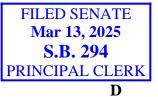
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2025



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SENATE BILL DRS45094-MHa-28A

Short Title:	Budgeting Accountability and Transparency.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Meyer, Applewhite, and Grafstein (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1	1 A BILL TO BE ENTIT	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED			
2	AN ACT TO INTRODUCE GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY INTO				
3	3 THE BUDGET PROCESS BY AMENDING THE S'	THE BUDGET PROCESS BY AMENDING THE STATE BUDGET ACT TO INCREASE			
4	PUBLIC NOTICE AND PARTICIPATION AND BY REMOVING LEGISLATIVE				
5	5 CONFIDENTIALITY FOR CERTAIN COMM	CONFIDENTIALITY FOR CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS TO OR FROM			
6	6 LEGISLATORS REQUESTING BUDGET PROVIS	IONS OR FUNDS MADE.			
7	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:				
8	SECTION 1. Article 5 of Chapter 143C of the General Statutes is amended by adding				
9	a new section to read:				
10	" <u>§ 143C-5-1A. Rules for adoption of the Current Operations Appropriations Act.</u>				
11	(a) To facilitate public participation in the appropriations process, prior to placing on the				
12	calendar a vote on (i) second reading on each house's version of the Current Operations				
13	Appropriations Act (Act) or (ii) adoption of a conference report that includes a conference				
14	committee substitute for the Act (collectively, "budget adoption votes"), each house of the				
15	General Assembly shall comply with all of the following requirements:				
16		veek in which the public may provide			
17		gislative Services Officer shall provide			
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19		ed by subdivision (1) of this subsection,			
20		h opportunity for comments from the			
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22		ed by subdivision (1) of this subsection,			
23	Q	e meetings for consideration and debate			
24		be held by the full Appropriations			
25		ppropriations subcommittees or area			
26		ommittees with areas of responsibility			
27	<u> <u> </u></u>				
28		the Committee Report described in			
29		east five legislative days prior to any			
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32	the House of Representatives unless provided otherwise by a rule of either house of the General				
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34	1	General Statutes is amended by adding			
35	a new section to read:				
36	36 " <u>§ 120-133.5. Appropriations communications.</u>				



General Assembly Of North Carolina Session 2025 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all documents received from State 1 (a) 2 agencies and from individual legislators to legislative employees or to other legislators documenting requests for provisions or funding in the Current Operations Appropriations Act, 3 as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1(d), are no longer confidential and become public records when the 4 5 Current Operations Appropriations Act becomes law. Nothing in this section shall be construed as a waiver of the common law 6 (b) attorney-client privilege nor of the common law work product doctrine with respect to legislators, 7 8 as defined in G.S. 120-129."

9 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to the adoption
10 of the Current Operations Act for the fiscal year beginning on or after that date.