

North Carolina House of Representatives

Appropriations Committee

RULES FOR AREA COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

May 15, 2025

The following rules govern the eligibility of amendments to proposed committee reports:

1. Money can only be adjusted among items within the same area committee section and not cause a change in another area committee's appropriations.
2. Amendments where money is being transferred among items within an area committee must clearly identify the items/programs that are being increased and decreased.
3. Nonrecurring reductions cannot be made to fund recurring additions.
4. Amendments that spend reversions or include "shall not revert" language are not allowed.
5. Amendments that increase or create new management flexibility reserves are not allowed.
6. Amendments that increase overall spending in the area committee budgets are not allowed.
7. Amendments may not include fees or other Finance-related matters.
8. Amendments cannot reduce or eliminate vacant positions (or the associated savings in the salary and benefits) in agency budgets beyond those included in the area committee report.
9. Amendments may not include Helene related items. Helene items will be considered in a separate bill.
10. No amendment shall be in order unless the amendment is germane to the measure under consideration.
11. Amendments that spend or otherwise adjust funds from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund, State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Fund, Lottery, ARPA Temporary Savings, Escheat Fund, other Statewide reserves, or the unappropriated General Fund balance are not allowed.