2A of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes.

27 (2) At least six hours of instruction on the offense of driving while impaired and
28 related subjects.

29 (3) At least six hours of actual driving experience. To the extent practicable, this
30 experience may include at least one hour of instruction on the techniques of
31 defensive driving.

32 (4) At least one hour of motorcycle safety awareness training.

33 (c) The State Board of Education shall establish and implement a strategic plan for the
34 driver education program. At a minimum, the strategic plan shall consist of goals and
35 performance indicators, including the number of program participants as compared to the
36 number of persons projected to be eligible to participate in the program, the implementation of
37 a standard curriculum for the program, expenditures for the program, and the success rate of
38 program participants in receiving a drivers license as reported by the Division of Motor
39 Vehicles. The strategic plan shall also outline specific roles and duties of an advisory
40 committee consisting of employees of the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Department of
41 Public Instruction and other stakeholders in driver education.

42 (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt a salary range for driver education
43 instructors who are public school employees and who are not licensed teachers.

44 Driver education instructors who are public school employees and who are licensed
45 teachers shall be paid on the teacher salary schedule. A day of employment for driver education
46 instructors who hold teacher certificates shall be the same number of hours required of all
47 regular classroom teachers as established by the local board of education.

48 (e) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to permit local boards of education
49 to enter contracts with public or private entities to provide a program of driver education at
50 public high schools. All driver education instructors shall meet the requirements established by
51 the State Board of Education; provided, however, driver education instructors shall not be
52 required to hold teacher certificates."

53 SECTION 28.37.(b) G.S. 115C-216 reads as rewritten:

54 "**§ 115C-216. Boards of education required to provide courses in operation of motor
55 vehicles.**

56 (a) Course of Training and Instruction Required in Public High Schools. – The State
57 Board of Education and local Local boards of education are required to provide as a part of the
58 program of the public high schools in this State a course of training and instruction in the
59 operation of motor vehicles, in accordance with G.S. 20-88.1 shall offer noncredit driver

1 education courses in high schools using the standardized curriculum provided by the
 2 Department of Public Instruction.

3 (b) ~~Inclusion of Expense in Budget. – The local boards of education of every local~~
 4 ~~school administrative unit are hereby authorized to shall~~ include as an item of instructional
 5 service and as a part of the current expense fund of the budget of the several high schools under
 6 their supervision, the expense necessary to install and maintain such a course of training and
 7 instructing eligible persons in such schools in the operation of motor vehicles to offer the driver
 8 education course.

9 (c) ~~to (f) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 689, s. 32(c)."~~

10 **SECTION 28.37.(c)** G.S. 20-88.1 reads as rewritten:

11 "**§ 20-88.1. Driver education.**

12 (a) ~~In accordance with criteria and standards approved by the State Board of Education,~~
 13 ~~the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall organize and administer a program of driver~~
 14 ~~education to be offered at the public high schools of this State for all physically and mentally~~
 15 ~~qualified persons who (i) are older than 14 years and six months, (ii) are approved by the~~
 16 ~~principal of the school, pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education, (iii) are~~
 17 ~~enrolled in a public or private high school within the State, and (iv) have not previously~~
 18 ~~enrolled in the program. The State Board of Education shall use for such purpose all funds~~
 19 ~~appropriated to it for said purpose, and may use all other funds that become available for its use~~
 20 ~~for said purpose.~~

21 ~~The driver education program established pursuant to this section must include the~~
 22 ~~following:~~

- 23 (1) ~~Instruction on the rights and privileges of the handicapped and the signs and~~
 24 ~~symbols used to assist the handicapped relative to motor vehicles, including~~
 25 ~~the "international symbol of accessibility" and other symbols and devices as~~
 26 ~~provided in Article 2A of this Chapter.~~
- 27 (2) ~~At least six hours of instruction on the offense of driving while impaired and~~
 28 ~~related subjects.~~
- 29 (3) ~~At least six hours of actual driving experience. To the extent practicable, this~~
 30 ~~experience may include at least one hour of instruction on the techniques of~~
 31 ~~defensive driving.~~

32 (b) ~~The State Board of Education shall adopt a salary range for driver education~~
 33 ~~instructors who are public school employees and who do not hold teacher certificates.~~

34 ~~Driver education instructors who are public school employees and who hold teacher~~
 35 ~~certificates shall be paid on the teacher salary schedule. A day of employment for driver~~
 36 ~~education instructors who hold teacher certificates shall be the same number of hours required~~
 37 ~~of all regular classroom teachers as established by the local board of education.~~

38 (b1) ~~The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to permit local boards of education~~
 39 ~~to enter contracts with public or private entities to provide a program of driver education at~~
 40 ~~public high schools. All driver education instructors shall meet the requirements established by~~
 41 ~~the State Board of Education; provided, however, driver education instructors shall not be~~
 42 ~~required to hold teacher certificates.~~

43 (c) ~~All expenses incurred by the State in carrying out the provisions of this section the~~
 44 ~~driver education program administered by the Department of Public Instruction in accordance~~
 45 ~~with G.S. 115C-215 shall be paid out of the Highway Fund.~~

46 (d) ~~The Division shall prepare a driver license handbook that explains the traffic laws of~~
 47 ~~the State and shall periodically revise the handbook to reflect changes in these laws. At the~~
 48 ~~request of the Department of Education, Public Instruction, the Division shall provide free~~
 49 ~~copies of the handbook to that Department for use in the program of driver education offered at~~
 50 ~~public high schools."~~

51 **SECTION 28.37.(d)** G.S. 20-11(b) reads as rewritten:

52 "(b) Level 1. – A person who is at least 15 years old but less than 18 years old may
 53 obtain a limited learner's permit if the person meets all of the following requirements:

- 54 (1) ~~Passes a course of driver education prescribed in G.S. 20-88.1~~
 55 G.S. 115C-215 or a course of driver instruction at a licensed commercial
 56 driver training school.
- 57 (2) Passes a written test administered by the Division.
- 58 (3) Has a driving eligibility certificate or a high school diploma or its
 59 equivalent."

1 **SECTION 28.37.(e)** G.S. 20-322(b) reads as rewritten:
 2 "(b) Regulations adopted by the Commissioner shall state the requirements for a school
 3 license, including requirements concerning location, equipment, courses of instruction,
 4 instructors, financial statements, schedule of fees and charges, character and reputation of the
 5 operators, insurance, bond or other security in such sum and with such provisions as the
 6 Commissioner deems necessary to protect adequately the interests of the public, and such other
 7 matters as the Commissioner may prescribe. A driver education course offered to prepare an
 8 individual for a limited learner's permit or another provisional license must meet the
 9 requirements set in ~~G.S. 20-88.1~~ G.S. 115C-215 for the program of driver education offered in
 10 the public schools."

11 **SECTION 28.37.(f)** The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint
 12 Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee by July 15, 2011, on the status of the
 13 implementation of Section 7.12 of S.L. 2010-31, which mandates the creation of a standard
 14 curriculum to be used for the driver education program in the Department of Public Instruction.

15 **SECTION 28.37.(g)** For the 2011-2012 school year, no State funds shall be used
 16 for driver education programs that do not use the standard driver education curriculum created
 17 in accordance with Section 7.12 of S.L. 2010-31.

18 **SECTION 28.37.(h)** The State Board of Education shall establish a pilot program
 19 to deliver driver education by electronic means. At least five local school administrative units
 20 shall participate in the pilot program. Funds appropriated for driver education shall be used to
 21 implement the pilot program. The State Board shall report on the implementation of the pilot
 22 program to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative
 23 Program Evaluation Oversight Committee by June 15, 2012. The report shall include the cost
 24 per student of delivering the instruction and the success rate of program participants in
 25 receiving a drivers license.

26 **SECTION 28.37.(i)** The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint
 27 Legislative Education Oversight Committee and to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation
 28 Oversight Committee by June 15, 2012, on the following:

- 29 (1) The most cost-effective method of delivering driver education in the short-
 30 and long-term. In making this determination, the State Board of Education
 31 shall consider the results of the pilot program implemented pursuant to
 32 Section 5 of this act.
- 33 (2) The strategic plan adopted by the State Board of Education in accordance
 34 with G.S. 115C-215.

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 36 **PART XXIX. SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

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 38 **GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF STATE**

39 **SECTION 29.1.(a)** Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the salary of the
 40 Governor set by G.S. 147-11(a) in the amount of one hundred thirty-nine thousand five hundred
 41 ninety dollars (\$139,590) annually, payable monthly, shall remain unchanged.

42 **SECTION 29.1.(b)** Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the annual
 43 salaries for the members of the Council of State, payable monthly, for the 2011-2013 fiscal
 44 biennium shall remain unchanged as follows:

<u>Council of State</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Lieutenant Governor	\$123,198
Attorney General	123,198
Secretary of State	123,198
State Treasurer	123,198
State Auditor	123,198
Superintendent of Public Instruction	123,198
Agriculture Commissioner	123,198
Insurance Commissioner	123,198
Labor Commissioner	123,198

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 57 **NONELECTED DEPARTMENT HEAD**

SECTION 29.2.(a) Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the salaries set by G.S. 143B-9, the maximum annual salaries, payable monthly, for the nonelected heads of the principal State departments remain unchanged as follows:

<u>Nonelected Department Heads</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Secretary of Administration	\$120,363
Secretary of Correction	120,363
Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety	120,363
Secretary of Cultural Resources	120,363
Secretary of Commerce	120,363
Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources	120,363
Secretary of Health and Human Services	120,363
Secretary of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	120,363
Secretary of Revenue	120,363
Secretary of Transportation	120,363.

SECTION 29.2.(b) Effective January 1, 2012, subsection (a) of this section reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 29.2.(a) Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the salaries set by G.S. 143B-9, the maximum annual salaries, payable monthly, for the nonelected heads of the principal State departments remain unchanged as follows:

<u>Nonelected Department Heads</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Secretary of Administration	\$120,363
Secretary of Correction	120,363
Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety	120,363
Secretary of Cultural Resources	120,363
Secretary of Commerce	120,363
Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources	120,363
Secretary of Health and Human Services	120,363
Secretary of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	120,363
<u>Secretary of Public Safety</u>	<u>120,363</u>
Secretary of Revenue	120,363
Secretary of Transportation	120,363".

CERTAIN EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS

SECTION 29.3. Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the annual salaries, payable monthly, for the following executive branch officials shall remain unchanged as follows:

<u>Executive Branch Officials</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Chairman, Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission	\$109,553
State Controller	153,319
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles	109,553
Commissioner of Banks	123,198
Chairman, Employment Security Commission	120,363
State Personnel Director	120,363
Chairman, Parole Commission	100,035
Members of the Parole Commission	46,178
Chairman, Utilities Commission	137,203
Members of the Utilities Commission	123,198
Executive Director, Agency for Public Telecommunications	92,356
Director, Museum of Art	112,256
Executive Director, North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority	106,635
State Chief Information Officer	153,227

JUDICIAL BRANCH

SECTION 29.4.(a) Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the annual salaries, payable monthly, for specified judicial branch officials shall remain unchanged as follows:

<u>Judicial Branch Officials</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Chief Justice, Supreme Court	\$140,932
Associate Justice, Supreme Court	137,249
Chief Judge, Court of Appeals	135,061
Judge, Court of Appeals	131,531
Judge, Senior Regular Resident Superior Court	127,957
Judge, Superior Court	124,382
Chief Judge, District Court	112,946
Judge, District Court	109,372
District Attorney	119,305
Administrative Officer of the Courts	126,738
Assistant Administrative Officer of the Courts	115,763
Public Defender	119,305
Director of Indigent Defense Services	123,022

SECTION 29.4.(b) Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the annual salaries of employees of the Judicial Department shall remain unchanged as follows:

- (1) The annual salaries of permanent full-time and part-time employees of the Judicial Department whose salaries are not itemized in this act shall remain unchanged.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the annual salaries of clerks of superior court under G.S. 7A-101(a) shall not change when a county changes from one population group to another.
- (3) The annual salaries of assistant and deputy clerks of court set under G.S. 7A-102(c1) shall remain unchanged for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.
- (4) The annual salaries of magistrates set under G.S. 7A-171.1(a) or G.S. 7A-171.1(a1)(1) shall remain unchanged.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECTION 29.5. Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, salaries in the legislative branch shall remain unchanged, as follows:

- (1) The salaries of members and officers of the General Assembly shall remain unchanged at the amounts set under G.S. 120-3, as provided in 1994 by the 1993 General Assembly.
- (2) The annual salaries set by G.S. 120-37(c) for the principal clerks in each house shall remain unchanged.
- (3) The annual salaries set by G.S. 120-37(b) of the sergeant-at-arms and the reading clerk in each house shall remain unchanged.
- (4) The annual salaries of the Legislative Services Officer and of nonelected employees of the General Assembly set under G.S. 120-32 shall remain unchanged.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES PERSONNEL

SECTION 29.6.(a) The annual salaries of all community college nonfaculty and professional staff whose salaries are supported from the State's General Fund shall remain unchanged for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.

SECTION 29.6.(b) For the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the annual salaries of all community college faculty whose salaries are supported from the State's General Fund shall remain unchanged. The minimum salaries for nine-month, full-time curriculum community college faculty shall also remain unchanged as follows:

Education Level	Minimum Salary
Vocational Diploma/Certificate or Less	\$34,314
Associate Degree or Equivalent	\$34,819
Bachelor's Degree	\$37,009

1	Master's Degree or Education Specialist	\$38,952
2	Doctoral Degree	\$41,753.

3 No full-time faculty member shall earn less than the minimum salary for his or her education
4 level.

5 The pro rata hourly rate of the minimum salary for each education level shall be
6 used to determine the minimum salary for part-time faculty members.

7 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM

8 **SECTION 29.7.(a)** The annual salaries of all University of North Carolina EPA
9 faculty, EPA nonfaculty, SPA employees, and teachers employed by the North Carolina School
10 of Science and Math shall remain unchanged for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.

11 **SECTION 29.7.(b)** The annual salaries of all employees of the University of North
12 Carolina Health Care System and the Medical Faculty Practice Plan at East Carolina University
13 shall remain unchanged for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.

14 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ONLY/NO 15 AUTOMATIC INCREASES

16 **SECTION 29.8.(a)** The annual pay of all State employees for the 2011-2013 fiscal
17 biennium shall remain unchanged from that authorized on June 30, 2011, or the last date in pay
18 status during the 2010-2011 fiscal year, if earlier; except that an increase may be allowed under
19 the following special circumstances:

- 20 (1) For all State employees regardless of funding source, and for employees of
21 the North Carolina Community College System and local school boards who
22 are paid from State funds, salaries may be increased for reallocations or
23 promotions, in-range adjustments for job change, career progression
24 adjustments for demonstrated competencies, or any other adjustment related
25 to an increase in job duties or responsibilities, none of which are subject to
26 the salary freeze otherwise provided by this Part. All other salary increases
27 are prohibited.
- 28 (2) For University of North Carolina (i) faculty using funds from the Faculty
29 Recruiting and Retention Fund, the Distinguished Professors Endowment
30 Fund, or the University Cancer Research Fund in the case of faculty
31 involved in cancer research supported by that fund and (ii) faculty,
32 nonfaculty, and other employee adjustments funded from non-State funding
33 sources.

34 The cumulative salary adjustment allowed under this subsection for the 2011-2012 fiscal year
35 may exceed ten percent (10%) of annual salary only if the adjustment is approved in advance
36 by the Office of State Budget and Management, The University of North Carolina Board of
37 Governors, the Board of the North Carolina Community College System, the Legislative
38 Services Commission, the local board of education, or other authorized body as appropriate.

39 **SECTION 29.8.(b)** The automatic salary step increases for assistant and deputy
40 clerks of superior court and magistrates are suspended for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.

41 **SECTION 29.8.(c)** The salary increase provisions of G.S. 20-187.3 are suspended
42 for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.

43 **SECTION 29.8.(d)** Notwithstanding G.S. 53-96.1, and except as provided by
44 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, employees of the Office of the Commissioner
45 of Banks shall not be awarded compensation increases or bonuses during the 2011-2013 fiscal
46 biennium.

47 **SECTION 29.8.(e)** Employees of the Lottery Commission shall not receive
48 compensation bonuses during the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.

49 **SECTION 29.8.(f)** No employee of any other State agency or constituent
50 institution of The University of North Carolina, excluding employees of the University of
51 North Carolina Health Care System and employees participating in a constituent institution's
52 medical faculty practice plan, shall receive compensation bonuses.

53 MOST STATE EMPLOYEES

54 **SECTION 29.9.(a)** Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the salaries in
55 effect June 30, 2011, of all permanent, full-time State employees whose salaries are set in
56 accordance with the State Personnel Act, shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 29.9.(b) Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the compensation of permanent, full-time State officials and persons in exempt positions shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 29.9.(c) Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the salaries of permanent, part-time State employees shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 29.9.(d) Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the compensation of temporary and permanent hourly State employees shall remain unchanged.

ALL STATE-SUPPORTED PERSONNEL/NO SALARY INCREASES

SECTION 29.10.(a) The salaries provided for in this act are to be effective July 1, 2011, do not apply to persons separated from State service due to resignation, dismissal, reduction in force, death, or retirement, or whose last workday is prior to July 1, 2011.

This subsection shall apply to all employees, subject to or exempt from the State Personnel Act, paid from State funds, including public schools, community colleges, and The University of North Carolina.

SECTION 29.10.(b) For the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the salaries of permanent, full-time employees who work a nine-, ten-, or eleven-month work year schedule shall remain unchanged.

STATE AGENCY TEACHERS' COMPENSATION

SECTION 29.11.(a) The salaries of employees of schools operated by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Correction, or the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention who are paid on the Teacher Salary Schedule or the School Based Administrator Salary Schedule shall remain unchanged for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.

SECTION 29.11.(b) Effective January 1, 2012, subsection (a) of this section reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 29.11.(a) The salaries of employees of schools operated by the Department of Health and Human Services, ~~the Department of Correction, or the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Services~~ or by the Department of Public Safety who are paid on the Teacher Salary Schedule or the School Based Administrator Salary Schedule shall remain unchanged for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium."

TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULES

SECTION 29.12.(a) The following monthly salary schedules shall apply for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to certified personnel of the public schools who are classified as teachers. The schedules contain 35 steps, with each step corresponding to one year of teaching experience. Public school employees paid according to this salary schedule and receiving NBPTS certification or obtaining a master's degree shall not be prohibited from receiving the appropriate increase in salary. Provided, however, teachers employed during the 2010-2011 school year who did not work the required number of months to acquire an additional year of experience shall not receive a decrease in salary as otherwise would be required by the salary schedule below.

2011-2012 Monthly Salary Schedule

Years of Experience	"A" Teachers	NBPTS Certification
0	\$3,043	N/A
1	\$3,043	N/A
2	\$3,043	N/A
3	\$3,043	\$3,408
4	\$3,085	\$3,455
5	\$3,129	\$3,504
6	\$3,264	\$3,656
7	\$3,404	\$3,812
8	\$3,538	\$3,963
9	\$3,667	\$4,107
10	\$3,771	\$4,224
11	\$3,819	\$4,277
12	\$3,868	\$4,332

1	13	\$3,918	\$4,388
2	14	\$3,967	\$4,443
3	15	\$4,018	\$4,500
4	16	\$4,069	\$4,557
5	17	\$4,122	\$4,617
6	18	\$4,176	\$4,677
7	19	\$4,231	\$4,739
8	20	\$4,286	\$4,800
9	21	\$4,345	\$4,866
10	22	\$4,403	\$4,931
11	23	\$4,461	\$4,996
12	24	\$4,523	\$5,066
13	25	\$4,584	\$5,134
14	26	\$4,650	\$5,208
15	27	\$4,714	\$5,280
16	28	\$4,779	\$5,352
17	29	\$4,845	\$5,426
18	30	\$4,913	\$5,503
19	31	\$4,984	\$5,582
20	32	\$5,055	\$5,662
21	33	\$5,153	\$5,771
22	34+	\$5,255	\$5,886

2011-2012 Monthly Salary Schedule

"M" Teachers

Years of Experience	"M" Teachers	NBPTS Certification
27	0	N/A
28	1	N/A
29	2	N/A
30	3	\$3,712
31	4	\$3,764
32	5	\$3,817
33	6	\$3,982
34	7	\$4,153
35	8	\$4,316
36	9	\$4,474
37	10	\$4,601
38	11	\$4,659
39	12	\$4,719
40	13	\$4,780
41	14	\$4,840
42	15	\$4,902
43	16	\$4,964
44	17	\$5,029
45	18	\$5,095
46	19	\$5,162
47	20	\$5,229
48	21	\$5,301
49	22	\$5,372
50	23	\$5,442
51	24	\$5,518
52	25	\$5,592
53	26	\$5,673
54	27	\$5,751
55	28	\$5,830
56	29	\$5,911
57	30	\$5,994
58	31	\$6,080
59	32	\$6,167

1	33	\$5,668	\$6,287
2	34+	\$5,781	\$6,411

SECTION 29.12.(b) Annual longevity payments for teachers shall be at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of base salary for 10 to 14 years of State service, two and twenty-five hundredths percent (2.25%) of base salary for 15 to 19 years of State service, three and twenty-five hundredths percent (3.25%) of base salary for 20 to 24 years of State service, and four and one-half percent (4.5%) of base salary for 25 or more years of State service. The longevity payment shall be paid in a lump sum once a year.

SECTION 29.12.(c) Certified public schoolteachers with certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall receive a salary supplement of one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for certified personnel of the public schools who are classified as "M" teachers. Certified public schoolteachers with certification based on academic preparation at the doctoral degree level shall receive a salary supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for certified personnel of the public schools who are classified as "M" teachers.

SECTION 29.12.(d) The first step of the salary schedule for school psychologists shall be equivalent to Step 5, corresponding to five years of experience, on the salary schedule established in this section for certified personnel of the public schools who are classified as "M" teachers. Certified psychologists shall be placed on the salary schedule at an appropriate step based on their years of experience. Certified psychologists shall receive longevity payments based on years of State service in the same manner as teachers.

Certified psychologists with certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall receive a salary supplement of one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for certified psychologists. Certified psychologists with certification based on academic preparation at the doctoral degree level shall receive a salary supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for certified psychologists.

SECTION 29.12.(e) Speech pathologists who are certified as speech pathologists at the master's degree level and audiologists who are certified as audiologists at the master's degree level and who are employed in the public schools as speech and language specialists and audiologists shall be paid on the school psychologist salary schedule.

