

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 1209
HOUSE BILL 1285

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO CONSOLIDATE AGENCIES OF THE
2 STATE HAVING RELATED DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TO PREPARE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCREASING EFFICIENCY IN STATE GOVERNMENT
4 BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF STATE AGENCIES.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
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8 **Section 1.** The Governor is hereby authorized to direct the inauguration of studies
9 to determine which agencies of the State conduct operations which are so nearly related to the
10 operations of one or more other agencies that a consolidation would produce the same or a
11 more efficient operational result at a reduction in cost, and to prepare recommendations to be
12 presented to the 1971 General Assembly to effect such consolidations.

13 **Sec. 2.** For purposes of conducting the study, the Governor is authorized to utilize
14 funds available to him from private sources, or from federal or other governmental grants, to be
15 matched, as may be required, by funds available within the existing Department of
16 Administration budget.

17 **Sec. 3.** The Governor shall direct that agencies which should be consolidated with
18 or absorbed into other agencies having similar responsibilities and duties, as determined by the
19 outcome of the study, shall be so consolidated or absorbed when, in his opinion, efficiency in
20 State governmental operations will be increased thereby, or when such consolidation will result
21 in a reduction in the cost of administering State activities without a reduction in the
22 effectiveness of such operations; provided, however, that the Governor shall not direct such
23 consolidation or combination as would diminish the duty or authority of any State agency or
24 institution created by act of the General Assembly.

25 **Sec. 4.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act shall hereby be
26 repealed.

27 **Sec. 5.** This Act shall become effective July 1, 1971.

28 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1969.