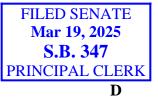
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2025



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## SENATE BILL DRS15144-MC-104B

Short Title:	Supporting Parents Who Serve.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Chitlik and Mohammed (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

I			A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2			PERMIT MEMBERS TO BE PRESENT AND VOTING, AS
3			IONALLY MANDATED, THROUGH THE USE OF PROXY VOTING IN
4			RCUMSTANCES.
5	The Gener		embly of North Carolina enacts:
6			<b>ION 1.</b> Article 3A of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes is amended by
7			tion to read:
8			person voting by use of proxies.
9	<u>(a)</u>		gs The General Assembly of North Carolina finds that advances in
10			allowed meaningful participation even when persons are not physically
11			General Assembly further finds that these advances allow a legislator to be
12	-	-	g, as contemplated by the Constitution of North Carolina, even if not physically
13			mber at the time of the vote.
14	<u>(b)</u>		tions. – The following definitions apply in this section:
15		<u>(1)</u>	Reserved for future codification purposes.
16		<u>(2)</u>	Reserved for future codification purposes.
17		<u>(3)</u>	Designated proxy. – The leader of the party of the qualified member's chamber
18			appointed to cast a vote for, and in the manner directed by, the qualified
19			member.
20		(4)	Reserved for future codification purposes.
21		$\frac{(5)}{(6)}$	Reserved for future codification purposes.
22		<u>(6)</u>	Qualified member. – A member of the General Assembly who filed a voting
23		$\langle 7 \rangle$	designation with respect to a triggering event.
24		<u>(7)</u>	Triggering event The occurrence of childbirth, adoption, stillbirth, or
25		$\langle 0 \rangle$	miscarriage to a qualified member.
26		<u>(8)</u>	<u>Voting designation. – A written submission by a qualified member to, and on</u>
27			a form made available by, the Principal Clerk of the member's chamber that
28	(a)	Dagarres	appoints a designated proxy.
29	<u>(c)</u>	•	Voting. – The General Assembly shall permit a qualified member not
30			l in the chamber to be present and voting by use of a designated proxy. In order
31 32			designated proxy, (i) the qualified member shall have filed a voting designation
32 33			he real-time, audio or audiovisual stream of each session in which the member
33 34			designated proxy, (ii) the designated proxy shall be physically located in the e question is put, and (iii) over one-half of the members of the chamber shall
34 35			d in the chamber on the question. After the members in the chamber have voted,
55	nave anea	uy vote	a in the chamber on the question. After the members in the chamber have voled,



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1	the presiding officer shall call on the designated proxy of each qualified member voting pursuant
2	to this subsection.
3	(d) <u>Security; Means. – The General Assembly of North Carolina shall, in accordance with</u>
4	rules adopted by each of the respective bodies, establish a process by which to validate and secure
5	proxy voting conducted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Notwithstanding any rules
6	adopted by a chamber to the contrary, the use of electronic devices, as necessary to effectuate the
7	validation required by this subsection, shall be allowed in the chambers.
8	(e) <u>Duration. – A qualified member's voting designation shall be valid until the earlier of</u>
9	(i) 16 weeks from a triggering event or (ii) the date the qualified member revokes the designation
10	in writing on a form made available by, and filed with, the appropriate Principal Clerk."
11	<b>SECTION 2.</b> This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.