Speech pathologists and audiologists with certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall receive a salary supplement of one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for speech pathologists and audiologists. Speech pathologists and audiologists with certification based on academic preparation at the doctoral degree level shall receive a salary supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for speech pathologists and audiologists.

SECTION 29.12.(f) Certified school nurses who are employed in the public schools as nurses shall be paid on the "M" salary schedule.

SECTION 29.12.(g) As used in this section, the term "teacher" shall also include instructional support personnel.

SCHOOL-BASED ADMINISTRATOR SALARY SCHEDULE

SECTION 29.13.(a) The following base salary schedule for school-based administrators shall apply only to principals and assistant principals. This base salary schedule shall apply for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, commencing July 1, 2011. Provided, however, school-based administrators (i) employed during the 2010-2011 school year who did not work the required number of months to acquire an additional year of experience and (ii) employed during the 2011-2012 school year in the same classification shall not receive a decrease in salary as otherwise would be required by the salary schedule below.

2011-2012 Principal and Assistant Principal Salary Schedules
Classification

Years of Exp	Assistant Principal	Prin I (0-10)	Prin II (11-21)	Prin III (22-32)	Prin IV (33-43)
0-7	\$3,781	-	-	-	-
8	\$3,931	-	-	-	-

1	9	\$4,074	-	-	-	-
2	10	\$4,189	-	-	-	-
3	11	\$4,243	\$4,243	-	-	-
4	12	\$4,298	\$4,298	-	-	-
5	13	\$4,353	\$4,353	\$4,408	-	-
6	14	\$4,408	\$4,408	\$4,464	-	-
7	15	\$4,464	\$4,464	\$4,521	\$4,579	-
8	16	\$4,521	\$4,521	\$4,579	\$4,640	\$4,701
9	17	\$4,579	\$4,579	\$4,640	\$4,701	\$4,762
10	18	\$4,640	\$4,640	\$4,701	\$4,762	\$4,828
11	19	\$4,701	\$4,701	\$4,762	\$4,828	\$4,891
12	20	\$4,762	\$4,762	\$4,828	\$4,891	\$4,956
13	21	\$4,828	\$4,828	\$4,891	\$4,956	\$5,025
14	22	\$4,891	\$4,891	\$4,956	\$5,025	\$5,092
15	23	\$4,956	\$4,956	\$5,025	\$5,092	\$5,166
16	24	\$5,025	\$5,025	\$5,092	\$5,166	\$5,237
17	25	\$5,092	\$5,092	\$5,166	\$5,237	\$5,310
18	26	\$5,166	\$5,166	\$5,237	\$5,310	\$5,383
19	27	\$5,237	\$5,237	\$5,310	\$5,383	\$5,458
20	28	\$5,310	\$5,310	\$5,383	\$5,458	\$5,537
21	29	\$5,383	\$5,383	\$5,458	\$5,537	\$5,617
22	30	\$5,458	\$5,458	\$5,537	\$5,617	\$5,725
23	31	\$5,537	\$5,537	\$5,617	\$5,725	\$5,839
24	32	\$5,617	\$5,617	\$5,725	\$5,839	\$5,956
25	33	\$5,725	\$5,725	\$5,839	\$5,956	\$6,075
26	34	\$5,839	\$5,839	\$5,956	\$6,075	\$6,197
27	35	-	\$5,956	\$6,075	\$6,197	\$6,321
28	36	-	-	\$6,197	\$6,321	\$6,447
29	37	-	-	\$6,321	\$6,447	\$6,576
30	38	-	-	-	\$6,576	\$6,708
31	39	-	-	-	\$6,708	\$6,842
32	40	-	-	-	-	\$6,979

2011-2012 Principal and Assistant Principal Salary Schedules
Classification

Years of Exp	Prin V (44-54)	Prin VI (55-65)	Prin VII (66-100)	Prin VIII (101+)
36				
37				
38	0-17	\$4,828	-	-
39	18	\$4,891	-	-
40	19	\$4,956	\$5,025	-
41	20	\$5,025	\$5,092	\$5,237
42	21	\$5,092	\$5,166	\$5,310
43	22	\$5,166	\$5,237	\$5,383
44	23	\$5,237	\$5,310	\$5,458
45	24	\$5,310	\$5,383	\$5,537
46	25	\$5,383	\$5,458	\$5,617
47	26	\$5,458	\$5,537	\$5,725
48	27	\$5,537	\$5,617	\$5,839
49	28	\$5,617	\$5,725	\$5,956
50	29	\$5,725	\$5,839	\$6,075
51	30	\$5,839	\$5,956	\$6,197
52	31	\$5,956	\$6,075	\$6,321
53	32	\$6,075	\$6,197	\$6,447
54	33	\$6,197	\$6,321	\$6,576
55	34	\$6,321	\$6,447	\$6,708
56	35	\$6,447	\$6,576	\$6,842
57	36	\$6,576	\$6,708	\$6,979
58	37	\$6,708	\$6,842	\$7,119
59	38	\$6,842	\$6,979	\$7,261

1	39	\$6,979	\$7,119	\$7,406	\$7,554
2	40	\$7,119	\$7,261	\$7,554	\$7,705
3	41	\$7,261	\$7,406	\$7,705	\$7,859
4	42	-	\$7,554	\$7,859	\$8,016
5	43	-	\$7,705	\$8,016	\$8,176
6	44	-	-	\$8,176	\$8,340

SECTION 29.13.(b) The appropriate classification for placement of principals and assistant principals on the salary schedule, except for principals in alternative schools and in cooperative innovative high schools, shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

Classification	Number of Teachers Supervised
Assistant Principal	
Principal I	Fewer than 11 Teachers
Principal II	11-21 Teachers
Principal III	22-32 Teachers
Principal IV	33-43 Teachers
Principal V	44-54 Teachers
Principal VI	55-65 Teachers
Principal VII	66-100 Teachers
Principal VIII	More than 100 Teachers

The number of teachers supervised includes teachers and assistant principals paid from State funds only; it does not include teachers or assistant principals paid from non-State funds or the principal or teacher assistants.

The beginning classification for principals in alternative schools and in cooperative innovative high school programs shall be the Principal III level. Principals in alternative schools who supervise 33 or more teachers shall be classified according to the number of teachers supervised.

SECTION 29.13.(c) A principal shall be placed on the step on the salary schedule that reflects total number of years of experience as a certificated employee of the public schools and an additional step for every three years of experience as a principal. Provided, however, a principal who acquires an additional step for the 2011-2012 or 2012-2013 fiscal years shall not receive a corresponding increase in salary during the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium. A principal or assistant principal shall also continue to receive any additional State-funded percentage increases earned for the 1997-1998, 1998-1999, and 1999-2000 school years for improvement in student performance or maintaining a safe and orderly school.

SECTION 29.13.(d) Principals and assistant principals with certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall be paid a salary supplement of one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month and at the doctoral degree level shall be paid a salary supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month.

SECTION 29.13.(e) Longevity pay for principals and assistant principals shall be as provided for State employees under the State Personnel Act.

SECTION 29.13.(f) If a principal is reassigned to a higher job classification because the principal is transferred to a school within a local school administrative unit with a larger number of State-allotted teachers, the principal shall be placed on the salary schedule as if the principal had served the principal's entire career as a principal at the higher job classification.

If a principal is reassigned to a lower job classification because the principal is transferred to a school within a local school administrative unit with a smaller number of State-allotted teachers, the principal shall be placed on the salary schedule as if the principal had served the principal's entire career as a principal at the lower job classification.

This subsection applies to all transfers on or after the effective date of this section, except transfers in school systems that have been created, or will be created, by merging two or more school systems. Transfers in these merged systems are exempt from the provisions of this subsection for one calendar year following the date of the merger.

SECTION 29.13.(g) Participants in an approved full-time master's in school administration program shall receive up to a 10-month stipend at the beginning salary of an assistant principal during the internship period of the master's program. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years, the stipend shall not exceed the difference between the beginning salary of an assistant principal plus the cost of tuition, fees, and books and any fellowship funds received by the intern as a full-time student, including awards of the Principal Fellows Program. The Principal Fellows Program or the school of education where the intern participates in a full-time master's in school administration program shall supply the Department of Public Instruction with certification of eligible full-time interns.

SECTION 29.13.(h) During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the placement on the salary schedule of an administrator with a one-year provisional assistant principal's certificate shall be at the entry-level salary for an assistant principal or the appropriate step on the teacher salary schedule, whichever is higher.

CENTRAL OFFICE SALARIES

SECTION 29.14.(a) The monthly salary ranges that follow apply to assistant superintendents, associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers and shall remain unchanged for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, beginning July 1, 2011.

School Administrator I	\$3,309	\$6,207
School Administrator II	\$3,508	\$6,583
School Administrator III	\$3,724	\$6,984
School Administrator IV	\$3,874	\$7,262
School Administrator V	\$4,030	\$7,556
School Administrator VI	\$4,275	\$8,013
School Administrator VII	\$4,447	\$8,336

The local board of education shall determine the appropriate category and placement for each assistant superintendent, associate superintendent, director/coordinator, supervisor, or finance officer within the salary ranges and within funds appropriated by the General Assembly for central office administrators and superintendents. The category in which an employee is placed shall be included in the contract of any employee.

SECTION 29.14.(b) The monthly salary ranges that follow apply to public school superintendents and shall remain unchanged for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, beginning July 1, 2011.

Superintendent I	\$4,720	\$8,843
Superintendent II	\$5,011	\$9,377
Superintendent III	\$5,316	\$9,948
Superintendent IV	\$5,642	\$10,552
Superintendent V	\$5,988	\$11,196

The local board of education shall determine the appropriate category and placement for the superintendent based on the average daily membership of the local school administrative unit and within funds appropriated by the General Assembly for central office administrators and superintendents.

SECTION 29.14.(c) Longevity pay for superintendents, assistant superintendents, associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers shall be as provided for State employees under the State Personnel Act.

SECTION 29.14.(d) Superintendents, assistant superintendents, associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers with certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall receive a salary supplement of one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided pursuant to this section. Superintendents, assistant superintendents, associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers with certification based on academic preparation at the doctoral degree level shall receive a salary supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for under this section.

SECTION 29.14.(e) The State Board of Education shall not permit local school administrative units to transfer State funds from other funding categories for salaries for public school central office administrators.

SECTION 29.14.(f) The salaries of all permanent full-time personnel paid from the Central Office Allotment shall remain unchanged for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.

NONCERTIFIED PERSONNEL SALARIES

SECTION 29.15. The annual salary for permanent, full-time and part-time noncertified public school employees whose salaries are supported from the State's General Fund shall be remain unchanged for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.

ALL FURLOUGHS PROHIBITED EXCEPT AS ORDERED TO BALANCE THE BUDGET/BENEFITS PROTECTION FOR FURLOUGHED PERSONNEL

SECTION 29.18.(a) The following definitions apply in this section:

- (1) Furlough. – A temporary, involuntary period of leave from employment without pay but shall not include any period of involuntary leave resulting from disciplinary action.
- (2) Public agency. – A State agency, department, or institution in the executive branch of State government; The University of North Carolina; the North Carolina Community College System; and a local school administrative unit.
- (3) Public employee. – An employee employed by the legislative or judicial branches or by a public agency.

SECTION 29.18.(b) Any furlough of a public employee paid with State funds is prohibited unless the furlough is ordered by the Governor while acting to balance the budget pursuant to Section 5 of Article III of the North Carolina Constitution or by the Chief Justice or the Legislative Services Officer, respectively, to balance the judicial branch or legislative branch budget.

SECTION 29.18.(c) Whenever the Governor, the Chief Justice, or the Legislative Services Officer orders a furlough of public employees, the employing public agency, the judicial branch, or the legislative branch, respectively, shall report to the State Treasurer, the Director of the Retirement Systems Division, and the Executive Administrator of the State Health Plan the following:

- (1) The specifics of the authorized furlough.
- (2) The positions affected, including all full-time, part-time, temporary, and contractual positions, all nonessential personnel, and all nonteaching positions.
- (3) The individual employees affected, including the applicable reduction in salary and whether the employee is subject to or exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act.

SECTION 29.18.(d) If, in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, necessary economies in public agency expenditures must be effected by a furlough of public employees, then a public employee on a furlough who is:

- (1) A member of any of the State-supported retirement plans administered by the Retirement Systems Division of the Department of State Treasurer or of an Optional Retirement Program (ORP) administered under G.S. 135-5.1 or G.S. 135-5.4 shall be considered in active service during any period of furlough and shall be entitled to all of the same benefits to which the employee was entitled on the workday immediately preceding the furlough. The member shall suffer no diminution of retirement average final compensation based on being on furlough, and the retirement average final compensation shall be calculated based on the undiminished compensation. During a furlough period, the employer shall pay both employee and employer contributions to the Retirement Systems Division or ORP on behalf of the furloughed employee as though the employee were in active service.
- (2) A member of the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees shall be considered eligible for coverage under the Plan on the same basis as on the workday immediately preceding the furlough. The public employer shall pay contributions on behalf of the furloughed public employee as though the employee were in active service.

SECTION 29.18.(e) The benefits protections provided by this section shall also apply to public employees in the judicial and legislative branches.

MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH FREEZE ON MOST SALARY INCREASES

1 **SECTION 29.19.(a)** The Office of State Budget and Management and the Office
2 of State Personnel shall monitor jointly the compliance of the following units of government
3 with the provisions of Section 29.8 of this act and shall submit quarterly reports of their
4 monitoring activities to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives, and the Fiscal Research Division: (i) State agencies, departments, and
6 institutions, including authorities, boards, and commissions; (ii) the judicial branch; and (iii)
7 The University of North Carolina and its constituent institutions.

8 The quarterly reports required by this section shall include the following
9 information:

- 10 (1) For agencies reporting through the BEACON HR/Payroll system, (i) a
11 breakdown by action type (including promotion, reallocation, career
12 progression, salary adjustment, and any similar actions increasing employee
13 pay) of the number and annual amount of those increases and (ii) a
14 breakdown by action reason (including in-range higher level, acting pay,
15 trainee adjustment, and other similar action reasons) of the number and
16 annual amount of those action types coded as salary adjustment.
- 17 (2) For The University of North Carolina and its constituent institutions, a
18 breakdown of the number and annual amount of those increases categorized
19 by the University as promotions, changes in job duties or responsibilities,
20 Distinguished Professorships, retention pay, career progression, and any
21 similar actions increasing employee pay.
- 22 (3) A summary of actions taken by the Office of State Budget and Management
23 and the Office of State Personnel with respect to unauthorized salary
24 increases.

25 **SECTION 29.19.(b)** The Legislative Services Officer shall report quarterly to the
26 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on
27 compliance with this act.

28 29 **COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND REFORM OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE** 30 **COMPENSATION PLANS**

31 **SECTION 29.20.(a)** It is the intent of the General Assembly to create and
32 implement a modernized, fair, and fully functional, performance-based compensation system
33 for employees of State agencies, departments, institutions, The University of North Carolina
34 System, the North Carolina Community College System, and local education agencies. To that
35 end, the Legislative Services Commission, jointly through the Fiscal Research and Program
36 Evaluation Divisions, is directed to commission a review and study of the current compensation
37 plans of State agencies, departments, institutions, The University of North Carolina System, the
38 North Carolina Community College System, and local education agencies (government
39 sectors). The Legislative Services Commission may use a Request for Information process or a
40 Request for Proposals process to contract with a qualified consulting firm to perform this
41 review and study. The study, at minimum, shall include all of the following:

- 42 (1) A labor market analysis of pay, fringe benefits, classification, and banding
43 plans of government sector employees to determine whether current
44 employees are compensated appropriately relative to market rates for similar
45 positions as compared to (i) other North Carolina public employees, (ii)
46 similar positions and employees in other states, and (iii) where applicable,
47 employees in private industry.
- 48 (2) An analysis of current performance-based compensation plans in use by the
49 North Carolina Banking Commission, the University of North Carolina
50 Health Care System, and the performance-based compensation system
51 proposed by Charlotte/Mecklenburg County Schools. This analysis should
52 include an assessment of the effectiveness of these performance-based plans
53 and should include identification of best practices.
- 54 (3) An evaluation of current longevity pay as applicable to most government
55 sector employees and recommendations as to whether longevity pay should
56 be continued for new hires.
- 57 (4) An evaluation of current laws and policies related to "career status" for
58 employees subject to the State Personnel Act and tenure for public school
59 teachers and university professors. For public school teachers, the evaluation

1 of tenure shall include its relationship with student performance, if any. This
2 evaluation should also include recommendations as to whether these laws
3 and policies should be continued or modified based upon human resource
4 best practices.

- 5 (5) An evaluation of salary supplements for public school employees paid on
6 account of master's degrees, attainment of other advanced degrees, and
7 national board certification, including the relationship to student
8 performance, if any. This evaluation should also include recommendations
9 as to whether these salary supplements should be continued or modified
10 based upon the effect on student performance, if any, and human resource
11 best practices.
- 12 (6) An evaluation of the State Personnel Act including recommendations as to
13 whether these laws and policies should be continued or modified based upon
14 human resource best practices.
- 15 (7) An analysis of the effect of in-State regional variables on employee
16 compensation and recommendations as to how those variables should be
17 addressed in the future.
- 18 (8) Recommendations of how to evaluate and compare the value of employee
19 fringe benefits.
- 20 (9) Recommendations, timetable, and design of a comprehensive
21 performance-based compensation plan across all government sectors for
22 implementation by the General Assembly. Recommendations must include
23 the design of an effective employee performance evaluation system,
24 including the identification of effective employee performance measures and
25 information systems (including estimated costs) to track and monitor
26 employee performance.
- 27 (10) Training recommendations for supervisors and managers regarding
28 employee productivity and performance evaluation.
- 29 (11) Recommendations to assure equity of compensation among public
30 employees across government sectors.
- 31 (12) Feasibility of a consensus forecasting group to make annual
32 recommendations for compensation policy across all government sectors.
33 These recommendations should include how to establish and maintain
34 priorities for General Fund appropriations necessary to fund the
35 performance-based compensation system while remaining affordable for the
36 State and its taxpayers.

37 **SECTION 29.20.(b)** By May 1, 2012, the Fiscal Research and Program Evaluation
38 Divisions, or at their direction by the consultant hired to perform the review and study, shall
39 report all findings and any other final results of the study, including recommendations and
40 legislative proposals, to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly.

41 **SECTION 29.20.(c)** All State agencies, departments, institutions, The University
42 of North Carolina System, the North Carolina Community College System, and local education
43 agencies shall provide any information, data, or documents within their possession,
44 ascertainable from their records, or otherwise available to them to the Fiscal Research and
45 Program Evaluation Divisions and/or the consultant necessary to complete this review and
46 study.

47 **SECTION 29.20.(d)** The State Personnel Director, the State Budget Director, the
48 State Controller, and the State Treasurer shall dedicate and identify staff for technical
49 assistance, as needed, to aid in the reviews required by this section.

51 **ESTABLISH SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND PERFORMANCE PAY RESERVE**

52 **SECTION 29.20A.(a)** General Fund and Highway Fund reserve budget codes are
53 established in the Office of State Budget and Management for the purpose of correcting labor
54 market and other salary inequities and to provide funding for a performance-based
55 compensation plan to effectuate recommendations made in connection with the comprehensive
56 review and reform of public employee compensation plans under Section 29.20 of this act.

57 **SECTION 29.20A.(b)** The Director of the Budget shall allocate funds appropriated
58 to the Salary Adjustment and Performance Pay Reserve in Sections 2.1 and 3.1 of this act, as
59 directed by the General Assembly, to public agencies to fund labor market and equity salary

1 increases and to provide funding for performance-based pay plans upon review of the
2 Comprehensive Review and Reform of Public Employee Compensation Plans report.

3 Funds appropriated to the Salary Adjustment and Performance Pay Reserve may be
4 allocated to public agencies for positions that are funded by the General Fund or Highway
5 Fund. Positions that are funded partially from the General Fund or Highway Fund and partially
6 from sources other than the General Fund or Highway Fund may be increased with funding
7 from the Salary Adjustment and Performance Pay Reserve only to the extent of the
8 proportionate part of the salaries paid from the General Fund or Highway Fund.

9 For the purposes of this subsection, the term "public employee" means an employee
10 of a State agency, department, or institution; The University of North Carolina; the North
11 Carolina Community College System; or a local school administrative unit.

12 **ESTABLISH SEVERANCE EXPENDITURE RESERVE**

13 **SECTION 29.21.(a)** There are established in the Office of State Budget and
14 Management General Fund and Highway Fund reserve budget codes for the purpose of funding
15 severance-related obligations to State employees subject to the State Personnel Act, and
16 employees exempt from the State Personnel Act, who are separated from service due to a
17 reduction-in-force action. Severance-related expenditures from these reserves shall include
18 obligations to fund:

- 19 (1) A State employee's severance salary continuation with an age adjustment
20 factor as authorized by G.S. 126-8.5, including employer-related
21 contributions for social security, and
- 22 (2) Noncontributory health premiums for up to 12 months as authorized by
23 G.S. 135-45.2(a)(8) for employees of employing units as defined by
24 G.S. 135-45.1(12).

25 **SECTION 29.21.(b)** The Director of the Budget shall allocate funds appropriated
26 in Sections 2.1 and 3.1 of this act to the Severance Expenditure Reserve to public agencies to
27 fund severance-related obligations incurred by the agencies as a result of reduction-in-force
28 actions that cause State-supported public employees to be terminated from public employment.
29 Funds appropriated to the Severance Expenditure Reserve shall be expended in their entirety
30 before funds appropriated to a public agency for State-supported personal services expenditures
31 may be used to fund any severance-related obligations.

32 Funds appropriated to the Severance Expenditure Reserve may be allocated to
33 public agencies for positions that are funded by the General Fund or Highway Fund. Funds
34 appropriated to the Severance Expenditure Reserve may also be allocated to public agencies for
35 positions that are funded partially from the General Fund or Highway Fund and partially from
36 sources other than the General Fund or Highway Fund but only to the extent of the
37 proportionate part of the salaries paid from the General Fund or Highway Fund.

38 For the purposes of this subsection, the term "public employee" means an employee
39 of a State agency, department, or institution; The University of North Carolina; the North
40 Carolina Community College System; or a local school administrative unit.

