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Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations Chairs, Senate and House Appropriations Committees Chairs, Senate and House Finance Committees North Carolina General Assembly Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

> RE: Report on pending cases challenging the constitutionality of a North Carolina law, pending cases seeking \$1,000,000 or more in damages, and settlements of litigation or potential litigation for \$75,000 or more.

Dear Members:

In accordance with N.C.G.S. §114-2.6, please find the attached reports which include any lawsuit in which the constitutionality of a North Carolina law has been challenged and any case in which plaintiffs seek in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in damages. In addition, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §114-2.4(b), included is the report on all agreements entered into by the State or a State department, agency, institution, or officer to settle or resolve litigation or potential litigation, that involves the payment of public monies in the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) or more.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. We would be happy to respond to any questions you may have regarding this report.

Very truly yours,

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