



Roy Cooper, Governor  
*State of North Carolina*

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***House Bill 750, "AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES."***

This bill does exactly what it claims to stop. For political reasons only, it unnecessarily limits the Treasurer's ability to make decisions based on the best interest of state retirees and the fiscal health of the retirement fund.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper  
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2023, at 4:00pm for reconsideration by that body.

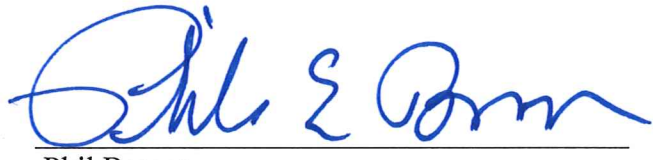
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- (4) Shall invest only in those investments authorized by law consistent with the provisions of Article 6 of Chapter 146 of the General Statutes.
- (5) ~~May consider benefits created by an investment in addition to investment return only if the State Treasurer determines that the investment providing these collateral benefits would be prudent even without collateral benefits.~~ Shall, in the evaluation of an investment, or evaluation or exercise of any right appurtenant to an investment, consider only pecuniary factors:
  - a. For the purposes of this section, a pecuniary factor is a factor that has a material effect on the financial risk or financial return of an investment based on appropriate investment horizons consistent with the purpose of the fund, if established.
  - b. Environmental or social considerations are pecuniary factors only if they present economic risks or opportunities that qualified investment professionals would treat as material economic considerations under generally accepted investment theories. The weight given to those factors shall solely reflect a prudent assessment of their impact on risk and return.
- (6) May, in the evaluation or exercise of any right appurtenant to an investment, reasonably conclude that not exercising such a right is in the best interest of the fund's beneficiaries.

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**SECTION 3.** If any section or provision of this act is declared unconstitutional or invalid by the courts, it does not affect the validity of this act as a whole or any part other than the part declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.


**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.  
 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

  
 Phil Berger  
 President Pro Tempore of the Senate

**VETO**  


  
 Tim Moore  
 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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