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SENATE BILL DRS45258-NE-64A

Short Title: The DAVE Act.

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Sponsors: Senators Berger, Moffitt, and Jarvis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENACT THE DAVE ACT BY CREATING THE DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY, VALUE, AND EFFICIENCY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUDITOR, DIRECTING EACH STATE AGENCY TO REPORT TO THE DIVISION ON ITS USE OF PUBLIC MONIES AND THE STATUS OF ITS VACANT POSITIONS, AND DIRECTING THE DIVISION TO ASSESS THE CONTINUED NEED OF EACH STATE AGENCY AND THE VACANT POSITIONS WITHIN EACH STATE AGENCY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known as "The Division of Accountability, Value, and Efficiency (DAVE) Act."

SECTION 2. The State Auditor shall establish a Division of Accountability, Value, and Efficiency (Division) within the Department of the State Auditor. The powers and duties of the Division shall be to effectuate the assessment and recommendations required by this act. It is the intent of the General Assembly to further clarify the organization, powers, and duties of the Division in a future enactment.

SECTION 3. No later than October 1, 2025, every State agency shall report to the Division both of the following:

- (1) An explanation of how the agency, including each division or office within that agency, utilizes public monies to execute its powers and duties under law.
- (2) A description of all positions within that agency that have remained vacant for six months or more as of the effective date of this act. The description shall include the original position vacancy dates, the dates of any postings or repostings of the positions, and an explanation for the length of the vacancies.

SECTION 4. The Division shall assess the continued need for each State agency and the vacant positions within each agency. The assessment shall be based on a review of the reports submitted pursuant to Section 3 of this act and any other information the Division deems relevant. In gathering relevant information, the Division may employ individuals to utilize artificial intelligence and other appropriate tools for the purpose of examining any of the following with respect to State agencies and their budgets:

- (1) Amounts spent, including the entities receiving funds and the intended purpose of the amounts spent.
- (2) The effectiveness of any amount spent in achieving the intended purpose of that spending.
- (3) Duplicative spending.



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- 1 (4) Any other factor demonstrating the fiscal soundness or effectiveness of the
2 State agency or lack thereof.
- 3 **SECTION 5.** No later than December 31, 2025, the Division shall report the results
4 of the assessment conducted pursuant to Section 4 of this act to the General Assembly. The
5 Division's report shall include, at minimum, recommendations on both of the following:
- 6 (1) Any State agencies, or any divisions or offices within a State agency, that
7 should be dissolved based on the Division's assessment.
- 8 (2) Any State agency positions that should be eliminated based on the Division's
9 assessment.
- 10 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.