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HOUSE BILL DRH30510-TQz-38

Short Title: OAH Staffing Flexibility. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Stevens.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO GIVE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE GREATER  
3 FLEXIBILITY IN OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS STAFFING.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 7A-760 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 7A-760. Number and status of employees; staff assignments; ~~role of State Human~~**  
7 **~~Resources Commission assignments.~~**

8 (a) The number of administrative law judges ~~and employees~~ of the Office of  
9 Administrative Hearings shall be established by the General Assembly. The Chief Administrative  
10 Law Judge may establish subordinate positions within the Office of Administrative Hearings,  
11 make appointments to those positions, remove persons appointed to those positions, and set  
12 salaries, within the limitations of appropriations to the Office of Administrative Hearings and  
13 subject to the State Budget Act and North Carolina Human Resources Act. The Chief  
14 Administrative Law Judge is exempt from provisions of the North Carolina Human Resources  
15 Act as provided by G.S. 126-5(c1)(27). All other employees of the Office of Administrative  
16 Hearings are subject to the North Carolina Human Resources Act.

17 ...."

18 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