41 **REPEAL REDUCTION-IN-FORCE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION UNDER THE 42 STATE PERSONNEL ACT**

43 **SECTION 29.21A.(a)** G.S. 126-7.1 reads as rewritten:

44 "**§ 126-7.1. Posting requirement; State employees receive priority consideration;
45 ~~reduction-in-force rights; reduction in force; Work First hiring.~~**

46 (a) All vacancies for which any State agency, department, or institution openly recruit
47 shall be posted in a place readily accessible to employees that is located within at least the
48 following:

- 49 (1) The personnel office of the agency, department, or institution having the
50 vacancy; and
- 51 (2) The particular work unit of the agency, department, or institution having the
52 ~~vacancy~~ vacancy. ~~in a location readily accessible to employees.~~ If the
53 decision is made, initially or at any time while the vacancy remains open, to
54 receive applicants from outside the recruiting agency, department, or
55 institution, the vacancy shall be listed with the Office of State Personnel for
56 the purpose of informing current State employees of such vacancy. The State
57 agency, department, or institution may not receive approval from the Office

1 of State Personnel to fill a job vacancy if the agency, department, or
2 institution cannot prove to the satisfaction of the Office of State Personnel
3 that it complied with these posting requirements. The agency, department, or
4 institution which hires any person in violation of these posting requirements
5 shall pay such person when employment is discontinued as a result of such
6 violation for the work performed during the period of time between his
7 initial employment and separation.

8 (a1) State employees to be affected by a reduction in force shall be notified of the
9 reduction in force as soon as practicable, and in any event, no less than 30 days prior to the
10 effective date of the reduction in force.

11 ~~(a2) The State Personnel Commission shall adopt rules to provide that priority~~
12 ~~consideration for State employees separated from State employment as the result of reductions~~
13 ~~in force is to enable a State employee's return to career service at a salary grade and salary rate~~
14 ~~equal to that held in the most recent position. The State Personnel Commission shall provide~~
15 ~~that a State employee who:~~

16 (1) ~~Accepts a position at the same salary grade shall be paid at the same salary~~
17 ~~rate as the employee's previous position.~~

18 (2) ~~Accepts a position at a lower salary grade than the employee's previous~~
19 ~~position shall be paid at the same rate as the previous position unless the~~
20 ~~salary rate exceeds the maximum of the new salary grade. When the salary~~
21 ~~rate exceeds the maximum of the salary grade, the employee's new salary~~
22 ~~rate shall be reduced to the maximum of the new salary grade.~~

23 (b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to vacancies which must be filled
24 immediately to prevent work stoppage or the protection of the public health, safety, or security.

25 (c) If a State employee subject to this section:

26 (1) Applies for another position of State employment that would constitute a
27 promotion and;

28 (2) Has substantially equal qualifications as an applicant who is not a State
29 employee then the State employee shall receive priority consideration over
30 the applicant who is not a State employee. This priority consideration shall
31 not apply when the only applicants considered for the vacancy are current
32 State employees.

33 ~~(c1) If a State employee who has been separated due to reduction in force or who has~~
34 ~~been given notice of imminent separation due to reduction in force:~~

35 (1) ~~Applies for another position of State employment equal to or lower in salary~~
36 ~~grade than the position held by the employee at the time of notification or~~
37 ~~separation; and~~

38 (2) ~~Is determined qualified for that position~~

39 ~~then within all State agencies, the State employee shall receive priority consideration over all~~
40 ~~other applicants but shall receive equal consideration with other applicants who are current~~
41 ~~State employees not affected by the reduction in force. This priority shall remain in effect for a~~
42 ~~period of 12 months from the date the employee receives notification of separation by reduction~~
43 ~~in force. State employees separated due to reduction in force shall receive higher priority than~~
44 ~~other applicants with employment or reemployment priorities, except that the reemployment~~
45 ~~priority created by G.S. 126-5(e)(1) shall be considered as equal. The reduction in force~~
46 ~~priority created by this subsection shall be administered in accordance with rules promulgated~~
47 ~~by the State Personnel Commission.~~

48 ~~(c2) If the applicants for reemployment for a position include current State employees, a~~
49 ~~State employee with more than 10 years of service shall receive priority consideration over a~~
50 ~~State employee having less than 10 years of service in the same or related position~~
51 ~~classification. This reemployment priority shall be given by all State departments, agencies,~~
52 ~~and institutions with regard to positions subject to this Chapter.~~

53 (d) "Qualifications" within the meaning of subsection (c) of this section shall consist of:

54 (1) Training or education;

55 (2) Years of experience; and

56 (3) Other skills, knowledge, and abilities that bear a reasonable functional
57 relationship to the abilities and skills required in the job vacancy applied for.

1 (e) Each State agency, department, and institution is encouraged to hire into State
2 government employment qualified applicants who are current or former Work First Program
3 participants.

4 (f) Each State agency, department, institution, university, community college, and local
5 education agency shall verify, in accordance with the Basic Pilot Program administered by the
6 United States Department of Homeland Security pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1101, et seq, each
7 individual's legal status or authorization to work in the United States after hiring the individual
8 as an employee to work in the United States."

9 **SECTION 29.21A.(b)** Nothing in this section affects the extended period of
10 priority reconsideration afforded to State employees by Section 26.14D of S.L. 2009-451, as
11 amended by Section 9.3 of S.L. 2009-575.

12 **SECTION 29.21A.(c)** This section applies to employees subject to reductions in
13 force on or after July 1, 2011.

14 **JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENSE AMENDMENTS**

15 **SECTION 29.21B.(a)** G.S. 7A-300.1 is repealed.

16 **SECTION 29.21B.(b)** G.S. 135-1(7a)b.10a. is repealed.

17 **SECTION 29.21B.(c)** G.S. 7A-300(a) reads as rewritten:

18 "(a) The operating expenses of the Judicial Department shall be paid from State funds,
19 out of appropriations for this purpose made by the General Assembly, or from funds provided
20 by local governments pursuant to ~~G.S. 7A-300.1, 153A-212.1, G.S. 153A-212.1 or~~
21 ~~160A-289.1~~. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall prepare budget estimates to cover
22 these expenses, including therein the following items and such other items as are deemed
23 necessary for the proper functioning of the Judicial Department:

- 24 (1) Salaries, departmental expense, printing and other costs of the appellate
25 ~~division;division.~~
26 (2) Salaries and expenses of superior court judges, district attorneys, assistant
27 district attorneys, public defenders, and assistant public defenders, and fees
28 and expenses of counsel assigned to represent indigents under the provisions
29 of Subchapter IX of this ~~Chapter;Chapter.~~
30 (3) Salaries, travel expenses, departmental expense, printing and other costs of
31 the Administrative Office of the ~~Courts;Courts.~~
32 (4) Salaries and travel expenses of district judges, magistrates, and family court
33 ~~counselors;counselors.~~
34 (5) Salaries and travel expenses of clerks of superior court, their assistants,
35 deputies, and other employees, and the expenses of their offices, including
36 supplies and materials, postage, telephone and telegraph, bonds and
37 insurance, equipment, and other necessary ~~items;items.~~
38 (6) Fees and travel expenses of jurors, and of witnesses required to be paid by
39 the ~~State;State.~~
40 (7) Compensation and allowances of court ~~reporters;reporters.~~
41 (8) Briefs for counsel and transcripts and other records for adequate appellate
42 review when an appeal is taken by an indigent ~~person;person.~~
43 (9) Transcripts of preliminary hearings in indigency cases and, in cases in which
44 the defendant pays for a transcript of the preliminary hearing, a copy for the
45 district ~~attorney;attorney.~~
46 (10) Transcript of the evidence and trial court charge furnished the district
47 attorney when a criminal action is appealed to the appellate
48 ~~division;division.~~
49 (11) All other expenses arising out of the operations of the Judicial Department
50 which by law are made the responsibility of the ~~State; andState.~~
51 (12) Operating expenses of the Judicial Council and the Judicial Standards
52 Commission."

53 **SECTION 29.21B.(d)** G.S. 135-53(5) reads as rewritten:

54 "(5) 'Compensation' shall mean all salaries and wages derived from public funds which
55 are earned by a member of the Retirement System for ~~his-the member's~~ service as a justice or
56 judge, or district attorney, or clerk of superior court, or public defender, or the Director of
57 Indigent Defense Services. Effective July 1, 2009, 'compensation' also means payment of
58

1 military differential wages. ~~'Compensation' shall not include local supplementation as~~
2 ~~authorized under G.S. 7A-300.1 for Judicial Department employees."~~
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4 STATE PERSONNEL INFORMATION AMENDMENT

5 **SECTION 29.21C.** G.S. 120-32.01(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, access to the ~~State Personnel~~
7 ~~Management Information System BEACON/HR payroll system~~ by the ~~Research, Bill Drafting,~~
8 ~~and Program Evaluation Research and Bill Drafting Divisions~~ shall only be through the Fiscal
9 Research Division."

10 SALARY-RELATED CONTRIBUTIONS

11 **SECTION 29.22.(a)** Effective for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, required
12 employer salary-related contributions for employees whose salaries are paid from department,
13 office, institution, or agency receipts shall be paid from the same source as the source of the
14 employees' salary. If an employee's salary is paid in part from the General Fund or Highway
15 Fund and in part from department, office, institution, or agency receipts, required employer
16 salary-related contributions may be paid from the General Fund or Highway Fund only to the
17 extent of the proportionate part paid from the General Fund or Highway Fund in support of the
18 salary of the employee, and the remainder of the employer's requirements shall be paid from the
19 source that supplies the remainder of the employee's salary. The requirements of this section as
20 to source of payment are also applicable to payments on behalf of the employee for
21 hospital-medical benefits, longevity pay, unemployment compensation, accumulated leave,
22 workers' compensation, severance pay, separation allowances, and applicable disability income
23 benefits.
24

25 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an employing unit, as defined in
26 G.S. 135-45.1 or in G.S. 135-48.1 as enacted by this act, that hires or has hired as an employee
27 a retiree that is in receipt of monthly retirement benefits from any retirement system supported
28 in whole or in part by contributions of the State shall enroll the retiree in the active group and
29 pay the cost for the hospital-medical benefits if that retiree is employed in a position that would
30 require the employer to pay hospital-medical benefits if the individual had not been retired.

31 **SECTION 29.22.(b)** Effective July 1, 2011, the State's employer contribution rates
32 budgeted for retirement and related benefits as a percentage of covered salaries for the
33 2011-2012 fiscal year are: (i) thirteen and sixty-two hundredths percent (13.62%) – Teachers
34 and State Employees; (ii) eighteen and sixty-two hundredths percent (18.62%) – State Law
35 Enforcement Officers; (iii) twelve and thirty-six hundredths percent (12.36%) – University
36 Employees' Optional Retirement System; (iv) twelve and thirty-six hundredths percent
37 (12.36%) – Community College Optional Retirement Program; (v) thirty-one and fifty-four
38 hundredths percent (31.54%) – Consolidated Judicial Retirement System; and (vi) five and zero
39 hundredths percent (5.00%) – Legislative Retirement System. Each of the foregoing
40 contribution rates includes five and zero hundredths percent (5.00%) for hospital and medical
41 benefits. The rate for Teachers and State Employees, State Law Enforcement Officers,
42 Community College Optional Retirement Program, and for the University Employees' Optional
43 Retirement Program includes fifty-two hundredths percent (0.52%) for the Disability Income
44 Plan. The rates for Teachers and State Employees and State Law Enforcement Officers include
45 sixteen hundredths percent (0.16%) for the Death Benefits Plan. The rate for State Law
46 Enforcement Officers includes five percent (5%) for Supplemental Retirement Income.

47 **SECTION 29.22.(c)** Effective July 1, 2012, the State's employer contribution rates
48 budgeted for retirement and related benefits as a percentage of covered salaries for the
49 2012-2013 fiscal year are: (i) fifteen percent (15%) – Teachers and State Employees; (ii)
50 twenty percent (20%) – State Law Enforcement Officers; (iii) twelve and sixty-six hundredths
51 percent (12.66%) – University Employees' Optional Retirement System; (iv) twelve and
52 sixty-six hundredths percent (12.66%) – Community College Optional Retirement Program; (v)
53 thirty-three and fifty-one hundredths percent (33.51%) – Consolidated Judicial Retirement
54 System; and (vi) five and thirty hundredths percent (5.30%) – Legislative Retirement System.
55 Each of the foregoing contribution rates includes five and thirty hundredths percent (5.30%)
56 for hospital and medical benefits. The rate for Teachers and State Employees, State Law
57 Enforcement Officers, Community College Optional Retirement Program, and for the
58 University Employees' Optional Retirement Program includes fifty-two hundredths percent
59 (0.52%) for the Disability Income Plan. The rates for Teachers and State Employees and State

1 Law Enforcement Officers include sixteen hundredths percent (0.16%) for the Death Benefits
2 Plan. The rate for State Law Enforcement Officers includes five percent (5%) for Supplemental
3 Retirement Income.

4 **SECTION 29.22.(d)** Effective July 1, 2011, the maximum annual employer
5 contributions, payable monthly, by the State for each covered employee or retiree for the
6 2011-2012 fiscal year to the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees are: (i)
7 Medicare-eligible employees and retirees – three thousand eight hundred thirty-two dollars
8 (\$3,832) and (ii) non-Medicare-eligible employees and retirees – four thousand nine hundred
9 thirty-one dollars (\$4,931).

10 **SECTION 29.22.(e)** Effective July 1, 2012, the maximum annual employer
11 contributions, payable monthly, by the State for each covered employee or retiree for the
12 2012-2013 fiscal year to the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees are: (i)
13 Medicare-eligible employees and retirees – four thousand thirty-five dollars (\$4,035) and (ii)
14 non-Medicare-eligible employees and retirees – five thousand one hundred ninety-two dollars
15 (\$5,192).

17 **REPORTING OF POSITION ELIMINATIONS**

18 **SECTION 29.22A.** The Office of State Personnel, the Administrative Officer of
19 the Courts, the Legislative Services Officer, the Department of Public Instruction, the North
20 Carolina Community Colleges System Office, and The University of North Carolina – General
21 Administration shall report to the Fiscal Research Division no later than May 1, 2012, position
22 eliminations during fiscal year 2011-2012 as follows:

- 23 (1) For the Office of State Personnel, the total numbers of SPA and EPA
24 position eliminations in the State agencies, departments, institutions, boards,
25 and commissions directly attributable to funding reductions imposed by this
26 act, including, by funding source, the number filled versus vacant, the annual
27 salary savings, the total annual savings (including employer benefits costs),
28 total severance wages paid, total discontinued service retirement allowance
29 costs paid, and the total projected employer paid health benefit coverage
30 premiums to be paid during fiscal year 2011-2012 for employees
31 reduced-in-force as provided by G.S. 135-45.2(a)(8).
- 32 (2) For the Administrative Officer of the Courts, the total number of position
33 eliminations in the Judicial Branch directly attributable to funding reductions
34 imposed by this act, including, by funding source, the number filled versus
35 vacant, the annual salary savings, the total annual savings (including
36 employer benefits costs), total severance wages paid, total discontinued
37 service retirement allowance costs paid, and the total projected employer
38 paid health benefit coverage premiums to be paid during fiscal year
39 2011-2012 for employees reduced-in-force as provided by
40 G.S. 135-45.2(a)(8).
- 41 (3) For the Legislative Services Officer, the total number of position
42 eliminations in the Legislative Branch directly attributable to funding
43 reductions imposed by this act, including the number filled versus vacant,
44 the annual salary savings, the total annual savings (including employer
45 benefits costs), total severance wages paid, total discontinued service
46 retirement allowance costs paid, and the total projected employer paid health
47 benefit coverage premiums to be paid during fiscal year 2011-2012 for
48 employees reduced-in-force as provided by G.S. 135-45.2(a)(8).
- 49 (4) For the Department of Public Instruction, the total number of General Fund
50 supported position eliminations in the local school administrative units
51 directly attributable to funding reductions imposed by this act, including the
52 number filled versus vacant, the annual salary savings, the total annual
53 savings (including employer benefits costs), and the total projected employer
54 paid health benefit coverage premiums to be paid during fiscal year
55 2011-2012 for employees reduced-in-force as provided by
56 G.S. 135-45.2(a)(8).
- 57 (5) For the North Carolina Community Colleges System Office, the total
58 number of General Fund supported position eliminations in the local
59 community college institutions directly attributable to funding reductions

1 imposed by this act, including the number filled versus vacant, the annual
2 salary savings, the total annual savings (including employer benefits costs),
3 and the total projected employer paid health benefit coverage premiums to
4 be paid during fiscal year 2011-2012 for employees reduced-in-force as
5 provided by G.S. 135-45.2(a)(8).

- 6 (6) For The University of North Carolina – General Administration, the total
7 numbers of SPA, EPA non-faculty, and EPA faculty position eliminations in
8 the constituent institutions directly attributable to funding reductions
9 imposed by this act, including, by funding source, the number filled versus
10 vacant, the annual salary savings, the total annual savings (including
11 employer benefits costs), total severance wages paid, total discontinued
12 service retirement allowance costs paid, and the total projected employer
13 paid health benefit coverage premiums to be paid during fiscal year
14 2011-2012 for employees reduced-in-force as provided by
15 G.S. 135-45.2(a)(8).

17 **LIMIT STATE ABORTION FUNDING/HEALTH PLAN/INSURANCE**

18 **SECTION 29.23.** No State funds may be used for the performance of abortions or
19 to support the administration of any governmental health plan or government-offered insurance
20 policy offering abortion, except that this prohibition shall not apply where (i) the life of the
21 mother would be endangered if the unborn child were carried to term or (ii) the pregnancy is
22 the result of a rape or incest. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit medical care
23 provided after a spontaneous miscarriage. The provisions of G.S. 135-45.8(21) and (22) do not
24 apply to complications or related charges from an abortion not covered due to this section.
25

26 **PERMANENTLY EXEMPT PARTICIPANTS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH** 27 **CAROLINA PHASED RETIREMENT PROGRAM FROM THE RESTRICTIONS** 28 **ON RETURNING TO WORK**

29 **SECTION 29.24.(a)** Section 29.28(f) of S.L. 2005-276, as amended by Section
30 22.21 of S.L. 2006-66 and by Section 26.22 of S.L. 2009-451, reads as rewritten:

31 "**SECTION 29.28.(f)** Subsections (a) and (b) of this section become effective August 1,
32 2005. Subsection (e) of this section becomes effective November 1, 2005, but does not apply to
33 participants in The University of North Carolina Phased Retirement Program until the earlier of
34 August 31, 2013, or 12 months after the issuance of final phased retirement regulations by the
35 Internal Revenue Service Program. The remainder of this section becomes effective June 30,
36 2005."

37 **SECTION 29.24.(b)** G.S. 135-1(20) reads as rewritten:

38 "(20) "Retirement" ~~means~~ means, for members who are not participants in The
39 University of North Carolina Phased Retirement Program, the termination of
40 employment and the complete separation from active service with no intent
41 or agreement, express or implied, to return to service. A retirement
42 allowance under the provisions of this Chapter may only be granted upon
43 retirement of a member. In order for a member's retirement to become
44 effective in any month, the member must render no service, including
45 part-time, temporary, substitute, or contractor service, at any time during the
46 six months immediately following the effective date of retirement. For
47 purposes of this subdivision, service as a member of a school board or as an
48 unpaid bona fide volunteer in a local school administrative unit shall not be
49 considered service. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for members who are
50 participants in The University of North Carolina Phased Retirement
51 Program, "retirement" means entry into the Phased Retirement Program with
52 a retirement allowance granted under this Chapter."
53

54 **REDUCE THE REQUIRED BREAK IN SERVICE FOR RETIREES OF THE** 55 **TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO RETURN** 56 **TO WORK WITHOUT LOSING RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

57 **SECTION 29.25.(a)** G.S. 135-1 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

58 "(18a) "Qualifying period" means three months as to members who retire with their
59 last 12 months of service as employees of The University of North Carolina

1 or any of its constituent institutions and return to service as employees of
2 The University of North Carolina or any of its constituent institutions, and
3 means six months as to any other member."

4 **SECTION 29.25.(b)** G.S. 135-1(20) reads as rewritten:

5 "(20) "Retirement" means the termination of employment and the complete
6 separation from active service with no intent or agreement, express or
7 implied, to return to service. A retirement allowance under the provisions of
8 this Chapter may only be granted upon retirement of a member. In order for
9 a member's retirement to become effective in any month, the member must
10 render no service, including part-time, temporary, substitute, or contractor
11 service, at any time during the ~~six months~~ qualifying period immediately
12 following the effective date of retirement. For purposes of his subdivision,
13 service as a member of a school board or as an unpaid bona fide volunteer in
14 a local school administrative unit shall not be considered service."

15 **SECTION 29.25.(c)** G.S. 135-3(8)c. reads as rewritten:

16 "c. Should a beneficiary who retired on an early or service retirement
17 allowance under this Chapter be reemployed by, or otherwise
18 engaged to perform services for, an employer participating in the
19 Retirement System on a part time, temporary, interim, or on a fee for
20 service basis, whether contractual or otherwise, and if such
21 beneficiary earns an amount during the 12 month period immediately
22 following the effective date of retirement or in any calendar year
23 which exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the reported compensation,
24 excluding terminal payments, during the 12 months of service
25 preceding the effective date of retirement, or twenty thousand dollars
26 (\$20,000), whichever is greater, as hereinafter indexed, then the
27 retirement allowance shall be suspended as of the first day of the
28 month following the month in which the reemployment earnings
29 exceed the amount above, for the balance of the calendar year, except
30 when the reemployment earnings exceed the amount above in the
31 month of December, in which case the retirement allowance shall not
32 be suspended. The retirement allowance of the beneficiary shall be
33 reinstated as of January 1 of each year following suspension. The
34 amount that may be earned before suspension shall be increased on
35 January 1 of each year by the ratio of the Consumer Price Index to
36 the Index one year earlier, calculated to the nearest tenth of a percent
37 (1/10 of 1%).

38 The computation of postretirement earnings of a beneficiary
39 under this sub-subdivision who retired on or before June 1, 2009,
40 regardless of age or years of creditable service, or who retires on or
41 after July 1, 2009, after attaining (i) the age of at least 65 with five
42 years of creditable service; or (ii) the age of at least 60 with 25 years
43 of creditable service; or (iii) 30 years of service; and who has been
44 retired ~~at least six months for at least as long as the qualifying period~~
45 as defined by G.S. 135-1(18a) and has not been employed in any
46 capacity with a State-supported community college or a
47 State-supported university for at least six months during the
48 qualifying period as defined by G.S. 135-1(18a) immediately
49 preceding the effective date of reemployment, shall not include
50 earnings while the beneficiary is employed to teach in a permanent
51 full-time or part-time capacity that exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the
52 applicable workweek as a nursing instructor in a certified nursing
53 program for a maximum period of three years.

