



# HOUSE BILL 690: No Central Bank Digital Currency Pmts to State.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 690 would prohibit a State agency or the General Court of Justice from accepting a payment using central bank digital currency, or from participating in any test of central bank digital currency by any Federal Reserve branch.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Article 6A of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes provides the cash management policy of the State and requires all agencies, institutions, departments, bureaus, boards, commissions, and officers of the State to establish procedures for the receipt, deposit, and disbursement of moneys coming into the State.

Specified provisions of Article 6A also apply to agencies, institutions, bureaus, boards, commissions, or officers of the General Court of Justice as defined in Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution.

Article 6A does not currently prohibit the State from accepting any specific type of money as a form of payment.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 1 of House Bill 690 would provide that the requirements set forth in Section 2 of the bill are among the provisions of Article 6A that apply to agencies, institutions, bureaus, boards, commissions, or officers of the General Court of Justice as defined in Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution.

Section 2 would amend Article 6A to prohibit a State agency or the General Court of Justice from accepting a payment using central bank digital currency, or from participating in any test of central bank digital currency by any Federal Reserve branch.

For purposes of this prohibition, the following definitions would apply:

- Central bank digital currency: a digital currency, a digital medium of exchange, or a digital monetary unit of account issued by the United States Federal Reserve System or a federal agency that is made directly available to a consumer by such entities or that is processed or validated directly by such entities.
- State agency: any institution, bureau, board, commission, officer, or political subdivision of the State.
- General Court of Justice: any agency, institution, bureau, board, commission, or officer of the General Court of Justice as defined in Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution.

Section 3 contains a severability clause.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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