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HOUSE BILL DRH10095-MU-19 (02/21)

Short Title: State Auditor/Sharing Records.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cleveland and Riddell (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE TYPE OF RECORDS THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
3 MAY SHARE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 147-64.6(d) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d) Reports and Work Papers. – The Auditor shall maintain for 10 years a complete file of
7 all audit reports and reports of other examinations, investigations, surveys, and reviews issued
8 under the Auditor's authority. Audit work papers and other evidence and related supportive
9 material directly pertaining to the work of the Auditor's office shall be retained according to an
10 agreement between the Auditor and State Archives. To promote intergovernmental cooperation
11 and avoid unnecessary duplication of audit effort, and notwithstanding the provisions of
12 G.S. 126-24, pertinent work papers and other supportive material related to ~~issued audit reports an~~
13 audit or investigation made pursuant to this section may be, at the discretion of the Auditor and
14 unless otherwise prohibited by law, made available for inspection by duly authorized
15 representatives of the State and federal government who desire access to and inspection of ~~such~~
16 the records in connection with some matter officially before them, including criminal
17 investigations.

18 Except as provided in this section, or upon an order issued in Wake County Superior Court
19 upon 10 days' notice and hearing finding that access is necessary to a proper administration of
20 justice, audit work papers and related supportive material shall be kept confidential, including any
21 interpretations, advisory opinions, or other information or materials furnished to or by the State
22 Ethics Commission under this section."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