54 In order for a retired nursing instructor to be rehired, the
55 community college or university must certify to the Teachers' and
56 State Employees' Retirement System that it has a shortage of
57 qualified nursing instructors, and must:

- 58 1. Make a good faith effort to fill positions with qualified
59 nursing instructors who are not retirees;

- 2. Post the vacancy or vacancies for at least two months;
- 3. Solicit applications through local newspapers, other media, and nursing education programs; and
- 4. Determine that there is an insufficient number of eligible applicants for the advertised position or positions.

The North Carolina Community College System and The University of North Carolina shall certify to the Retirement System that a beneficiary is employed to teach as a nursing instructor with a State-supported community college or a State-supported university under the provisions of this sub-subdivision."

PROVIDE FOR VESTING RECIPROCITY BETWEEN THE STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM FOR STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

SECTION 29.26. G.S. 135-5.1(b)(5) reads as rewritten:

"(5) If any participant in the Optional Retirement Program having less than five years ~~coverage under the Optional Retirement Program~~ of total membership service under any combination of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System, or the Optional Retirement Program leaves the employ of The University of North Carolina and either retires or commences employment with an employer not having a retirement program with the same company underwriting the participant's annuity contract, regardless of whether the annuity contract is held by the participant, a trust, or the Retirement System, the participant's interest in the Optional Retirement Program attributable to contributions of The University of North Carolina shall be forfeited and shall either (i) be refunded to The University of North Carolina and forthwith paid by it to the Retirement System and credited to the pension accumulation fund or (ii) be paid directly to the Retirement System and credited to the pension accumulation fund."

ENABLE THE UNC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO OFFER THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM (ORP) AS A RETIREMENT OPTION

SECTION 29.27. G.S. 135-5.1(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) An Optional Retirement Program provided for in this section is authorized and established and shall be implemented by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina. The Optional Retirement Program shall be underwritten by the purchase of annuity contracts, which may be both fixed and variable contracts or a combination thereof, or financed through the establishment of a trust, for the benefit of participants in the Program. Participation in the Optional Retirement Program shall be limited to University personnel who are eligible for membership in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement Program and who are:

...
 (5) Employees of The University of North Carolina Health Care System, subject to rules for eligibility and participation as may be adopted by the Board of Governors in the Optional Retirement Program plan document."

PART XXX. CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL FUND CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS/INTRODUCTION

SECTION 30.1. The appropriations made by the 2011 General Assembly for capital improvements are for constructing, repairing, or renovating State buildings, utilities, and other capital facilities, for acquiring sites for them where necessary, and for acquiring buildings and land for State government purposes.

CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS/GENERAL FUND

SECTION 30.2. There is appropriated from the General Fund for the 2011-2012 fiscal year the following amounts for capital improvements:

Capital Improvements – General Fund

2011-2012

1		
2	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	
3	Water Resources Development Projects	\$ 4,535,000
4		
5	TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – GENERAL FUND	\$ 4,535,000

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

8 **SECTION 30.3.(a)** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall
 9 allocate the funds appropriated in this act for water resources development projects in
 10 accordance with the schedule that follows. These funds will provide a State match for an
 11 estimated twenty million seven hundred forty-nine thousand dollars (\$20,749,000) in federal
 12 funds.

14	Name of Project	2011-2012
16	(1) B. Everett Jordan Lake Water Supply Storage (50/50)	\$ 200,000
17	(2) Wilmington Harbor Maintenance (98/2)	–
18	(3) Morehead City Harbor Maintenance (98/2)	50,000
19	(4) Water Resources Planning in Support of Session Law 2010-143 (75/25)	–
20	(5) John H. Kerr Dam and Reservoir Sec. 216 – (50/50)	50,000
21	(6) Planning Assistance to Communities (50/50)	50,000
22	(7) Aquatic Plant Control, Statewide and Lake Gaston (50/50)	100,000
23	(8) Wilmington Harbor Improvements Feasibility (50/50)	250,000
24	(9) Belhaven Harbor – CAP – Sec. 1135 (75/25)	–
25	(10) Concord Streams, NC Sec. 206 (65/35)	–
26	(11) Manteo Old House Channel – CAP – Sec. 204 (65/25)	–
27	(12) Wilmington Harbor Deepening (75/25)	300,000
28	(13) Bogue Banks Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Study – (50/50)	50,000
29	(14) West Onslow Beach (Topsail Beach) PED (75/25)	–
30	(15) Surf City/NTB Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Study – PED (75/25)	85,000
31	(16) Neuse River Basin Restoration Feasibility Study (50/50)	300,000
32	(17) Currituck Sound Environmental Restoration Study (50/50)	–
33	(18) Princeville Flood Damage Reduction (50/50)	100,000
34	(19) State-Local Projects	3,000,000
35		
36	TOTALS	\$ 4,535,000

38 **SECTION 30.3.(b)** Where the actual costs are different from the estimated costs
 39 under subsection (a) of this section, the Department may adjust the allocations among projects
 40 as needed. If any projects funded under subsection (a) of this section are delayed and the
 41 budgeted State funds cannot be used during the 2011-2012 fiscal year, or if the projects funded
 42 under subsection (a) of this section are accomplished at a lower cost, the Department may use
 43 the resulting fund availability to fund any of the following:

- 44 (1) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project feasibility studies.
- 45 (2) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects whose schedules have advanced and
 46 require State-matching funds in fiscal year 2011-2012.
- 47 (3) State-local water resources development projects.

48 Funds subject to this subsection that are not expended or encumbered for the purposes set forth
 49 in subdivisions (1) through (3) of this subsection shall revert to the General Fund at the end of
 50 the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

51 **SECTION 30.3.(c)** The Department shall make semiannual reports on the use of
 52 these funds to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Fiscal
 53 Research Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management. Each report shall include
 54 all of the following:

- 55 (1) All projects listed in this section.
- 56 (2) The estimated cost of each project.
- 57 (3) The date that work on each project began or is expected to begin.
- 58 (4) The date that work on each project was completed or is expected to be
 59 completed.

(5) The actual cost of each project.
 The semiannual reports also shall show those projects advanced in schedule, those projects delayed in schedule, and an estimate of the amount of funds expected to revert to the General Fund.

SECTION 30.3.(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, funds appropriated for a water resources development project shall be used to provide no more than fifty percent (50%) of the nonfederal portion of funds for the project. This subsection applies to funds appropriated in this act and to funds appropriated prior to the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium that are unencumbered and proposed for reallocation to provide the nonfederal portion of funds for water resources development projects. The limitation on fund usage contained in this subsection applies only to projects in which a local government or local governments participate.

SECTION 30.3.(e) G.S. 143-215.73A is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(c1) The Department shall provide information annually to appropriate county or municipal officials about the availability, requirements, and process to secure federal and State funding under the Water Resource Development Program."

NON-GENERAL FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

SECTION 30.4.(a) The General Assembly authorizes the following capital projects to be funded with receipts or from other non-General Fund sources available to the appropriate department:

Name of Project	Amount of Non-General Fund Funding Authorized for FY 2011-2012
Department of Correction	
OSDT and DCC Search Trailer	\$ 45,400
Statewide Emergency Fund for Small Storage Buildings	85,000
Statewide Emergency Fund for Visitors Registration	500,000
Department of Crime Control and Public Safety	
High Point Readiness Center – Addition/Alteration	1,551,000
Greensboro Readiness Center – Addition/Alteration	306,000
Murphy Firefighting Team Support Facility	2,946,000
Morrisville Flight Facility Fixed Wing Hangar	8,815,000
Statewide Master Planning Support Services – Ph III	125,000
Statewide Master Planning Support Services – Ph IV	100,000
Statewide Master Planning Support Services – Ph V	100,000
Camp Butner Operations Readiness Training Center – Ph I	1,612,000
Department of Cultural Resources	
USS North Carolina Battleship Major Hull Repairs	1,914,000
Construction of Fort at Fort Dobbs State Historic Site	2,600,000
Department of Environment and Natural Resources	
Zoo – New Restrooms at Elephant/Rhino Exhibit	400,000
Aquarium – Roanoke Island Turtle Rehabilitation Center	500,000
Wildlife Resources Commission	
Agency Land Purchases	7,500,000
Watha Hatchery Replacement of 3 Residences	150,000
Fishing Access Areas – New Construction	240,000
Boating Access Areas – New Construction	800,000
Repairs & Renovations	1,105,000
TOTAL AMOUNT OF NON-GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AUTHORIZED	\$31,294,400

1 **SECTION 30.4.(b)** From funds deposited with the State Treasurer in a capital
2 improvement account to the credit of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
3 pursuant to G.S. 146-30, the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the 2011-2012 fiscal
4 year shall be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to be used,
5 notwithstanding G.S. 146-30, by the Department for its plant conservation program under
6 Article 19B of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes for costs incidental to the acquisition of
7 land, such as land appraisals, land surveys, title searches, and environmental studies, and for
8 the management of the plant conservation program preserves owned by the Department.
9

10 **REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS RESERVE ALLOCATION**

11 **SECTION 30.5.(a)** Of the funds in the Reserve for Repairs and Renovations for
12 the 2011-2012 fiscal year, fifty percent (50%) shall be allocated to the Board of Governors of
13 The University of North Carolina for repairs and renovations pursuant to G.S. 143C-4-3, in
14 accordance with guidelines developed in The University of North Carolina Funding Allocation
15 Model for Reserve for Repairs and Renovations, as approved by the Board of Governors of The
16 University of North Carolina, and fifty percent (50%) shall be allocated to the Office of State
17 Budget and Management for repairs and renovations pursuant to G.S. 143C-4-3.

18 Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-4-3, the Board of Governors may allocate funds for the
19 repair and renovation of facilities not supported from the General Fund if the Board determines
20 that sufficient funds are not available from other sources and that conditions warrant General
21 Fund assistance. Any such finding shall be included in the Board's submission to the Joint
22 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the proposed allocation of funds.

23 The Board of Governors and the Office of State Budget and Management shall
24 consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to the
25 allocation or reallocation of these funds.

26 **SECTION 30.5.(b)** Of the funds allocated to the Board of Governors of The
27 University of North Carolina in subsection (a) of this section, a portion shall be used by the
28 Board of Governors for the installation of fire sprinklers in university residence halls. This
29 portion shall be in addition to funds otherwise appropriated in this act for the same purpose.
30 Such funds shall be allocated among The University of North Carolina's constituent institutions
31 by the President of The University of North Carolina, who shall consider the following factors
32 when allocating those funds:

- 33 (1) The safety and well-being of the residents of campus housing programs.
- 34 (2) The current level of housing rents charged to students and how that
35 compares to an institution's public peers and other UNC institutions.
- 36 (3) The level of previous authorizations to constituent institutions for the
37 construction or renovation of residence halls funded from the General Fund,
38 or from bonds or certificates of participation supported by the General Fund,
39 since 1996.
- 40 (4) The financial status of each constituent institution's housing system,
41 including debt capacity, debt coverage ratios, credit rankings, required
42 reserves, the planned use of cash balances for other housing system
43 improvements, and the constituent institution's ability to pay for the
44 installation of fire sprinklers in all residence halls.
- 45 (5) The total cost of each proposed project, including the cost of installing fire
46 sprinklers and the cost of other construction, such as asbestos removal and
47 additional water supply needs.

48 The Board of Governors shall submit progress reports to the Joint Legislative
49 Commission on Governmental Operations. Reports shall include the status of completed,
50 current, and planned projects. Reports also shall include information on the financial status of
51 each constituent institution's housing system, the constituent institution's ability to pay for fire
52 protection in residence halls, and the timing of installation of fire sprinklers. Reports shall be
53 submitted on January 1 and July 1 until all residence halls have fire sprinklers.

54 **SECTION 30.5.(c)** Of the funds allocated to the Board of Governors of The
55 University of North Carolina in subsection (a) of this section, a portion shall be used by the
56 Board of Governors for campus public safety improvements allowable under G.S. 143C-4-3(b).
57

58 **PROCEDURES FOR DISBURSEMENT OF CAPITAL FUNDS**

SECTION 30.6. The appropriations made by the 2011 General Assembly for capital improvements shall be disbursed for the purposes provided by this act. Expenditure of funds shall not be made by any State department, institution, or agency until an allotment has been approved by the Governor as Director of the Budget. The allotment shall be approved only after full compliance with the State Budget Act, Chapter 143C of the General Statutes. Prior to the award of construction contracts for projects to be financed in whole or in part with self-liquidating appropriations, the Director of the Budget shall approve the elements of the method of financing of those projects, including the source of funds, interest rate, and liquidation period. Provided, however, that if the Director of the Budget approves the method of financing a project, the Director shall report that action to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations at its next meeting.

Where direct capital improvement appropriations include the purpose of furnishing fixed and movable equipment for any project, those funds for equipment shall not be subject to transfer into construction accounts except as authorized by the Director of the Budget. The expenditure of funds for fixed and movable equipment and furnishings shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of the Budget prior to commitment of funds.

Capital improvement projects authorized by the 2011 General Assembly shall be completed, including fixed and movable equipment and furnishings, within the limits of the amounts of the direct or self-liquidating appropriations provided, except as otherwise provided in this act. Capital improvement projects authorized by the 2011 General Assembly for the design phase only shall be designed within the scope of the project as defined by the approved cost estimate filed with the Director of the Budget, including costs associated with site preparation, demolition, and movable and fixed equipment.

UNC NON-GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS

SECTION 30.7.(a) The purpose of this section is (i) to authorize the planning or construction by certain constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina of the capital improvement projects listed in this section for the respective institutions and (ii) to authorize the financing of these projects with funds available to the institutions from gifts, grants, receipts, self-liquidating indebtedness, Medicare reimbursements for education costs, hospital receipts from patient care, or other funds, or any combination of these funds, but not including funds received for tuition or appropriated from the General Fund of the State. These funds are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 30.7.(b) The capital improvement projects, and their respective costs, authorized by this section to be constructed and financed as provided in subsection (a) of this section, including by revenue bonds, by special obligation bonds as authorized in subsection (e) of this section, or by both, are as follows:

Appalachian State University	
Winkler Residence Hall Renovation	\$ 11,805,000
East Carolina University	
Athletic Facilities Expansion and Improvement – Phase 4 Auxiliary Practice Gymnasium	15,000,000
Fayetteville State University	
Rudolph Jones Student Center Expansion and Renovation	23,289,021
North Carolina A&T State University	
New Health Center	10,000,000
North Carolina Central University	
Chidley Residence Hall Expansion and Renovation	41,193,000
North Carolina State University	
Centennial Campus Housing Complex	129,000,000
Lee Residence Hall and Sullivan Residence Hall	6,000,000
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	

1	Carolina Inn Renovation – Phase 2	9,000,000
2	Woollen Gymnasium Renovation – Phase 2	2,650,000
3		
4	The University of North Carolina at Charlotte	
5	New Residence Hall – Phase X	31,045,802
6	New Residence Hall – Phase XI	40,837,005
7	Residence Dining Hall Replacement	29,176,738
8	Parking Deck J	27,418,000
9		
10	The University of North Carolina at Greensboro	
11	Student Recreation Center	91,000,000
12	Tower Village II Residence Hall Acquisition	34,500,000
13	Campus Police Building	10,030,000
14	Village Parking Deck	10,877,000
15		
16	The University of North Carolina at Pembroke	
17	Student Health Services Comprehensive Renovation and Addition	3,950,000
18		
19	Western Carolina University	
20	Walker Residence Hall Expansion and Renovation	17,289,000

21
22 **SECTION 30.7.(c)** The capital improvement projects, and their respective costs,
23 authorized by this section to be planned and financed as provided in subsection (a) of this
24 section, including by revenue bonds, by special obligation bonds as authorized in subsection (e)
25 of this section, or by both, are as follows:

26		
27	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
28	Mary Ellen Jones Renovation – Phase 1	\$ 4,000,000
29	Research Building at Carolina North	6,000,000
30		
31	The University of North Carolina at Charlotte	
32	New Residence Hall – Phase XII	3,840,741
33	Cedar, Hickory, and Sycamore Residence Halls Renovation	750,000
34		

35 **SECTION 30.7.(d)** At the request of the Board of Governors of The University of
36 North Carolina and upon determining that it is in the best interest of the State to do so, the
37 Director of the Budget may authorize an increase or decrease in the cost of, or a change in the
38 method of, funding the projects authorized by this section. In determining whether to authorize
39 a change in cost or funding, the Director of the Budget may consult with the Joint Legislative
40 Commission on Governmental Operations.

41 **SECTION 30.7.(e)** Pursuant to G.S. 116D-26, the Board of Governors may issue,
42 subject to the approval of the Director of the Budget, at one time or from time to time, special
43 obligation bonds of the Board of Governors for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost
44 of acquiring, constructing, or providing for the projects authorized by subsections (b) and (c) of
45 this section. The maximum principal amount of bonds to be issued shall not exceed the
46 specified project costs in subsections (b) and (c) of this section plus five percent (5%) of such
47 amount to pay issuance expenses, fund reserve funds, pay capitalized interest, and pay other
48 related additional costs, plus any increase in the specific project costs authorized by the
49 Director of the Budget pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

50 **SECTION 30.7.(f)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

51
52 **VANCE-GRANVILLE COMM. COLL. BOND FUNDS**

53 **SECTION 30.9.** Section 3(b) of S.L. 2000-3 reads as rewritten:

54 **"Section 3.(b)** Except as provided in this subsection, a community college may use the
55 bond proceeds allocated in subsection (a) of this section for new construction only in
56 accordance with the capital allocation formula adopted by the State Board of Community
57 Colleges in March 2000. Except as provided in this subsection, a community college may use
58 the bond proceeds allocated in subsection (a) of this section for repair and renovation only in
59 accordance with the repair and renovation formula adopted by the State Board of Community

1 Colleges in May 1998, as supplemented by additional repair and renovation needs determined
 2 by the State Board of Community Colleges as of April 2000. The following provisions govern
 3 reallocations:

4 (1) New Construction. – Except as provided in this paragraph, new construction
 5 funds allocated in this section to a specific site may not be allocated to
 6 another site. If the local board of trustees of a community college determines
 7 that new construction funds allocated to a specific site are not needed at that
 8 site, the board may request that the State Board of Community Colleges
 9 reallocate those funds for new construction at another site of the community
 10 college. Except in the case of ~~Mayland Community College, College and~~
 11 Vance-Granville Community College, the funds may not be reallocated from
 12 a site outside the main campus county to a site within the main campus
 13 county. If the State Board of Community Colleges determines that the funds
 14 are not needed for new construction at the site for which they were originally
 15 allocated, it shall approve the reallocation to the other site and shall
 16 substitute the proposed facility at the other site in the Community Colleges
 17 System Office's application to the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 116D-43.

18 Each community college shall submit to the State Board of Community
 19 Colleges a statement (i) proposing the capital facilities to be financed with
 20 the proceeds of community college general obligation bonds allocated to that
 21 community college, (ii) certifying that the proposed site is included in the
 22 allocations in this section or is a substitute facility at another site because the
 23 funds are not needed for new construction at the site for which they are
 24 allocated in this section, (iii) certifying that the community college is
 25 prepared to proceed with the construction, acquisition, or improvement of
 26 the proposed capital facilities, and (iv) demonstrating that the applicable
 27 matching requirements have been or will be met.

28 Upon receipt by the State Board of Community Colleges of the
 29 information set forth above, the Board shall add the proposed capital
 30 facilities to the next application of the Community Colleges System Office
 31 to the State Treasurer to issue bonds pursuant to G.S. 116D-43.

32 The board of trustees of an individual community college may use funds
 33 allocated for new construction either for new construction or for repair and
 34 renovations.

35 "...."

36
 37 **ALLOW THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO**
 38 **APPROVE THE PLANNING, AUTHORIZATION, AND FUNDING OF CAPITAL**
 39 **PROJECTS FROM NON-GENERAL FUND SOURCES**

40 **SECTION 30.10.(a)** G.S. 143C-8-12 reads as rewritten:

41 **"§ 143C-8-12. University system capital improvement projects from sources that are not**
 42 **General Fund sources: approval of new project or change in scope of existing**
 43 **project.**

44 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, ~~the Director of the Budget may, upon~~
 45 ~~request of the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and after consultation~~
 46 ~~with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, may approve:~~ (i)
 47 expenditures to plan a capital improvement project of The University of North Carolina the
 48 planning for which is to be funded entirely with non-General Fund money, (ii) expenditures for
 49 a capital improvement project of The University of North Carolina that is to be funded and
 50 operated entirely with non-General Fund money, or (iii) a change in the scope of any
 51 previously approved capital improvement project of The University of North Carolina provided
 52 that both the project and change in scope are funded entirely with non-General Fund money.
 53 The Board of Governors shall report any expenditure made pursuant to this section to the
 54 Office of State Budget and Management and to the Joint Legislative Commission on
 55 Governmental Operations."

56 **SECTION 30.10.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law.
 57

1 **AUTHORIZE THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF**
2 **GOVERNORS TO ALLOCATE OR REALLOCATE FUNDS TO REPAIRS AND**
3 **RENOVATIONS PROJECTS**

4 **SECTION 30.11.(a)** G.S. 143C-4-3 is amended by adding a new subsection to
5 read:

6 "(d) Board of Governors May Allocate Funds to Particular Projects. – Any funds in the
7 Reserve for Repairs and Renovations that are allocated to the Board of Governors of The
8 University of North Carolina may be allocated or reallocated by the Board for repairs and
9 renovations projects so long as (i) any project that receives an allocation or reallocation
10 satisfies the requirements of subsection (b) of this section unless the Board determines that
11 sufficient funds are not available from other sources and that conditions warrant General Fund
12 assistance and (ii) the allocation or reallocation is in accordance with guidelines developed in
13 The University of North Carolina Funding Allocation Model for Reserve for Repairs and
14 Renovations, as approved by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina. The
15 Board of Governors shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
16 Operations on the allocation or reallocation of funds pursuant to this section within 60 days of
17 any allocation or reallocation under this subsection."

18 **SECTION 30.11.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2011.

