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SENATE BILL DRS45389-MWz-135B\*

Short Title: PED/State Ports Efficiency & Effectiveness. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Ford and B. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF NORTH  
3 CAROLINA STATE PORTS AND TO MAKE NEEDED STATUTORY CHANGES, AS  
4 RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM EVALUATION  
5 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** As part of the North Carolina Ports Authority's five-year strategic  
8 planning process, the Ports Authority shall implement:

- 9 (1) Measures to address port utilization, throughput, gate times, and ship  
10 turnaround times at the Port of Morehead City.  
11 (2) Measures to adequately assess the dimensions and factors of maritime port  
12 service quality identified in Finding 7 of the Program Evaluation Division  
13 Report No. 2019-07 entitled "Evaluation of Efficiency and Effectiveness of  
14 State Ports at Wilmington and Morehead City."

15 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 136-263 reads as rewritten:

16 **"§ 136-263. Container shipping.**

17 The State Ports Authority shall provide ~~at the ports of Morehead City and Wilmington~~  
18 adequate equipment and facilities including container cranes ~~at each port~~ as needed, in order to  
19 maintain existing and future levels of containerized cargo shipping ~~at both ports~~ and provide and  
20 encourage growth in handling of containerized ~~cargoes at both ports~~ cargoes."

21 **SECTION 3.** No later than June 30, 2020, and annually thereafter until fully  
22 implemented, the Ports Authority shall submit to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight  
23 Committee, the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Transportation, the  
24 Senate Appropriations Committee on the Department of Transportation, and the Fiscal Research  
25 Division a report that contains a status update on the Ports Authority's implementation of an  
26 environmental management system (EMS).

27 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