19
20 **WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FEASIBILITY**
21 **DETERMINATION FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF**
22 **NORTH CAROLINA FOR WHICH ADVANCE PLANNING HAS NOT BEEN**
23 **UNDERTAKEN**

24 **SECTION 30.12.(a)** G.S. 143C-3-3 reads as rewritten:

25 "**§ 143C-3-3. Budget requests from State agencies in the executive branch.**

26 ...
27 (c) Repairs and Renovations Funds Request. – In addition to any other information
28 requested by the Director, any State agency proposing to repair or renovate an existing facility
29 shall accompany that request with all of the following:

- 30 (1) A description of current deficiencies and proposed corrections with a review
31 and evaluation of that proposal prepared by the Department of
32 Administration.
- 33 (2) An estimate of project costs approved by the Department of Administration.
- 34 (3) A certification of project feasibility as described in
35 G.S. 143-341.G.S. 143-341, except that in the case of a project of The
36 University of North Carolina for which advance planning has not been
37 completed, the request may be submitted without this certification.
- 38 (4) An explanation of the method by which the repair or renovation is to be
39 financed.

40 (d) Capital Funds Request. – In addition to any other information requested by the
41 Director, any State agency proposing to (i) acquire real property, (ii) construct a new facility,
42 (iii) expand the building area (sq. ft.) of an existing facility, or (iv) rehabilitate an existing
43 facility to accommodate new or expanded uses shall accompany that request with all of the
44 following:

- 45 (1) An estimate of its space needs and other physical requirements, together
46 with a review and evaluation of that estimate prepared by the Department of
47 ~~Administration.~~ Administration, except that in the case of a project of The
48 University of North Carolina for which advance planning has not been
49 completed, the estimate of space needs may be a preliminary estimate.
- 50 (2) An estimate of project costs and cash flow requirements approved by the
51 Department of Administration.
- 52 (3) A certification of project feasibility as described in
53 G.S. 143-341.G.S. 143-341, except that in the case of a project of The
54 University of North Carolina for which advance planning has not been
55 completed, the request may be submitted without this certification.
- 56 (4) An explanation of the method by which the acquisition, construction, or
57 rehabilitation is to be financed.
- 58 (5) An estimate of maintenance and operating costs, including personnel, for the
59 project, covering the first five years of operation.

- (6) An estimate of revenues, if any, to be derived from the project, covering the first five years of operation.

This subsection does not apply to requests for State resources for railroad, highway, or bridge construction or renovation.

(e) Information Technology Request. – In addition to any other information requested by the Director, any State agency requesting significant State resources, as defined by the Director, for the purpose of acquiring or maintaining information technology shall accompany that request with all of the following:

- (1) A statement of its needs for information technology and related resources, including expected improvements to programmatic or business operations, together with a review and evaluation of that statement prepared by the State Chief Information Officer.
- (2) A statement setting forth the requirements for State resources, together with an evaluation of those requirements by the State Chief Information Officer that takes into consideration the State's current technology, the opportunities for technology sharing, the requirements of Article 3D of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes, and any other factors relevant to the analysis.
- (3) A statement by the State Chief Information Officer that sets forth viable alternatives, if any, for meeting the agency needs in an economical and efficient manner.
- (4) In the case of an acquisition, an explanation of the method by which the acquisition is to be financed.

This subsection shall not apply to requests submitted by the General Assembly, the Administrative Office of the Courts, or The University of North Carolina."

SECTION 30.12.(b) G.S. 143-341(3)b1. reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-341. Powers and duties of Department.

The Department of Administration has the following powers and duties:

- ...
- (3) Architecture and Engineering:

- ...
- b1. To certify that a statement of needs pursuant to ~~G.S. 143C-3-3~~ G.S. 143C-3-3, other than for a project of The University of North Carolina for which advance planning has not been completed, is feasible. For purposes of this sub-subdivision, "feasible" means that the proposed project is sufficiently defined in overall scope; building program; site development; detailed design, construction, and equipment budgets; and comprehensive project scheduling so as to reasonably ensure that it may be completed with the amount of funds requested. At the discretion of the General Assembly, advanced planning funds may be appropriated in support of this certification. This sub-subdivision shall not apply to requests for appropriations of less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)."

SECTION 30.12.(c) This section becomes effective July 1, 2011.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SHALL EXAMINE ADEQUACY OF PLANNING FOR LONG-TERM STATE CAPITAL NEEDS

SECTION 30.13.(a) G.S. 120-259 reads as rewritten:

"§ 120-259. Purpose and powers of the Committee.

(a) The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Capital Improvements shall examine, on a continuing basis, ~~all of the following: capital improvements approved and undertaken for State facilities and institutions. As used in this section "capital improvements" includes repairs and renovations, and "State facilities and institutions" includes facilities and institutions of The University of North Carolina.~~

- (1) Capital improvements approved and undertaken for State facilities and institutions.
- (2) The adequacy of planning for the State's long-term capital needs. This examination (i) may take into account the priorities embodied in the six-year capital improvements plan developed pursuant to G.S. 143C-8-5 and other

1 planning documents but shall constitute a separate examination that does not
2 rely exclusively on any particular document and (ii) shall look at capital
3 needs throughout the State and not only in Wake County.

4 (b) The Committee shall have oversight over implementation of the six-year capital
5 improvements plan developed pursuant to G.S. 143C-8-5.

6 (c) The Committee, while in discharge of official duties, shall have access to any paper
7 or document and may compel the attendance of any State official or employee before the
8 Committee or secure any evidence under ~~G.S. 120-19.~~ G.S. 120-19. In addition, G.S. 120-19.1
9 through G.S. 120-19.4 shall apply to the proceedings of the Committee as if it were a joint
10 committee of the General Assembly.

11 (d) The Committee may make interim reports to the General Assembly on matters for
12 which it may report to a regular session of the General Assembly. A report to the General
13 Assembly may contain any legislation needed to implement a recommendation of the
14 Committee.

15 (e) As used in this section, 'capital improvements' includes repairs and renovations, and
16 'State facilities and institutions' includes facilities and institutions of The University of North
17 Carolina."

18 **SECTION 30.13.(b)** The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Capital
19 Improvements shall report to the General Assembly no later than April 1, 2012, on the
20 adequacy of planning for the State's long-term capital needs. This report shall accord with
21 G.S. 120-259(a)(2) and shall also include at least the following:

- 22 (1) An analysis of the various mechanisms that currently exist to facilitate the
23 long-term capital planning of State facilities and an assessment of the degree
24 to which those mechanisms serve the needs of the State.
- 25 (2) An examination of whether and to what degree the capital project priorities
26 of individual State agencies and departments accord with the long-term
27 capital planning needs of the State as a whole.
- 28 (3) An examination of whether the long-term capital planning needs of the State
29 might be better served by changing the way in which capital projects are
30 planned. This analysis shall include an examination of the methods by which
31 other States engage in long-term capital planning.
- 32 (4) An analysis of whether, historically, the percentage of funds that have been
33 allocated from the Reserve for Repairs and Renovations to the Board of
34 Governors of The University of North Carolina for university facilities
35 compared to the percentage of funds that have been allocated from that
36 Reserve to the Office of State Budget and Management for other State
37 facilities is an appropriate ratio.
- 38 (5) An analysis of whether requiring the Board of Governors of The University
39 of North Carolina to set forth capital project requests that prioritize projects
40 on a systemwide basis would better serve the long-term capital planning
41 needs of the State than the current practice of having each campus prioritize
42 capital projects requests for that particular campus does.

43 **PART XXXI. FEES**

44 **EDUCATION/STATE BOARD AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH GED TESTING FEES**

45 **SECTION 31.2.** G.S. 115D-5(s) reads as rewritten:

46 "(s) The State Board of Community Colleges may establish, retain and budget fees
47 charged to students taking the General Education Development (GED) ~~test.~~ ~~test, including fees~~
48 for retesting. Fees collected for this purpose shall be used only to (i) offset the costs of the GED
49 test, including the cost of scoring the test, (ii) offset the costs of printing GED certificates, and
50 (iii) meet federal and State reporting requirements related to the test."
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54 **NER/COMMERCE/SET REGULATORY FEE FOR UTILITIES COMMISSION**

55 **SECTION 31.4.(a)** The percentage rate to be used in calculating the public utility
56 regulatory fee under G.S. 62-302(b)(2) is twelve-hundredths of one percent (0.12%) for each
57 public utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during each quarter that begins on
58 or after July 1, 2011.

1 **SECTION 31.4.(b)** The electric membership corporation regulatory fee imposed
2 under G.S. 62-302(b1) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year is two hundred thousand dollars
3 (\$200,000).

4 **SECTION 31.4.(c)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2011.

5
6 **FEE TO ADVERTISE IN WELCOME CENTERS**

7 **SECTION 31.4A.** G.S. 143B-421.3 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 143B-421.3. Consultation required for welcome and visitor centers.**

9 (a) Consultation. – The Department of Commerce and the Department of
10 Transportation shall consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
11 Operations and the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Natural and Economic
12 Resources before beginning the design or construction of any new welcome center or visitor
13 center buildings.

14 (b) Advertising. – An annual fee is imposed on a person who places or displays
15 advertising materials in a welcome center building. The fee imposed by this subsection does
16 not apply to governmental or public sector entities. The annual fee shall be as follows:

17 (1) For advertising materials where the width is not more than four inches and
18 the length is not more than nine inches: one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per
19 year per welcome center building.

20 (2) For advertising materials where the width is more than four inches or the
21 length is more than nine inches: two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per year per
22 welcome center building."

23
24 **NER/AGRICULTURE/INCREASE FEES FOR PET SHOPS, AUCTIONS, KENNELS,**
25 **AND DEALERS**

26 **SECTION 31.5.(a)** G.S. 19A-27 reads as rewritten:

27 "**§ 19A-27. License required for operation of pet shop.**

28 No person shall operate a pet shop unless a license to operate such establishment shall have
29 been granted by the Director. Application for such license shall be made in the manner
30 provided by the Director. The license shall be for the fiscal year and the license fee shall be
31 ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each license period or part thereof
32 beginning with the first day of the fiscal year."

33 **SECTION 31.5.(b)** G.S. 19A-28 reads as rewritten:

34 "**§ 19A-28. License required for public auction or boarding kennel.**

35 No person shall operate a public auction or a boarding kennel unless a license to operate
36 such establishment shall have been granted by the Director. Application for such license shall
37 be made in the manner provided by the Director. The license period shall be the fiscal year and
38 the license fee shall be ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each license
39 period or part thereof beginning with the first day of the fiscal year."

40 **SECTION 31.5.(c)** G.S. 19A-29 reads as rewritten:

41 "**§ 19A-29. License required for dealer.**

42 No person shall be a dealer unless a license to deal shall have been granted by the Director
43 to such person. Application for such license shall be in the manner provided by the Director.
44 The license period shall be the fiscal year and the license fee shall be ~~fifty dollars~~
45 ~~(\$50.00)~~ seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each license period or part thereof, beginning with the
46 first day of the fiscal year."

47
48 **NER/AGRICULTURE/FEES FOR OUT-OF-STATE SOIL TESTS AND EXPEDITED**
49 **SOIL TESTS**

50 **SECTION 31.7.** G.S. 106-22 reads as rewritten:

51 "**§ 106-22. Joint duties of Commissioner and Board.**

52 The Commissioner of Agriculture, by and with the consent and advice of the Board of
53 Agriculture shall:

54 ...
55 (17) Agronomic Testing. – Provide agronomic testing services and charge
56 reasonable fees for plant ~~analysis and analysis,~~ analysis, ~~nematode testing-testing,~~
57 out-of-state soil testing, and expedited soil testing. The Board shall charge at
58 least four dollars (\$4.00) for plant ~~analysis and analysis,~~ at least two dollars
59 (\$2.00) for nematode ~~testing-testing,~~ at least five dollars (\$5.00) for

1 out-of-state soil testing, and at least one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for
 2 expedited soil testing."
 3

4 **NER/AGRICULTURE/TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS REGARDING COMMERCIAL**
 5 **FERTILIZER INSPECTION FEE, PESTICIDE TECHNICIAN IDENTIFICATION**
 6 **CARD RENEWAL FEE, AND PESTICIDE DEALER LICENSE RENEWAL FEE**

7 **SECTION 31.8.(a)** G.S. 106-671(b) reads as rewritten:

8 "(b) Reporting System. – Each manufacturer, importer, jobber, firm, corporation or
 9 person who distributes commercial fertilizers in this State shall make application to the
 10 Commissioner for a permit to report the tonnage of commercial fertilizer sold and shall pay to
 11 the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services an inspection fee of
 12 ~~twenty five cents (25¢)~~ fifty cents (50¢) per ton. The Commissioner is authorized to require
 13 each such distributor to keep such records as may be necessary to indicate accurately the
 14 tonnage of commercial fertilizers sold in the State, and as are satisfactory to the Commissioner.
 15 Such records shall be available to the Commissioner, or his duly authorized representative, at
 16 any and all reasonable hours for the purpose of making such examination as is necessary to
 17 verify the tonnage statement and the inspection fees paid. Each registrant shall report monthly
 18 the tonnage sold to non-registrants on forms furnished by the Commissioner. Such reports shall
 19 be made and inspection fees shall be due and payable monthly on the fifteenth of each month
 20 covering the tonnage and kind of commercial fertilizers sold during the past month. If the
 21 report is not filed and the inspection fee paid by the last day of the month it is due, the amount
 22 due shall bear a penalty of ten percent (10%), which shall be added to the inspection fee due. If
 23 the report is not filed and the inspection fee paid within 60 days of the date due, or if the report
 24 or tonnage be false, the Commissioner may revoke the permit."

25 **SECTION 31.8.(b)** G.S. 106-65.31(b1) reads as rewritten:

26 "(b1) Registration. – Within 75 days after the hiring of an employee who is either an
 27 estimator, salesman, serviceman, or solicitor, the licensee shall apply to the Division for the
 28 issuance of an identification card for such employee. The application must be accompanied by
 29 a fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) for each card. The card shall be issued in the name of the
 30 employee and shall bear the name of the employing licensee, the employer's license number
 31 and phases, the name and address of the employer's business, and such other information as the
 32 Committee may specify. The identification card shall be carried by the employee on his person
 33 at all times while performing any phase of structural pest control work. The card must be
 34 displayed upon demand by the Commissioner, the Committee, the Division, or any
 35 representative thereof, or the person for whom any phase of structural pest control work is
 36 being performed. A registered technician's identification card must be renewed annually on or
 37 before June 30 by payment of a renewal fee of ~~twenty five dollars (\$25.00)~~ forty dollars
 38 (\$40.00). If a card is lost or destroyed the licensee may secure a duplicate for a fee of five
 39 dollars (\$5.00). The licensee shall notify the Division of the termination or change in status of
 40 any registered technician. All identification cards expire when a license expires."

41 **SECTION 31.8.(c)** G.S. 143-448(c) reads as rewritten:

42 "(c) The license for a pesticide dealer may be renewed annually upon application to the
 43 Board, accompanied by a fee of ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each
 44 license, on or before the first day of January of the calendar year for which the license is
 45 issued."
 46

47 **NER/AGRICULTURE/INCREASE AGRICULTURAL LIMING MATERIALS**
 48 **TONNAGE FEES**

49 **SECTION 31.9.** G.S. 106-92.8 reads as rewritten:

50 **"§ 106-92.8. Tonnage fees: reporting system.**

51 For the purpose of defraying expenses connected with the registration, inspection and
 52 analysis of the materials coming under this Article, each manufacturer or registrant shall pay to
 53 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services tonnage fees in addition to registration
 54 fees as follows: for agricultural liming material, ~~ten cents (10¢)~~ fifty cents (50¢) per ton; for
 55 landplaster, ~~ten cents (10¢)~~ fifty cents (50¢) per ton; excepting that these fees shall not apply to
 56 materials which are sold to fertilizer manufacturers for the sole purpose for use in the
 57 manufacture of fertilizer or to materials when sold in packages of 10 pounds or less.

1 Any manufacturer, importer, jobber, firm, corporation or person who distributes materials
2 coming under this Article in this State shall make application for a permit to report the
3 materials sold and pay the tonnage fees as set forth in this section.

4 The Commissioner of Agriculture shall grant such permits on the following conditions: The
5 applicant's agreement that he will keep such records as may be necessary to indicate accurately
6 the tonnage of liming materials, etc., sold in the State and his agreement for the Commissioner
7 or this authorized representative to examine such records to verify the tonnage statement. The
8 registrant shall report quarterly and pay the applicable tonnage fees quarterly, on or before the
9 tenth day of October, January, April, and July of each year. The report and payment shall cover
10 the tonnage of liming materials, etc., sold during the preceding quarter. The report shall be on
11 forms furnished by the Commissioner. If the report is not filed and the tonnage fees paid by the
12 last day of the month in which it is due, or if the report be false, the amount due shall bear a
13 penalty of ten percent (10%) which shall be added to the tonnage fees due. If the report is not
14 filed and the tonnage fees paid within 60 days of the date due, or if the report or tonnage be
15 false, the Commissioner may revoke the permit and cancel the registration."

16
17 **NER/AGRICULTURE/INCREASE ANTIFREEZE DISTRIBUTION REGISTRATION**
18 **FEE**

19 **SECTION 31.10.** G.S. 106-579.4 reads as rewritten:

20 "**§ 106-579.4. Registrations.**

21 On or before the first day of July of each year, and before any antifreeze may be distributed
22 for the permit year beginning July 1, the manufacturer, packager, or person whose name
23 appears on the label shall make application to the Commissioner on forms provided by the
24 latter for registration for each brand of antifreeze which he desires to distribute. The application
25 shall be accompanied by specimens or facsimiles of labeling for all container sizes to be
26 distributed, when requested by the Commissioner; a license and inspection fee of ~~two hundred~~
27 ~~fifty dollars (\$250.00)~~ five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each brand of antifreeze and a
28 properly labeled sample of the antifreeze shall also be submitted at this time. The
29 Commissioner may inspect, test, or analyze the antifreeze and review the labeling. If the
30 antifreeze is not adulterated or misbranded, if it meets the standards established and
31 promulgated by the Board, and if the said antifreeze is not such a type or kind that is in
32 violation of this Article, the Commissioner shall thereafter issue a written license or permit
33 authorizing the sale of such antifreeze in this State for the fiscal year in which the license or
34 inspection fee is paid. If the antifreeze is adulterated or misbranded, if it fails to meet standards
35 promulgated by the Board, or is in violation of this Article or regulations thereunder, the
36 Commissioner shall refuse to register the antifreeze, and he shall return the application to the
37 applicant, stating how the antifreeze or labeling is not in conformity. If the Commissioner shall,
38 at a later date, find that a properly registered antifreeze product has been materially altered or
39 adulterated, or a change has been made in the name, brand or trademark under which the
40 antifreeze is sold, or that it violates the provisions of this Article, or that it violates regulations,
41 definitions or standards duly promulgated by the Board, he shall notify the applicant that the
42 license authorizing sale of the antifreeze is canceled. No antifreeze license shall be canceled
43 unless the registrant shall have been given an opportunity to be heard before the Commissioner
44 or his duly designated agent and to modify his application in order to comply with the
45 requirements of this Article and regulations, definitions, and standards promulgated by the
46 Board. All fees received by the Commissioner shall be placed in the Department of Agriculture
47 and Consumer Services fund for the purpose of supporting the antifreeze enforcement and
48 testing program."

49
50 **NER/ENVIRONMENT/REDUCE PORTION OF CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FEES**
51 **CREDITED TO MERCURY SWITCH REMOVAL ACCOUNT**

52 **SECTION 31.11.** G.S. 20-85(a1) reads as rewritten:

53 "(a1) One dollar (\$1.00) of the fee imposed for any transaction assessed a fee under
54 subdivision (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(7), (a)(8), or (a)(9) of this section shall be credited to the
55 North Carolina Highway Fund. The Division shall use the fees derived from transactions with
56 the Division for technology improvements. The Division shall use the fees derived from
57 transactions with commission contract agents for the payment of compensation to commission
58 contract agents. An additional ~~one dollar (\$1.00)~~ fifty cents (50¢) of the fee imposed for any

1 transaction assessed a fee under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be credited to the
2 Mercury Switch Removal Account in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources."
3

4 **LOCALS TO RECEIVE LARGER PORTION OF FOOD AND LODGING FEES**

5 **SECTION 31.11A.** G.S. 130A-248(d) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d) The Department shall charge each establishment subject to this section, except
7 nutrition programs for the elderly administered by the Division of Aging and Adult Services of
8 the Department of Health and Human Services, establishments that prepare and sell meat food
9 products or poultry products, and public school cafeterias, a fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00)
10 for each permit issued. This fee shall be reassessed annually for permits that do not expire. The
11 Commission shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Fees collected under this
12 subsection shall be used for State and local food, lodging, and institution sanitation programs
13 and activities. No more than ~~thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%)~~ ten percent (10%) of
14 the fees collected under this subsection may be used to support State health programs and
15 activities."
16

17 **NER/ENVIRONMENT/ADDITIONAL USES OF HAZARDOUS WASTE FEES**

18 **SECTION 31.15.** G.S. 130A-294.1(b) reads as rewritten:

19 "(b) Funds collected pursuant to this section shall be used for personnel and other
20 resources necessary to:

- 21 (1) Provide a high level of technical assistance and waste minimization effort
22 for the hazardous waste management program;
- 23 (2) Provide timely review of permit applications;
- 24 (3) Insure that permit decisions are made on a sound technical basis and that
25 permit decisions incorporate all conditions necessary to accomplish the
26 purposes of this Part;
- 27 (4) Improve monitoring and compliance of the hazardous waste management
28 program;
- 29 (5) Increase the frequency of inspections;
- 30 (6) Provide chemical, biological, toxicological, and analytical support for the
31 hazardous waste management program; and
- 32 (7) Provide resources for emergency response to imminent hazards associated
33 with the hazardous waste management program.
- 34 (8) Implement and provide oversight of necessary response activities involving
35 inactive hazardous substance or waste disposal sites.
- 36 (9) Provide compliance and prevention activities within the solid waste program
37 to ensure that hazardous waste is not disposed in solid waste management
38 facilities."
39

40 **NER/NATURAL RESOURCES/NO NEW FEES FOR PARKING IN STATE PARKS**

41 **SECTION 31.22.** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the funds

42 appropriated to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for State Parks for the
43 2011-2012 fiscal year and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year shall not be reduced or replaced with
44 fees for parking at State Parks, unless these fees were charged prior to the 2011-2012 fiscal
45 year. No fees shall be charged and no fees shall be collected for parking in a State Park during
46 the 2011-2012 fiscal year and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, unless these fees were charged
47 prior to the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
48

49 **JPS/AOC/INCREASE CERTAIN COURT COSTS**

50 **SECTION 31.23.(a)** G.S. 7A-304(a)(4) reads as rewritten:

51 "(a) In every criminal case in the superior or district court, wherein the defendant is
52 convicted, or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or when costs are assessed against the
53 prosecuting witness, the following costs shall be assessed and collected, except that when the
54 judgment imposes an active prison sentence, costs shall be assessed and collected only when
55 the judgment specifically so provides, and that no costs may be assessed when a case is
56 dismissed.
57

- 58 (4) For support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of one hundred
59 twenty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$100.50) ~~(\$100.50)~~ (\$129.50) in the district court,

1 including cases before a magistrate, and the sum of one hundred ~~two~~
2 ~~fifty-four~~ dollars and fifty cents ~~(\$102.50)~~(\$154.50) in the superior court, to
3 be remitted to the State Treasurer. For a person convicted of a felony in
4 superior court who has made a first appearance in district court, both the
5 district court and superior court fees shall be assessed. The State Treasurer
6 shall remit the sum of two dollars and five cents (\$2.05) of each fee
7 collected under this subdivision to the North Carolina State Bar for the
8 provision of services described in G.S. 7A-474.4, and ninety-five cents
9 (\$.95) of each fee collected under this subdivision to the North Carolina
10 State Bar for the provision of services described in G.S. 7A-474.19. "

11 **SECTION 31.23.(b)** G.S. 7A-305 reads as rewritten:

12 "**§ 7A-305. Costs in civil actions.**

13 (a) In every civil action in the superior or district court, except for actions brought
14 under Chapter 50B of the General Statutes, shall be assessed:

15 ...
16 (2) For support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of one hundred
17 ~~twenty-five~~ ~~eighty~~ dollars ~~(\$125.00)~~(\$180.00) in the superior court, except
18 that if a case is assigned to a special superior court judge as a complex
19 business case under G.S. 7A-45.3, an additional one thousand dollars
20 (\$1,000) shall be paid upon its assignment, and the sum of ~~eighty-one~~
21 ~~hundred thirty~~ dollars ~~(\$80.00)~~(\$130.00) in the district court except that if
22 the case is assigned to a magistrate the sum shall be ~~fifty-five~~ ~~eighty~~
23 ~~dollars~~ ~~(\$55.00)~~(\$80.00). Sums collected under this subdivision shall be remitted to
24 the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall remit the sum of two dollars
25 and five cents (\$2.05) of each fee collected under this subdivision to the
26 North Carolina State Bar for the provision of services described in
27 G.S. 7A-474.4, and ninety-five cents (\$.95) of each fee collected under this
28 subdivision to the North Carolina State Bar for the provision of services
29 described in G.S. 7A-474.19.

30 ...
31 (a5) In every civil action in the superior or district court wherein a party files a pleading
32 containing one or more counterclaims or cross-claims, except for counterclaim and cross-claim
33 actions brought under Chapter 50B of the General Statutes for which costs are assessed
34 pursuant to subsection (a1) of this section, the following shall be assessed:

35 (1) For the use of the courtroom and related judicial facilities, the sum of twelve
36 dollars (\$12.00) in cases heard before a magistrate, and the sum of sixteen
37 dollars (\$16.00) in district and superior court, to be remitted to the
38 municipality providing the facilities in which the judgment is rendered. If a
39 municipality does not provide the facilities in which the judgment is
40 rendered, the sum is to be remitted to the county in which the judgment is
41 rendered. Funds derived from the facilities' fees shall be used in the same
42 manner, for the same purposes, and subject to the same restrictions as
43 facilities' fees assessed in criminal actions.

44 (2) For the upgrade, maintenance, and operation of the judicial and county
45 courthouse phone systems, the sum of four dollars (\$4.00), to be credited to
46 the Court Information Technology Fund.

47 (3) For support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of one hundred eighty
48 dollars (\$180.00) in the superior court, except that if a case is assigned to a
49 special superior court judge as a complex business case under G.S. 7A-45.3,
50 an additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall be paid upon its
51 assignment, and the sum of one hundred thirty dollars (\$130.00) in the
52 district court, except that if the case is assigned to a magistrate, the sum shall
53 be eighty dollars (\$80.00). Sums collected under this subdivision shall be
54 remitted to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall remit the sum of
55 two dollars and five cents (\$2.05) of each fee collected under this
56 subdivision to the North Carolina State Bar for the provision of services
57 described in G.S. 7A-474.4, and ninety-five cents (95¢) of each fee collected
58 under this subdivision to the North Carolina State Bar for the provision of
59 services described in G.S. 7A-474.19.

1 ...
 2 (f) For the support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00)
 3 shall accompany any filing containing one or more motions not listed in G.S. 7A-308 that is
 4 filed with the clerk. No costs shall be assessed to a motion containing as a sole claim for relief
 5 the taxing of costs, including attorneys' fees."

6 SECTION 31.23.(c) G.S. 7A-306 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 7A-306. Costs in special proceedings.

8 (a) In every special proceeding in the superior court, the following costs shall be
 9 assessed:

10 ...
 11 (2) For support of the General Court of Justice the sum of ~~seventy-five~~one
 12 hundred six dollars ~~(\$75.00)-(\$106.00)~~. In addition, in proceedings involving
 13 land, except boundary disputes, if the fair market value of the land involved
 14 is over one hundred dollars (\$100.00), there shall be an additional sum of
 15 thirty cents (30¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of value, or major
 16 fraction thereof, not to exceed a maximum additional sum of two hundred
 17 dollars (\$200.00). Fair market value is determined by the sale price if there
 18 is a sale, the appraiser's valuation if there is no sale, or the appraised value
 19 from the property tax records if there is neither a sale nor an appraiser's
 20 valuation. Sums collected under this subdivision shall be remitted to the
 21 State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall remit the sum of two dollars and
 22 five cents (\$2.05) of each ~~seventy-five dollar (\$75.00)~~one hundred six-dollar
 23 (\$106.00) General Court of Justice fee collected under this subdivision to the
 24 North Carolina State Bar for the provision of services described in
 25 G.S. 7A-474.4.

26 ...
 27 (g) For the support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00)
 28 shall accompany any filing containing one or more motions not listed in G.S. 7A-308 that is
 29 filed with the clerk. No costs shall be assessed to a motion containing as a sole claim for relief
 30 the taxing of costs, including attorneys' fees."

31 SECTION 31.23.(d) G.S. 7A-307(a) reads as rewritten:

32 "(a) In the administration of the estates of decedents, minors, incompetents, of missing
 33 persons, and of trusts under wills and under powers of attorney, in trust proceedings under
 34 G.S. 36C-2-203, and in collections of personal property by affidavit, the following costs shall
 35 be assessed:

36 ...
 37 (2) For support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of ~~seventy-five~~one
 38 hundred six dollars ~~(\$75.00)-(\$106.00)~~, plus an additional forty cents (40¢)
 39 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or major fraction thereof, of the gross
 40 estate, not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000). Gross estate shall include
 41 the fair market value of all personalty when received, and all proceeds from
 42 the sale of realty coming into the hands of the fiduciary, but shall not include
 43 the value of realty. In collections of personal property by affidavit, the fee
 44 based on the gross estate shall be computed from the information in the final
 45 affidavit of collection made pursuant to G.S. 28A-25-3 and shall be paid
 46 when that affidavit is filed. In all other cases, this fee shall be computed
 47 from the information reported in the inventory and shall be paid when the
 48 inventory is filed with the clerk. If additional gross estate, including income,
 49 comes into the hands of the fiduciary after the filing of the inventory, the fee
 50 for such additional value shall be assessed and paid upon the filing of any
 51 account or report disclosing such additional value. For each filing the
 52 minimum fee shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Sums collected under this
 53 subdivision shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall
 54 remit the sum of two dollars and five cents (\$2.05) of each ~~seventy-five dollar (\$75.00)~~one hundred six-dollar (\$106.00) General Court
 55 of Justice fee collected under this subdivision to the North Carolina State
 56 Bar for the provision of services described in G.S. 7A-474.4.

57 ...
 58

(4) For the support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall accompany any filing requiring a notice of hearing and containing one or more motions not listed in G.S. 7A-308 that is filed with the clerk. No costs shall be assessed to a motion containing as a sole claim for relief the taxing of costs, including attorneys' fees."

SECTION 31.23.(e) G.S. 7A-308(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The following miscellaneous fees and commissions shall be collected by the clerk of superior court and remitted to the State for the support of the General Court of Justice:

(1) Foreclosure under power of sale in deed of trust or mortgage.....\$150.00\$300.00
If the property is sold under the power of sale, an additional amount will be charged, determined by the following formula: forty-five cents (.45) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or major fraction thereof, of the final sale price. If the amount determined by the formula is less than ten dollars (\$10.00), a minimum ten dollar (\$10.00) fee will be collected. If the amount determined by the formula is more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), a maximum five hundred-dollar (\$500.00) fee will be collected.

(20) Filing a motion to assert a right of access under G.S. 1-72.1 30.00-30.00

(21) In civil matters, all alias and pluries summons issued and all endorsements issued on an original summons 15.00."

SECTION 31.23.(f) G.S. 7A-34.1 is repealed.

JPS/AOC/COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTERS/WORTHLESS CHECK PROGRAMS

SECTION 31.24.(a) G.S. 14-107.2 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(b1) A community mediation center may establish and charge fees for its services in the collection of worthless checks as part of a program established under this section and may assist the Administrative Office of the Courts and district attorneys in the establishment of worthless check programs in any districts in which worthless check programs have not been established."

SECTION 31.24.(b) G.S. 7A-38.5(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The General Assembly finds that it is in the public interest to encourage the establishment of community mediation centers, also known as dispute settlement centers or dispute resolution centers, to support the work of these centers in facilitating communication, understanding, reconciliation, and settlement of conflicts in communities, courts, and schools, and to promote the widest possible use of these centers by the courts and law enforcement officials across the State. A center may establish and charge fees for its services."

SECTION 31.24.(c) G.S. 7A-38.6(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) All community mediation centers currently receiving State funds shall report annually to the Mediation Network of North Carolina on the program's funding and activities, including:

- (1) Types of dispute settlement services provided;
(2) Clients receiving each type of dispute settlement service;
(3) Number and type of referrals received, cases actually mediated (identified by docket number), cases resolved in mediation, and total clients served in the cases mediated;
(4) Total program funding and funding sources;
(5) Itemization of the use of funds, including operating expenses and personnel;
(6) Itemization of the use of State funds appropriated to the center;
(7) Level of volunteer activity; and
(8) Identification of future service demands and budget requirements.

(a1) The Mediation Network of North Carolina shall compile and summarize the information provided pursuant to this subsection-subsection (a) of this section and shall provide the information to the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety by February 1 of each year.

The Mediation Network of North Carolina shall also submit a copy of its report to the Administrative Office of the Courts. The receipt and review of this report by the Administrative

1 Office of the Courts shall satisfy any program monitoring, evaluation, and contracting
 2 requirements imposed on the Administrative Office of the Courts by Part 3 of Article 6 of
 3 Chapter 143C of the General Statutes and any rules adopted under that Part."

4 **SECTION 31.24.(d)** G.S. 7A-38.7 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 7A-38.7. Dispute resolution fee for cases resolved in mediation.**

6 (a) In each criminal case filed in the General Court of Justice that is resolved through
 7 referral to a community mediation center, a dispute resolution fee shall be assessed in the sum
 8 of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per mediation ~~for the support of the General Court of Justice to~~
 9 support the services provided by the community mediation centers and the Mediation Network
 10 of North Carolina. Fees assessed under this section shall be paid to the clerk of superior court in
 11 the county where the case was filed and remitted by the clerk to the ~~State Treasurer.~~Mediation
 12 Network of North Carolina. The Mediation Network may retain up to three dollars (\$3.00) of
 13 this amount as an allowance for its administrative expenses. The Mediation Network must
 14 remit the remainder of this amount to the community mediation center that mediated the case.

15 (b) Before providing the district attorney with a dismissal form, the community
 16 mediation center shall require proof that the defendant has paid the dispute resolution fee as
 17 required by subsection (a) of this section and shall attach the receipt to the dismissal form."
 18

19 JPS/AOC/INCREASE INTERSTATE COMPACT FEE

20 **SECTION 31.25.** G.S. 148-65.7(a) reads as rewritten:

21 "(a) Persons convicted in this State who make a request for transfer to another state
 22 pursuant to the compact shall pay a transfer application of ~~one two~~ hundred fifty dollars
 23 ~~(\$150.00)~~(\$250.00) for each transfer application submitted. The transfer application fee shall be
 24 paid to the Compact Commissioner upon submission of the transfer application. The
 25 Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee may waive the application fee if either the
 26 Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee finds that payment of the fee will constitute an
 27 undue economic burden on the offender.

28 All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Interstate Compact Fund
 29 and shall be used only to support administration of the Interstate Compact.

30 The Interstate Compact Fund is established within the Department of Correction as a
 31 nonreverting, interest-bearing special revenue account. Accordingly, revenue in the Fund at the
 32 end of a fiscal year does not revert, and interest and other investment income earned by the
 33 Fund shall be credited to it. All moneys collected by the Department of Correction pursuant to
 34 this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer to be deposited and held in this Fund.
 35 Moneys in the Fund shall be used to supplement funds otherwise available to the Department of
 36 Correction for the administration of the Interstate Compact."
 37

38 JPS/AOC/CONTINGENT COURT COST INCREASES FOR COUNTIES

39 **SECTION 31.26.(a)** If House Bill 642 or other substantially similar legislation that
 40 requires a misdemeanor with a period of confinement of six months or less to serve the period
 41 in a local confinement facility becomes law, then Chapter 148 of the General Statutes is
 42 amended by adding a new section to read:

43 "**§ 148.10. Statewide Misdemeanor Confinement Fund established.**

44 There is created within the Department of Correction a special, nonreverting fund called the
 45 Statewide Misdemeanor Confinement Fund."

46 **SECTION 31.26.(b)** If House Bill 642 or other substantially similar legislation that
 47 requires a misdemeanor with a period of confinement of six months or less to serve the period
 48 in a local confinement facility becomes law, then G.S. 7A-304(a) is amended by adding a new
 49 subdivision to read:

50 "(a) In every criminal case in the superior or district court, wherein the defendant is
 51 convicted, or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or when costs are assessed against the
 52 prosecuting witness, the following costs shall be assessed and collected, except that when the
 53 judgment imposes an active prison sentence, costs shall be assessed and collected only when
 54 the judgment specifically so provides, and that no costs may be assessed when a case is
 55 dismissed.

56 ...
 57 (2b) For the maintenance of misdemeanors in county jails, the sum of eighteen
 58 dollars (\$18.00) in the district court to be remitted to the Statewide
 59 Misdemeanor Confinement Fund in the Department of Correction.

...."

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2 **SECTION 31.26.(c)** If House Bill 642 or other substantially similar legislation that
3 requires a misdemeanor with a period of confinement of six months or less to serve the period
4 in a local confinement facility becomes law, then G.S. 7A-304(a) is amended by adding a new
5 subdivision to read:

6 "(a) In every criminal case in the superior or district court, wherein the defendant is
7 convicted, or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or when costs are assessed against the
8 prosecuting witness, the following costs shall be assessed and collected, except that when the
9 judgment imposes an active prison sentence, costs shall be assessed and collected only when
10 the judgment specifically so provides, and that no costs may be assessed when a case is
11 dismissed.

12
13 (4b)

To provide for contractual services to reduce county jail populations, the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for all offenses arising under Chapter 20 of the General Statutes and resulting in a conviction of an improper equipment offense, to be remitted to the Statewide Misdemeanor Confinement Fund in the Department of Correction."

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18 **SECTION 31.26.(d)** If House Bill 642 or other substantially similar legislation that
19 requires a misdemeanor with a period of confinement of six months or less to serve the period
20 in a local confinement facility becomes law, then G.S. 7A-311(a) reads as rewritten:

21 "(a) In a civil action or special proceeding, except for actions brought under Chapter 50B
22 of the General Statutes, the following fees and commissions shall be assessed, collected, and
23 remitted to the county:

- 24 (1) a. For each item of civil process served, including summons,
25 subpoenas, notices, motions, orders, writs and pleadings, the sum of
26 ~~fifteen-thirty~~ dollars (~~\$15.00~~)(~~\$30.00~~). When two or more items of
27 civil process are served simultaneously on one party, only one
28 ~~fifteen-dollar~~ (~~\$15.00~~)thirty-dollar (\$30.00) fee shall be charged.

29
30 "

31 **SECTION 31.26.(e)** If House Bill 642 or other substantially similar legislation that
32 requires a misdemeanor with a period of confinement of six months or less to serve the period
33 in a local confinement facility becomes law, then G.S. 7A-313 reads as rewritten:

34 "**§ 7A-313. Uniform jail fees.**

35 Persons who are lawfully confined in jail awaiting trial shall be liable to the county or
36 municipality maintaining the jail in the sum of ~~five-ten~~ dollars (~~\$5.00~~)(\$10.00) for each 24
37 hours' confinement, or fraction thereof, except that a person so confined shall not be liable for
38 this fee if the case or proceeding against him is dismissed, or if acquitted, or if judgment is
39 arrested, or if probable cause is not found, or if the grand jury fails to return a true bill.

40 Persons who are ordered to pay jail fees pursuant to a probationary sentence shall be liable
41 to the county or municipality maintaining the jail at the same per diem rate paid by the
42 Department of Correction to local jails for maintaining a prisoner, as set by the General
43 Assembly in its appropriations acts."

44 **SECTION 31.26.(f)** If House Bill 642 or other substantially similar legislation that
45 requires a misdemeanor with a period of confinement of six months or less to serve the period
46 in a local confinement facility becomes law, then G.S. 153A-225(a) reads as rewritten:

47 "(a) Each unit that operates a local confinement facility shall develop a plan for
48 providing medical care for prisoners in the facility. The plan

- 49 (1) Shall be designed to protect the health and welfare of the prisoners and to
50 avoid the spread of contagious disease;
51 (2) Shall provide for medical supervision of prisoners and emergency medical
52 care for prisoners to the extent necessary for their health and welfare;
53 (3) Shall provide for the detection, examination and treatment of prisoners who
54 are infected with tuberculosis or venereal diseases.

55 The unit shall develop the plan in consultation with appropriate local officials and
56 organizations, including the sheriff, the county physician, the local or district health director,
57 and the local medical society. The plan must be approved by the local or district health director
58 after consultation with the area mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse
59 authority, if it is adequate to protect the health and welfare of the prisoners. Upon a

1 determination that the plan is adequate to protect the health and welfare of the prisoners, the
2 plan must be adopted by the governing body.

3 As a part of its plan, each unit may establish fees of not more than ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~
4 twenty dollars (\$20.00) per incident for the provision of nonemergency medical care to
5 prisoners. In establishing fees pursuant to this section, each unit shall establish a procedure for
6 waiving fees for indigent prisoners."
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8 LABORATORY FACILITIES FEE EXPANSION

9 SECTION 31.26A. G.S. 7A-304(a)(7) reads as rewritten:

10 "(a) In every criminal case in the superior or district court, wherein the defendant is
11 convicted, or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or when costs are assessed against the
12 prosecuting witness, the following costs shall be assessed and collected, except that when the
13 judgment imposes an active prison sentence, costs shall be assessed and collected only when
14 the judgment specifically so provides, and that no costs may be assessed when a case is
15 dismissed.

16 ...
17 (7) For the services of the State Bureau of Investigation laboratory facilities or
18 local law enforcement laboratory facilities, the district or superior court
19 judge shall, upon conviction, order payment of the sum of six hundred
20 dollars (\$600.00) to be remitted to the Department of Justice for support of
21 the State Bureau of ~~Investigation~~Investigation or to the local law
22 enforcement laboratory that performed the analysis. This cost shall be
23 assessed only in cases in which, as part of the investigation leading to the
24 defendant's conviction, the laboratories have performed DNA analysis of the
25 crime, tests of bodily fluids of the defendant for the presence of alcohol or
26 controlled substances, or analysis of any controlled substance possessed by
27 the defendant or the defendant's agent. The court may waive or reduce the
28 amount of the payment required by this subdivision upon a finding of just
29 cause to grant such a waiver or reduction.

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32 GENGOV/INS/SET INSURANCE REGULATORY CHARGE

33 SECTION 31.27.(a) The percentage rate to be used in calculating the insurance
34 regulatory charge under G.S. 58-6-25 is six percent (6%) for the 2011 calendar year.

35 SECTION 31.27.(b) This section is effective when it becomes law.
36

37 INVESTMENT COMPANY NOTICE FILING FEE

38 SECTION 31.27A.(a) G.S. 78A-31(a) reads as rewritten:

39 "(a) The Administrator, by rule or order, may require the filing of any of the following
40 documents with regard to a security (i) issued by an investment company that is registered or
41 has filed a registration statement under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and (ii) covered
42 under section 18(b)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. § 77r(b)(2)):

- 43 (1) Prior to the initial offer of the security in this State, all documents that are
44 part of a federal registration statement filed with the Securities and
45 Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, or, in lieu thereof, a
46 form prescribed by the Administrator, together with a consent to service of
47 process signed by the issuer and with the payment of a notice filing fee of
48 ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~equal to the sum of one thousand seven
49 hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,725) and two hundred seventy-five dollars
50 (\$275.00) for each series, fund, or portfolio offered in this State and listed in
51 the federal registration statement.
52 (2) After the initial offer of the security in this State, all documents that are part
53 of an amendment to a federal registration statement filed with the Securities
54 and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, or, in lieu
55 thereof, a form prescribed by the Administrator, which shall be filed
56 concurrently with the Administrator.
57 (3) A report of the value of securities covered under federal law that are offered
58 or sold in this State.

1 (4) A notice filing pursuant to this section shall expire on December 31 of each
2 year or some other date not more than one year from its effective date as the
3 Administrator may by rule or order provide. A notice filing of the offer of
4 securities covered under federal law that are to be offered for a period in
5 excess of one year shall be renewed annually by payment of a renewal fee of
6 ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000) equal to the sum of one thousand seven~~
7 hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,725) and two hundred seventy-five dollars
8 (\$275.00) for each series, fund, or portfolio offered in this State and listed in
9 the federal registration statement and by filing any documents and reports
10 that the Administrator may by rule or order require consistent with this
11 section. The renewal shall be effective upon the expiration of the prior notice
12 period.

13 (5) A notice filed in accordance with this section may be amended after its
14 effective date to increase the securities specified as proposed to be offered.
15 An amendment becomes effective upon receipt by the Administrator. Every
16 person submitting an amended notice filing shall pay a filing fee of fifty
17 dollars (\$50.00) with respect to the additional securities proposed to be
18 offered."

19 **SECTION 31.27A.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2011, and applies to
20 fees for filings due on or after that date.

21 **RAISE PARKING RATES**

22 **SECTION 31.27B.(a)** The Department of Administration shall raise visitor parking
23 rates for lots it administers in the State Government Complex by one dollar (\$1.00) per hour.

24 **SECTION 31.27B.(b)** Funds generated by subsection (a) of this section shall be
25 used to support debt service associated with the Green Square Parking Lot authorized in S.L.
26 2008-107.
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28 **TRANSPORTATION/DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES BULK DATA**

29 **SECTION 31.29.** G.S. 20-43.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

30 **"§ 20-43.1. Disclosure of personal information in motor vehicle records.**

31 (a) The Division shall disclose personal information contained in motor vehicle records
32 in accordance with the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, as amended, 18 U.S.C.
33 §§ 2721, et seq.
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35 (b) As authorized in 18 U.S.C. § 2721, the Division shall not disclose personal
36 information for the purposes specified in 18 U.S.C. § 2721(b)(11).

37 (c) The Division shall not disclose personal information for the purposes specified in 18
38 U.S.C. § 2721(b)(12) unless the Division receives prior written permission from the person
39 about whom the information is requested.

40 (d) As authorized in 18 U.S.C. § 2721, the Division may disclose personal information
41 to federally designated organ procurement organizations and eye banks operating in this State
42 for the purpose of identifying individuals who have indicated an intent to be an organ donor.
43 Personal information authorized under this subsection is limited to the individual's first, middle,
44 and last name, date of birth, address, sex, county of residence, and drivers license number.
45 Employees of the Division who provide access to or disclosure of information in good-faith
46 compliance with this subsection are not liable in damages for access to or disclosure of the
47 information.

48 (e) As authorized in 18 U.S.C. § 2721, the Division may also provide copies of partial
49 crash report data collected pursuant to G.S. 20-166.1, partial driver license data kept pursuant
50 to G.S. 20-26(a), and partial vehicle registration application data collected pursuant to
51 G.S. 20-52 in bulk form to persons, private companies, or other entities, for uses other than
52 official, upon payment of a fee of three cents (3¢) per individual record. The Division shall not
53 furnish such data except upon execution by the recipient of a written agreement to comply with
54 the Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, as amended, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2721, et seq. The
55 information released to persons, private companies, or other entities, for uses other than
56 official, pursuant to this subsection, shall not be a public record pursuant to Chapter 132 of the
57 General Statutes."
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59 **TRANSPORTATION/FERRY DIVISION TOLLING ON ALL ROUTES**

1 **SECTION 31.30.(a)** Effective April 1, 2012, G.S. 136-82 reads as rewritten:

2 "**§ 136-82. Department of Transportation to establish and maintain ferries.**

3 The Department of Transportation is vested with authority to provide for the establishment
4 and maintenance of ferries connecting the parts of the State highway system, whenever in its
5 discretion the public good may so require, and to prescribe and collect such tolls therefor as
6 may, in the discretion of the Department of Transportation, be expedient. The Board of
7 Transportation shall establish tolls for all ferry routes.

8 To accomplish the purpose of this section said Department of Transportation is authorized
9 to acquire, own, lease, charter or otherwise control all necessary vessels, boats, terminals or
10 other facilities required for the proper operation of such ferries or to enter into contracts with
11 persons, firms or corporations for the operation thereof and to pay therefor such reasonable
12 sums as may in the opinion of said Department of Transportation represent the fair value of the
13 public service rendered.

14 The Department of Transportation, notwithstanding any other provision of law, may
15 operate, or contract for the operation of, concessions on the ferries and at ferry facilities to
16 provide to passengers on the ferries food, drink, and other refreshments, personal comfort
17 items, and souvenirs publicizing the ferry system."

18 **SECTION 31.30.(b)** The Board of Transportation shall toll all ferry routes no later
19 than the effective date of subsection (a) of this section but is encouraged to begin tolling on all
20 routes before that date. In establishing tolls for ferry routes under G.S. 136-82, as amended by
21 this section, the Board of Transportation shall consider the needs of commuters and other
22 frequent passengers.

23 **PART XXXI-A. FINANCE PROVISIONS**

24 **ENCOURAGE JOB GROWTH AND LONG-TERM ECONOMIC PROSPERITY BY** 25 **REDUCING THE INCOME TAX BURDEN ON INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL** 26 **BUSINESSES**

27 **SECTION 31A.1.(a)** G.S. 105-134.1 reads as rewritten:

28 "**§ 105-134.1. Definitions.**

29 The following definitions apply in this Part:

30 (1) Adjusted gross income. – Defined in section 62 of the Code.

31 ~~(1a)~~ Code. – Defined in G.S. 105-228.90.

32 (2) Department. – The Department of Revenue.

33 (3) Educational institution. – An educational institution that normally maintains
34 a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly organized
35 body of students in attendance at the place where its educational activities
36 are carried on.

37 (4) Fiscal year. – Defined in section 441(e) of the Code.

38 (5) Gross income. – Defined in section 61 of the Code.

39 (6) Head of household. – Defined in section 2(b) of the Code.

40 (7) Individual. – A human being.

41 (7a) Limited liability company. – Either a domestic limited liability company
42 organized under Chapter 57C of the General Statutes or a foreign limited
43 liability company authorized by that Chapter to transact business in this
44 State that is classified for federal income tax purposes as a partnership. As
45 applied to a limited liability company that is a partnership under this Part,
46 the term "partner" means a member of the limited liability company.

47 (7b) Repealed by Session Laws 1998-98, s. 9.

48 (8) Married individual. – An individual who is married and is considered
49 married as provided in section 7703 of the Code.

50 (9) Nonresident individual. – An individual who is not a resident of this State.

51 (10) North Carolina taxable income. – Defined in G.S. 105-134.5.

52 (10a) Partnership. – A domestic partnership, a foreign partnership, or a limited
53 liability company.

54 (11) Person. – Defined in G.S. 105-228.90.

55 (12) Resident. – An individual who is domiciled in this State at any time during
56 the taxable year or who resides in this State during the taxable year for other
57 than a temporary or transitory purpose. In the absence of convincing proof to
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- 1 the contrary, an individual who is present within the State for more than 183
 2 days during the taxable year is presumed to be a resident, but the absence of
 3 an individual from the state for more than 183 days raises no presumption
 4 that the individual is not a resident. A resident who removes from the State
 5 during a taxable year is considered a resident until he has both established a
 6 definite domicile elsewhere and abandoned any domicile in this State. The
 7 fact of marriage does not raise any presumption as to domicile or residence.
 8 (13) Retirement benefits. – Amounts paid to a former employee or the beneficiary
 9 of a former employee under a written retirement plan established by the
 10 employer to provide payments to an employee or the beneficiary of an
 11 employee after the end of the employee's employment with the employer
 12 where the right to receive the payments is based upon the employment
 13 relationship. With respect to a self-employed individual or the beneficiary of
 14 a self-employed individual, the term means amounts paid to the individual or
 15 beneficiary of the individual under a written retirement plan established by
 16 the individual to provide payments to the individual or the beneficiary of the
 17 individual after the end of the self-employment. In addition, the term
 18 includes amounts received from an individual retirement account described
 19 in section 408 of the Code or from an individual retirement annuity
 20 described in section 408 of the Code. For the purpose of this subdivision, the
 21 term "employee" includes a volunteer worker.
 22 (14) S Corporation. – Defined in G.S. 105-131(b).
 23 (15) Secretary. – The Secretary of Revenue.
 24 (16) ~~Taxable income. – Defined in section 63 of the Code.~~
 25 (17) Taxable year. – Defined in section 441(b) of the Code.
 26 (18) Taxpayer. – An individual subject to the tax imposed by this Part.
 27 (19) ~~This State. – The State of North Carolina."~~

28 **SECTION 31A.1.(b)** G.S. 105-134.2 reads as rewritten:

29 **"§ 105-134.2. Individual income tax imposed.**

30 (a) ~~Tax. – A tax is imposed upon the North Carolina taxable income of every~~
 31 ~~individual. The tax shall be levied, collected, and paid annually and shall be computed at the~~
 32 ~~following percentages of the taxpayer's North Carolina taxable income. A tax is imposed for~~
 33 ~~each taxable year on the North Carolina taxable income of an individual. The tax is computed~~
 34 ~~at the following percentages of the taxpayer's North Carolina taxable income:~~

- 35 (1) For married individuals who file a joint return under G.S. 105-152 and for
 36 surviving spouses, as defined in section 2(a) of the Code:

Over	Up To	Rate
0	\$21,250	6% 5.75%
\$21,250	\$100,000	7% 6.75%
\$100,000	NA	7.75% 7.5%

- 43 (2) For heads of households, as defined in section 2(b) of the Code:

Over	Up To	Rate
0	\$17,000	6% 5.75%
\$17,000	\$80,000	7% 6.75%
\$80,000	NA	7.75% 7.5%

- 50 (3) For unmarried individuals other than surviving spouses and heads of
 51 households:

Over	Up To	Rate
0	\$12,750	6% 5.75%
\$12,750	\$60,000	7% 6.75%
\$60,000	NA	7.75% 7.5%

- 58 (4) For married individuals who do not file a joint return under G.S. 105-152:

	Over	Up To	Rate
1			
2	0	\$10,625	6%5.75%
3	\$10,625	\$50,000	7%6.75%
4	\$50,000	NA	7.75%7.5%
5			

(b) Withholding Tables. – The Secretary may provide tables that compute the amount of tax due for a taxable year under this Part. ~~In lieu of the tax imposed by subsection (a) of this section, there is imposed for each taxable year upon the North Carolina taxable income of every individual a tax determined under tables, applicable to the taxable year, which may be prescribed by the Secretary. The amounts of the tax determined under the tables shall be computed on the basis of the rates prescribed by subsection (a) of this section. This subsection does.~~ The tables do not apply to an individual making who files a return under section 443(a)(1) of the Code for a period of less than 12 months on account of due to a change in the individual's annual accounting period, or to an estate or trust. The tax imposed by this subsection shall be treated as the tax imposed by subsection (a) of this section."

SECTION 31A.1.(c) G.S. 105-134.5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 105-134.5. North Carolina taxable income defined.

(a) Residents. – For residents of this State, ~~an individual who is a resident of this State,~~ the term "North Carolina taxable income" means the taxpayer's ~~taxable income as determined under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.6 and G.S. 105-134.7,~~ adjusted gross income as modified in G.S. 105-134.6.

(b) Nonresidents. – For a nonresident ~~individuals, individual,~~ the term "North Carolina taxable income" means the taxpayer's ~~taxable income as determined under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.6 and G.S. 105-134.7,~~ multiplied by a fraction ~~the denominator of which is the taxpayer's gross income as determined under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.6 and G.S. 105-134.7,~~ and the numerator of which is the amount of that gross income, as adjusted, adjusted gross income as modified in G.S. 105-134.6, multiplied by a fraction the denominator of which is the taxpayer's adjusted gross income as modified in G.S. 105-134.6, and the numerator of which is the amount of that adjusted gross income, as modified, that is derived from North Carolina sources and is attributable to the ownership of any interest in real or tangible personal property in this State, is derived from a business, trade, profession, or occupation carried on in this State, or is derived from gambling activities in this State.

(c) Part-year Residents. – If an individual was a resident of this State for only part of the taxable year, having moved into or removed from the State during the year, the term "North Carolina taxable income" has the same meaning as in subsection (b) of this section except that the numerator ~~shall include gross income, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.6 and G.S. 105-134.7,~~ includes adjusted gross income, as modified, derived from all sources during the period the individual was a resident.

(d) S Corporations and Partnerships. – In order to calculate the numerator of the fraction provided in subsection ~~(b), (b)~~ of this section, the amount of a shareholder's pro rata share of S Corporation income that is includable in the numerator ~~shall be~~ is the shareholder's pro rata share of the S Corporation's income attributable to the State, as defined in G.S. 105-131(b)(4). In order to calculate the numerator of the fraction provided in subsection (b) of this section for a member of a partnership or other unincorporated business ~~with that has one or more nonresident members that and operates in one or more other states,~~ the amount of the member's distributive share of income of the business that is includable in the numerator ~~shall be~~ is determined by multiplying the total net income of the business by the ratio ascertained under the provisions of G.S. 105-130.4. As used in this subsection, total net income means the entire gross income of the business less all expenses, taxes, interest, and other deductions allowable under the Code ~~which that~~ were incurred in the operation of the business.

(e) Tax Year. – A taxpayer must compute North Carolina taxable income on the basis of the taxable year used in computing the taxpayer's income tax liability under the Code."

SECTION 31A.1.(d) G.S. 105-134.6 reads as rewritten:

"§ 105-134.6. Adjustments to taxable income. Modifications to adjusted gross income.

(a) Personal Exemption. – In calculating North Carolina taxable income, a taxpayer may deduct an exemption amount equal to the amount listed in the table below based on the taxpayer's filing status and adjusted gross income. The taxpayer is allowed the same number of personal exemptions claimed under section 151 of the Code for the taxable year.

<u>Filing Status</u>	<u>Adjusted Gross Income</u>	<u>Personal Exemption</u>
<u>Married, filing jointly</u>	<u>Up to \$100,000</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
	<u>Over \$100,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
<u>Head of Household</u>	<u>Up to \$80,000</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
	<u>Over \$80,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
<u>Single</u>	<u>Up to \$60,000</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
	<u>Over \$60,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
<u>Married, filing separately</u>	<u>Up to \$50,000</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
	<u>Over \$50,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>

(b) Standard Deduction. – In calculating North Carolina taxable income, a taxpayer may deduct the standard deduction amount listed in the table below for that taxpayer's filing status or deduct the itemized deduction amounts provided in subsection (c) of this section. A taxpayer may not deduct both the standard deduction amount allowed under this subsection and the itemized deductions allowed under subsection (c) of this section. The Secretary must publish the standard deduction amounts set under this subsection.

<u>Filing Status</u>	<u>Standard Deduction</u>
<u>Married, filing jointly</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
<u>Head of Household</u>	<u>4,400</u>
<u>Single</u>	<u>3,000</u>
<u>Married, filing separately</u>	<u>3,000.</u>

(c) Itemized Deductions. – In calculating North Carolina taxable income, a taxpayer may deduct the amounts allowed under this subsection or the standard deduction amount provided in subsection (b) of this section. A taxpayer may not deduct both the amounts allowed under this subsection and the standard deduction amount allowed under subsection (b) of this section.

- (1) Medical expenses. – An amount equal to the amount the taxpayer deducted under section 213 of the Code for medical expenses paid during the taxable year.
- (2) Home mortgage interest. – An amount equal to the amount the taxpayer deducted under section 163 of the Code for interest paid or accrued during the taxable year on acquisition indebtedness or home equity indebtedness.
- (3) Charitable contributions. – An amount equal to the amount the taxpayer deducted under section 170 of the Code for charitable contributions made during the taxable year.

(d) Other Deductions. – In calculating North Carolina taxable income, a taxpayer may deduct from the taxpayer's adjusted gross income any of the following items that are included in the taxpayer's adjusted gross income:

- (1) Interest upon the obligations of any of the following:
 - a. The United States or its possessions.
 - b. This State, a political subdivision of this State, or a commission, an authority, or another agency of this State or of a political subdivision of this State.
 - c. A nonprofit educational institution organized or chartered under the laws of this State.
- (2) Gain from the disposition of obligations issued before July 1, 1995, to the extent the gain is exempt from tax under the laws of this State.
- (3) Amounts received under Title II of the Social Security Act and amounts received from retirement annuities or pensions paid under the provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937.
- (4) Refunds of State, local, and foreign income taxes.
- (5) The amount received during the taxable year from one or more State, local, or federal government retirement plans to the extent the amount is exempt from tax under this Part pursuant to a court order in settlement of any of the following cases:
 - a. Bailey v. State, 92 CVS 10221, 94 CVS 6904, 95 CVS 6625, 95 CVS 8230.

- 1 b. Emory v. State, 98 CVS 0738.
2 c. Patton v. State, 95 CVS 04346.
3 (6) An amount of benefits received from one or more retirement plans during
4 the taxable year. The maximum amount allowed to be deducted under this
5 subdivision may not exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000). In the case of a
6 married couple filing a joint return where both spouses received retirement
7 benefits during the taxable year, the maximum dollar amounts apply
8 separately to each spouse's benefits. The amount of retirement benefits
9 received in a taxable year is the sum of the following:
10 a. The amount received during the taxable year from one or more State,
11 local, or federal government retirement plans.
12 b. The amount received during the taxable year from one or more
13 retirement plans other than State, local, or federal government
14 retirement plans. The maximum amount allowed under this
15 sub-subdivision in any taxable year is two thousand dollars (\$2,000).
16 (7) Income that meets both of the following requirements:
17 a. Is earned or received by an enrolled member of a federally
18 recognized Indian tribe.
19 b. Is derived from activities on a federally recognized Indian
20 reservation while the member resides on the reservation. Income
21 from intangibles having a situs on the reservation and retirement
22 income associated with activities on the reservation are considered
23 income derived from activities on the reservation.
24 (8) The amount by which the basis of property under this Article exceeds the
25 basis of the property under the Code, in the year the taxpayer disposes of the
26 property.
27 (9) The amount paid to the taxpayer by the State under G.S. 148-84 as
28 compensation for pecuniary loss suffered by reason of erroneous conviction
29 and imprisonment.
30 (10) The amount contributed to an account in the Parental Savings Trust Fund of
31 the State Education Assistance Authority established pursuant to
32 G.S. 116-209.25. The maximum amount allowed to be deducted under this
33 subdivision may not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). In
34 the case of a married couple filing a joint return, the maximum dollar
35 amount of the deduction is five thousand dollars (\$5,000).
36 (11) If a taxpayer is an eligible firefighter or an eligible rescue squad worker, the
37 sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). In the case of a married couple
38 filing a joint return, each spouse may qualify separately for the deduction
39 allowed under this subdivision. In order to claim the deduction allowed
40 under this subdivision, the taxpayer must submit with the tax return any
41 documentation required by the Secretary. An individual may not claim a
42 deduction as both an eligible firefighter and as an eligible rescue squad
43 worker in a single taxable year. The following definitions apply in this
44 subdivision:
45 a. Eligible firefighter. – An unpaid member of a volunteer fire
46 department who attended at least 36 hours of fire department drills
47 and meetings during the taxable year.
48 b. Eligible rescue squad worker. – An unpaid member of a volunteer
49 rescue or emergency medical services squad who attended at least 36
50 hours of rescue squad training and meetings during the taxable year.
51 (12) The amount paid to the taxpayer during the taxable year from the Disaster
52 Relief Reserve Fund in the Office of State Budget and Management for
53 hurricane relief or assistance, but not including payments for goods or
54 services provided by the taxpayer.
55 (13) The first fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) of net business income the
56 taxpayer receives during the taxable year from a small business. A small
57 business is a business whose cumulative gross receipts from all business
58 activity in a taxable year does not exceed eight hundred twenty-five
59 thousand dollars (\$825,000). For purposes of this subdivision, the term

- 1 "business income" does not include income that is considered passive
2 income under the Code.
- 3 (14) An amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the amount added to federal
4 taxable income as accelerated depreciation under subdivision (b)(6) of this
5 section. For the amount added to taxable income in the 2010 taxable year,
6 the deduction allowed by this subdivision applies to the first five taxable
7 years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. For the amount added to taxable
8 income in the 2011 taxable year, the deduction allowed by this subdivision
9 applies to the first five taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012.
10 For the amount added to taxable income in the 2012 taxable year, the
11 deduction allowed by this subdivision applies to the first five taxable years
12 beginning on or after January 1, 2013.
- 13 (15) An amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the amount added to federal
14 taxable income under subdivision (b)(7) of this section. For the amount
15 added to taxable income in the 2010 taxable year, the deduction allowed by
16 this subdivision applies to the first five taxable years beginning on or after
17 January 1, 2011. For the amount added to taxable income in the 2011 taxable
18 year, the deduction allowed by this subdivision applies to the first five
19 taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012.
- 20 (e) Additions. – In calculating North Carolina taxable income, a taxpayer must add to
21 the taxpayer's adjusted gross income any of the following items that are not included in the
22 taxpayer's adjusted gross income:
- 23 (1) Interest upon the obligations of states other than this State, political
24 subdivisions of those states, and agencies of those states and their political
25 subdivisions.
- 26 (2) The amount by which a shareholder's share of S Corporation income is
27 reduced under section 1366(f)(2) of the Code for the taxable year by the
28 amount of built-in gains tax imposed on the S Corporation under section
29 1374 of the Code.
- 30 (3) The amount by which the basis of property under the Code exceeds the basis
31 of the property under this Article, in the year the taxpayer disposes of the
32 property.
- 33 (4) The amount excluded from gross income under section 199 of the Code.
- 34 (5) The amount deducted in a prior taxable year under subdivision (a)(10) of this
35 section to the extent this amount was withdrawn from the Parental Savings
36 Trust Fund of the State Education Assistance Authority established pursuant
37 to G.S. 116-209.25 and not used to pay for the qualified higher education
38 expenses of the designated beneficiary, unless the withdrawal was made
39 without penalty under section 529 of the Code due to the death or permanent
40 disability of the designated beneficiary.
- 41 (6) The market price of the gleaned crop for which the taxpayer claims a credit
42 for the taxable year under G.S. 105-151.14.
- 43 (7) The amount of a donation made to a nonprofit organization or a unit of State
44 or local government for which a credit is claimed under G.S. 105-129.16H.
- 45 (8) For taxable years 2010 through 2012, eighty-five percent (85%) of the
46 amount allowed as a special accelerated depreciation deduction under
47 section 168(k) or 168(n) of the Code for property placed in service during
48 the taxable year. In addition, for taxable year 2010, a taxpayer who placed
49 property in service during the 2009 taxable year and whose North Carolina
50 taxable income for the 2009 taxable year reflected a special accelerated
51 depreciation deduction allowed for the property under section 168(k) of the
52 Code must add eighty-five percent (85%) of the amount of the special
53 accelerated depreciation deduction. These adjustments do not result in a
54 difference in basis of the affected assets for State and federal income tax
55 purposes.
- 56 (9) For taxable years 2010 and 2011, eighty-five percent (85%) of the amount
57 by which the taxpayer's expense deduction under section 179 of the Code for
58 property placed in service in taxable year 2010 or 2011 exceeds the amount
59 that would have been allowed for the respective taxable year under section

179 of the Code as of May 1, 2010. For purposes of this subdivision, the definition of section 179 property has the same meaning as under section 179 of the Code as of January 1, 2011. These adjustments do not result in a difference in basis of the affected assets for State and federal income tax purposes.

(a) S Corporations.—Each shareholder's pro rata share of an S Corporation's income is subject to the adjustments provided in this section.

(b) Deductions.—The following deductions from taxable income shall be made in calculating North Carolina taxable income, to the extent each item is included in taxable income:

- (1) Interest upon the obligations of any of the following:
 - a. The United States or its possessions.
 - b. This State, a political subdivision of this State, or a commission, an authority, or another agency of this State or of a political subdivision of this State.
 - c. A nonprofit educational institution organized or chartered under the laws of this State.
- (2) Gain from the disposition of obligations issued before July 1, 1995, to the extent the gain is exempt from tax under the laws of this State.
- (3) Benefits received under Title II of the Social Security Act and amounts received from retirement annuities or pensions paid under the provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937.
- (4) Repealed by Session Laws 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1002, s. 2.
- (5) Refunds of state, local, and foreign income taxes included in the taxpayer's gross income.
- (5a) Reserved.
- (5b) The amount received during the taxable year from one or more State, local, or federal government retirement plans to the extent the amount is exempt from tax under this Part pursuant to a court order in settlement of the following cases: Bailey v. State, 92 CVS 10221, 94 CVS 6904, 95 CVS 6625, 95 CVS 8230; Emory v. State, 98 CVS 0738; and Patton v. State, 95 CVS 04346. Amounts deducted under this subdivision may not also be deducted under subdivision (6) of this subsection.
- (6)
 - a. An amount, not to exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000), equal to the sum of the amount calculated in subparagraph b. plus the amount calculated in subparagraph c.
 - b. The amount calculated in this subparagraph is the amount received during the taxable year from one or more state, local, or federal government retirement plans.
 - c. The amount calculated in this subparagraph is the amount received during the taxable year from one or more retirement plans other than state, local, or federal government retirement plans, not to exceed a total of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in any taxable year.
 - d. In the case of a married couple filing a joint return where both spouses received retirement benefits during the taxable year, the maximum dollar amounts provided in this subdivision for various types of retirement benefits apply separately to each spouse's benefits.
- (7) Recodified as G.S. 105-134.6(d)(1).
- (8) Recodified as G.S. 105-134.6(d)(2).
- (9) Income that is (i) earned or received by an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe and (ii) derived from activities on a federally recognized Indian reservation while the member resides on the reservation. Income from intangibles having a situs on the reservation and retirement income associated with activities on the reservation are considered income derived from activities on the reservation.
- (10) The amount by which the basis of property under this Article exceeds the basis of the property under the Code, in the year the taxpayer disposes of the property.

- 1 (11) Severance wages received by a taxpayer from an employer as the result of
2 the taxpayer's permanent, involuntary termination from employment through
3 no fault of the employee. The amount of severance wages deducted as the
4 result of the same termination may not exceed thirty five thousand dollars
5 (\$35,000) for all taxable years in which the wages are received.
- 6 (12) Repealed by Session Laws 1998-171, s. 2, effective October 1, 1998.
- 7 (13) Repealed by Session Laws 2002-126, s. 30C.4, effective for taxable years
8 beginning on or after January 1, 2002.
- 9 (14) The amount paid to the taxpayer by the State under G.S. 148-84 as
10 compensation for pecuniary loss suffered by reason of erroneous conviction
11 and imprisonment.
- 12 (15) Interest, investment earnings, and gains of a trust, the settlors of which are
13 two or more manufacturers that signed a settlement agreement with this
14 State to settle existing and potential claims of the State against the
15 manufacturers for damages attributable to a product of the manufacturers, if
16 the trust meets all of the following conditions:
- 17 a. The purpose of the trust is to address adverse economic
18 consequences resulting from a decline in demand of the
19 manufactured product potentially expected to occur because of
20 market restrictions and other provisions in the settlement agreement.
- 21 b. A court of this State approves and retains jurisdiction over the trust.
- 22 c. Certain portions of the distributions from the trust are made in
23 accordance with certifications that meet the criteria in the agreement
24 creating the trust and are provided by a nonprofit entity, the
25 governing board of which includes State officials.
- 26 (16) The amount paid to the taxpayer during the taxable year from the Hurricane
27 Floyd Reserve Fund in the Office of State Budget and Management for
28 hurricane relief or assistance, but not including payments for goods or
29 services provided by the taxpayer.
- 30 (17) In each of the taxpayer's first five taxable years beginning on or after
31 January 1, 2005, an amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the amount
32 added to taxable income in a previous year as accelerated depreciation under
33 subdivision (c)(8) of this section.
- 34 (17a) An amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the amount added to federal
35 taxable income as accelerated depreciation under subdivision (c)(8a) of this
36 section. For a taxpayer who made the addition for accelerated depreciation in
37 the 2008 taxable year, the deduction allowed by this subdivision applies to
38 the first five taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009. For a
39 taxpayer who made the addition for accelerated depreciation in the 2009
40 taxable year, the deduction allowed by this subdivision applies to the first
41 five taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.
- 42 (18) The amount paid to the taxpayer during the taxable year from the Disaster
43 Relief Reserve Fund in the Office of State Budget and Management for
44 hurricane relief or assistance, but not including payments for goods or
45 services provided by the taxpayer.
- 46 (19) Five percent (5%) of the gross purchase price of a qualified sale of a
47 manufactured home community. A qualified sale is a transfer of land
48 comprising a manufactured home community in a single purchase to a group
49 composed of a majority of the manufactured home community leaseholders
50 or to a nonprofit organization that represents such a group. To be eligible for
51 this deduction, a taxpayer must give notice of the sale to the North Carolina
52 Housing Finance Agency under G.S. 42-14.3.
- 53 (20) The amount added to federal taxable income as deferred income under
54 section 108(i)(1) of the Code. This deduction applies to taxable years
55 beginning on or after January 1, 2014.
- 56 (e) Additions.—The following additions to taxable income shall be made in calculating
57 North Carolina taxable income, to the extent each item is not included in taxable income:

- 1 (1) Interest upon the obligations of states other than this State, political
 2 subdivisions of those states, and agencies of those states and their political
 3 subdivisions.
 4 (2) Any amount allowed as a deduction from gross income under the Code that
 5 is taxed under the Code by a separate tax other than the tax imposed in
 6 section 1 of the Code.
 7 (3) Any amount deducted from gross income under section 164 of the Code as
 8 state, local, or foreign income tax or as state or local general sales tax to the
 9 extent that the taxpayer's total itemized deductions deducted under the Code
 10 for the taxable year exceed the standard deduction allowable to the taxpayer
 11 under the Code reduced by the amount the taxpayer is required to add to
 12 taxable income under subdivision (4) of this subsection.
 13 (3a) The amount by which a shareholder's share of S Corporation income is
 14 reduced under section 1366(f)(2) of the Code for the taxable year by the
 15 amount of built-in gains tax imposed on the S Corporation under section
 16 1374 of the Code.
 17 (4) The amount by which the taxpayer's additional standard deduction for aged
 18 and blind has been increased for inflation under section 63(c)(4)(A) of the
 19 Code plus the amount by which the taxpayer's basic standard deduction,
 20 including adjustments for inflation, under the Code exceeds the appropriate
 21 amount in the following chart based on the taxpayer's filing status:
 22

Filing Status	Standard Deduction
Married filing jointly/Surviving Spouse	\$6,000
Head of Household	4,400
Single	3,000
Married filing separately	3,000

 27 (4a) The amount by which each of the taxpayer's personal exemptions has been
 28 increased for inflation under section 151(d)(4)(A) of the Code. This amount
 29 is reduced by five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each personal exemption if
 30 the taxpayer's adjusted gross income (AGI), as calculated under the Code, is
 31 less than the following amounts:
 32

Filing Status	AGI
Married, filing jointly	\$100,000
Head of Household	80,000
Single	60,000
Married, filing separately	50,000.

 37 For the purposes of this subdivision, if the taxpayer's personal
 38 exemptions have been reduced by the applicable percentage under section
 39 151(d)(3) of the Code, the amount by which the personal exemptions have
 40 been increased for inflation is also reduced by the applicable percentage.
 41 (5) The market price of the gleaned crop for which the taxpayer claims a credit
 42 for the taxable year under G.S. 105-151.14.
 43 (5a) The market price of the oyster shells for which the taxpayer claims a credit
 44 for the taxable year under G.S. 105-151.30.
 45 (5b) The amount of a donation made to a nonprofit organization or a unit of State
 46 or local government for which a credit is claimed under G.S. 105-129.16H.
 47 (6) The amount by which the basis of property under the Code exceeds the basis
 48 of the property under this Article, in the year the taxpayer disposes of the
 49 property.
 50 (7) The amount of federal estate tax that is attributable to an item of income in
 51 respect of a decedent and is deducted from gross income under section
 52 691(c) of the Code.
 53 (8) For taxable years 2002-2005, the applicable percentage of the amount
 54 allowed as a special accelerated depreciation deduction under section 168(k)
 55 or section 1400L of the Code, as set out in the table below. In addition, a
 56 taxpayer who was allowed a special accelerated depreciation deduction
 57 under section 168(k) or section 1400L of the Code in a taxable year
 58 beginning before January 1, 2002, and whose North Carolina taxable income
 59 in that earlier year reflected that accelerated depreciation deduction must add

to federal taxable income in the taxpayer's first taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2002, an amount equal to the amount of the deduction allowed in the earlier taxable year. These adjustments do not result in a difference in basis of the affected assets for State and federal income tax purposes. The applicable percentage is as follows:

Taxable Year	Percentage
2002	100%
2003	70%
2004	70%
2005 and thereafter	0%

(8a) ~~The applicable percentage of the amount allowed as a special accelerated depreciation deduction under section 168(k) or 168(n) of the Code for property placed in service after December 31, 2007, but before January 1, 2010. The applicable percentage under this subdivision is eighty-five percent (85%).~~

~~In addition, a taxpayer who was allowed a special accelerated depreciation deduction in taxable year 2007 or 2008 for property placed in service during that year, and whose North Carolina taxable income for that year reflected that accelerated depreciation deduction must make the adjustments set out below. These adjustments do not result in a difference in basis of the affected assets for State and federal income tax purposes.~~

~~a. A taxpayer must add to federal taxable income in the taxpayer's 2008 taxable year an amount equal to the applicable percentage of the accelerated depreciation deduction reflected in the taxpayer's 2007 North Carolina taxable income.~~

~~b. A taxpayer must add to federal taxable income in the taxpayer's 2009 taxable year an amount equal to the applicable percentage of the accelerated depreciation deduction reflected in the taxpayer's 2008 North Carolina taxable income.~~

(9) ~~Repealed by Session Laws 2006-220, s. 3, effective for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2007.~~

(10) ~~The amount excluded from gross income under section 199 of the Code.~~

(11) ~~The amount of the taxpayer's real property tax deduction under section 63(c)(1)(C) of the Code.~~

(12) ~~The amount of the taxpayer's deduction for motor vehicle sales taxes under section 164(a)(6) or section 63(c)(1)(E) of the Code.~~

(13) ~~The amount of income deferred under section 108(i)(1) of the Code from the discharge of indebtedness in connection with a reacquisition of an applicable debt instrument.~~

(14) ~~The amount allowed as a deduction under section 163(e)(5)(F) of the Code for an original issue discount on an applicable high yield discount obligation.~~

(d) ~~Other Adjustments.—The following adjustments to taxable income shall be made in calculating North Carolina taxable income:~~

(1) ~~The amount of inheritance or estate tax attributable to an item of income in respect of a decedent required to be included in gross income under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.5, 105-134.6, and 105-134.7, may be deducted in the year the item of income is included. The amount of inheritance or estate tax attributable to an item of income in respect of a decedent is (i) the amount by which the inheritance or estate tax paid under Article 1 or 1A of this Chapter on property transferred to a beneficiary by a decedent exceeds the amount of the tax that would have been payable by the beneficiary if the item of income in respect of a decedent had not been included in the property transferred to the beneficiary by the decedent, (ii) multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount required to be included in gross income for the taxable year under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-134.5, 105-134.6, and 105-134.7, and the denominator of which is the total amount of income in respect of a decedent transferred to the beneficiary by the decedent. For an estate or trust, the deduction allowed by this subdivision shall be computed by excluding from the gross income of~~

1 the estate or trust the portion, if any, of the items of income in respect of a
2 decedent that are properly paid, credited, or to be distributed to the
3 beneficiaries during the taxable year.

4 The Secretary may provide to a beneficiary of an item of income in
5 respect of a decedent any information contained on an inheritance or estate
6 tax return that the beneficiary needs to compute the deduction allowed by
7 this subdivision.

8 (2) The taxpayer may deduct the amount by which the taxpayer's deductions
9 allowed under the Code were reduced, and the amount of the taxpayer's
10 deductions that were not allowed, because the taxpayer elected a federal tax
11 credit in lieu of a deduction. This deduction is allowed only to the extent that
12 a similar credit is not allowed by this Chapter for the amount.

13 (3) The taxpayer shall add to taxable income the amount of any recovery during
14 the taxable year not included in taxable income, to the extent the taxpayer's
15 deduction of the recovered amount in a prior taxable year reduced the
16 taxpayer's tax imposed by this Part but, due to differences between the Code
17 and this Part, did not reduce the amount of the taxpayer's tax imposed by the
18 Code. The taxpayer may deduct from taxable income the amount of any
19 recovery during the taxable year included in taxable income under section
20 111 of the Code, to the extent the taxpayer's deduction of the recovered
21 amount in a prior taxable year reduced the taxpayer's tax imposed by the
22 Code but, due to differences between the Code and this Part, did not reduce
23 the amount of the taxpayer's tax imposed by this Part.

24 (4) A taxpayer may deduct from taxable income the amount, not to exceed two
25 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), contributed to an account in the
26 Parental Savings Trust Fund of the State Education Assistance Authority
27 established pursuant to G.S. 116-209.25. In the case of a married couple
28 filing a joint return, the maximum dollar amount of the deduction is five
29 thousand dollars (\$5,000).

30 (5) The taxpayer shall add to taxable income the amount deducted from taxable
31 income in a prior taxable year under subdivision (4) of this subsection to the
32 extent this amount was withdrawn from the Parental Savings Trust Fund of
33 the State Education Assistance Authority established pursuant to
34 G.S. 116-209.25 and not used to pay for the qualified higher education
35 expenses of the designated beneficiary, unless the withdrawal was made
36 without penalty under section 529 of the Code due to the death or permanent
37 disability of the designated beneficiary.

38 (6) A taxpayer who is an eligible firefighter or an eligible rescue squad worker
39 may deduct from taxable income the sum of two hundred fifty dollars
40 (\$250.00). In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, each spouse
41 may qualify separately for the deduction allowed under this subdivision. In
42 order to claim the deduction allowed under this subdivision, the taxpayer
43 must submit with the tax return any documentation required by the
44 Secretary. An individual may not claim a deduction as both an eligible
45 firefighter and as an eligible rescue squad worker in a single taxable year.
46 The following definitions apply in this subdivision:

47 a. Eligible firefighter. — An unpaid member of a volunteer fire
48 department who attended at least 36 hours of fire department drills
49 and meetings during the taxable year.

50 b. Eligible rescue squad worker. — An unpaid member of a volunteer
51 rescue or emergency medical services squad who attended at least 36
52 hours of rescue squad training and meetings during the taxable year.

53 (7) The taxpayer shall add to taxable income the amounts listed in this
54 subdivision. An addition is not required under this subdivision for a net
55 operating loss deduction of an eligible small business as defined under
56 section 172(b)(1)(H) of the Code. The amounts are:

57 a. For taxable years 2003, 2004, and 2005, the amount of any 2008 net
58 operating loss deduction claimed on a federal return under section
59 172(b)(1)(H) or section 810(b)(4) of the Code.

- b. For taxable years 2004, 2005, and 2006, the amount of any 2009 net operating loss deduction claimed on a federal return under section 172(b)(1)(H) or section 810(b)(4) of the Code.
- (8) For taxable years 2011 through 2013, a taxpayer who made an addition under subdivision (7) of this subsection may deduct one third of the taxpayer's net operating loss absorbed on the taxpayer's 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006 federal returns under section 172(b)(1)(H) or section 810(b)(4) of the Code."

SECTION 31A.1.(e) G.S. 105-151.26 reads as rewritten:

"§ 105-151.26. Credit for charitable contributions by nonitemizers.

A taxpayer who elects the standard deduction under section 63 of the Code for federal tax purposes ~~G.S. 105-134.6(b)~~ is allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this Part an amount equal to seven percent (7%) of the taxpayer's excess charitable contributions. The taxpayer's excess charitable contributions are the amount by which the taxpayer's charitable contributions for the taxable year that would have been deductible under section 170 of the Code ~~G.S. 105-134.6(c)(3)~~ if the taxpayer had not elected the standard deduction exceed two percent (2%) of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income ~~as calculated under the Code.~~ income.

~~No credit shall be allowed under this section for amounts deducted from gross income in calculating taxable income under the Code or for contributions for which a credit was claimed under G.S. 105-151.12 or G.S. 105-151.14.~~ A nonresident or part-year resident who claims the credit allowed by this section shall reduce the amount of the credit by multiplying it by the fraction calculated under G.S. 105-134.5(b) or (c), as appropriate. The credit allowed under this section may not exceed the amount of tax imposed by this Part for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all credits allowed, except payments of tax made by or on behalf of the taxpayer."

SECTION 31A.1.(f) This section becomes effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012.

SECTION 31A.1.(g) G.S. 105-122(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

- "(2) Taxes accrued, dividends declared, and reserves for depreciation of tangible assets and for amortization of intangible assets as permitted for income tax purposes."

ELIMINATE DEDUCTION FOR SEVERANCE WAGES AND CREDIT FOR OYSTER SHELLS

SECTION 31A.2.(a) G.S. 105-134.6(b)(11) and (b)(19), G.S. 105-130.48, and G.S. 105-151.30 are repealed.

SECTION 31A.2.(b) This section becomes effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011.

ELIMINATE SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS AND THE ENERGY STAR SALES TAX HOLIDAY

SECTION 31A.3.(a) G.S. 105-164.13(13c) and G.S. 105-164.13D are repealed.

SECTION 31A.3.(b) G.S. 105-467(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Exemptions and Refunds. – The State exemptions and exclusions contained in G.S. 105-164.13, the State sales and use tax ~~holidays~~ holiday contained in G.S. ~~105-164.13C and G.S. 105-164.13D,~~ 105-164.13C, and the State refund provisions contained in G.S. 105-164.14 through G.S. 105-164.14B apply to the local sales and use tax authorized to be levied and imposed under this Article. Except as provided in this subsection, a taxing county may not allow an exemption, exclusion, or refund that is not allowed under the State sales and use tax. A local school administrative unit and a joint agency created by interlocal agreement among local school administrative units pursuant to G.S. 160A-462 to jointly purchase food service-related materials, supplies, and equipment on their behalf is allowed an annual refund of sales and use taxes paid by it under this Article on direct purchases of tangible personal property and services, other than electricity, telecommunications service, and ancillary service. Sales and use tax liability indirectly incurred by the entity on building materials, supplies, fixtures, and equipment that become a part of or annexed to any building or structure that is owned or leased by the entity and is being erected, altered, or repaired for use by the entity is considered a sales or use tax liability incurred on direct purchases by the entity for the purpose of this subsection. A request for a refund shall be in writing and shall include any information and documentation required by the Secretary. A request for a refund is due within six months

1 after the end of the entity's fiscal year. Refunds applied for more than three years after the due
2 date are barred."

3 **SECTION 31A.3.(c)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2011, and applies
4 to sales made on or after that date.

6 **PART XXXII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

8 **STATE BUDGET ACT APPLIES**

9 **SECTION 32.1.** The provisions of the State Budget Act, Chapter 143C of the
10 General Statutes, are reenacted and shall remain in full force and effect and are incorporated in
11 this act by reference.

13 **MOST TEXT APPLIES ONLY TO THE 2011-2013 FISCAL BIENNIUM**

14 **SECTION 32.2.** Except for statutory changes or other provisions that clearly
15 indicate an intention to have effects beyond the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the textual
16 provisions of this act apply only to funds appropriated for, and activities occurring during, the
17 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.

19 **EFFECT OF HEADINGS**

20 **SECTION 32.3.** The headings to the parts and sections of this act are a
21 convenience to the reader and are for reference only. The headings do not expand, limit, or
22 define the text of this act, except for effective dates referring to a part.

24 **COMMITTEE REPORT**

25 **SECTION 32.4.(a)** The Senate Appropriations Committee Report on the
26 Continuation, Expansion, and Capital Budgets dated May 26, 2011, which was distributed in
27 the Senate and used to explain this act, shall indicate action by the General Assembly on this
28 act and shall therefore be used to construe this act, as provided in the State Budget Act, Chapter
29 143C of the General Statutes, and for these purposes shall be considered a part of this act and
30 as such shall be printed as a part of the Session Laws.

31 **SECTION 32.4.(b)** The budget enacted by the General Assembly is for the
32 maintenance of the various departments, institutions, and other spending agencies of the State
33 for the 2011-2013 biennial budget as provided in G.S. 143C-3-5. This budget includes the
34 appropriations of State funds as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1(d)(25).

35 The Director of the Budget submitted a recommended continuation budget to the
36 General Assembly on February 15, 2011, in the document "The State of North Carolina
37 Governor's Recommended Budget, 2011-2013" and in the Budget Support Document for the
38 various departments, institutions, and other spending agencies of the State. The adjustments to
39 these documents made by the General Assembly are set out in the Committee Report.

40 **SECTION 32.4.(c)** The budget enacted by the General Assembly shall also be
41 interpreted in accordance with G.S. 143C-5-5, the special provisions in this act, and other
42 appropriate legislation.

43 In the event that there is a conflict between the line-item budget certified by the
44 Director of the Budget and the budget enacted by the General Assembly, the budget enacted by
45 the General Assembly shall prevail.

47 **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

48 **SECTION 32.5.** If any section or provision of this act is declared unconstitutional
49 or invalid by the courts, it does not affect the validity of this act as a whole or any part other
50 than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

52 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

53 **SECTION 32.6.** Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1,
54 2011.