

April 21, 2005

H 1417. REVISE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION. *TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION AND TO AUTHORIZE THREE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.* Amends Article 30 of GS Chapter 7A to (1) define terms (including incapacity, letter of caution, public reprimand, censure, and so forth); (2) increase size of Judicial Standards Commission by six members: one superior court judge, one district court judge, two lawyers, and two citizens; (3) provide civil immunity to Commission members; (4) authorize the Commission chair to employ an executive director, counsel, investigator, and other support staff; (5) allow the private admonishment or public reprimand of a judge who has engaged in conduct that violates the Code of Judicial Conduct but does not warrant censure, suspension, or removal; (6) allow the suspension as well as censure or removal of a judge for specified conduct; (7) allow the suspension of a judge who is temporarily mentally or physically incapacitated; (8) allows the issuance of advisory opinions to judges; and (9) make additional changes regarding the Commission's procedures and powers. Effective January 1, 2006.

Intro. by Haire.

Ref. to Judiciary III

GS 7A

May 26, 2005

H 1417. REVISE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION. Intro. 4/21/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 7A-375 to provide that of the four members of the Judicial Standards Comm'n who are not judges or members of the State Bar, two will be appointed by the Governor (was, four), one by the President Pro Tem., and one by the Speaker. Further amends section to clarify that authority of Comm'n to employ staff is subject to appropriation of funds for that purpose. Makes technical change.

June 1, 2005

H 1417. REVISE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION. Intro. 4/21/05. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends GS 7A-375 to require that two members of the Comm'n be appointed by the General Assembly, one on the recommendation of the President Pro Tem. and one on the recommendation of the Speaker (was, direct appointment by the Speaker and President Pro Tem.).

July 5, 2005

H 1417. REVISE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION. Intro. 4/21/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Modifies proposed GS 7A-374.2 to define "remove or removal" and "suspend or suspension" as a finding by the Supreme Court that a judge should be relieved of the duties of judge's office and disqualified from holding further judicial office or relieved of the office's duties for a period of time upon those conditions specified by court. Amends GS 7A-375 to: (1) transfer provisions establishing staggered terms of Comm'n members to new Section 2 of act and to require that the initial term of the citizen appointed by the Governor effective January 1, 2009, will be a three-year term; and (2) provide that the replacement of a disabled Comm'n member who is not a judge and who was appointed by the General Assembly will be filled as provided in GS 120-122, as will other vacancies of members appointed by the General Assembly. Modifies proposed GS 7A-376(a) to authorize the issuance of a private letter of caution (was, a private admonishment). Also modifies proposed GS 7A-377(a3) and (a4) to authorize the issuance of a letter of caution or public reprimand after the investigation is completed (was, authorized a letter of caution after completion of the preliminary investigation and a public reprimand after a formal investigation is completed). Makes technical and conforming changes.

July 20, 2006

H 1417. ED REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY (NEW). Filed 4/20/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 4th edition. Replaces original bill entitled

"Revise Judicial Standards Commission" with new GS 158-8.5 through 158-8.8 providing annual reporting requirements for regional economic development commissions and partnerships substantially identical to the report required by section 5 of S 2018. Requires Department of Commerce to develop uniform standards for the use of state funds by these commissions and partnerships and authorizes the use of a consultant to develop these standards, to be paid for with up to \$50,000 from each commission and partnership. Requires an orientation program for new board members of these commissions and partnerships. Clarifies that they are subject to GS 143-6.2, regulating the use of state funds by non-state entities.

July 21, 2006

H 1417. ED REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY. Filed 4/20/05. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 5th edition. Revises proposed GS 158-8.5 to require that the Charlotte Regional Partnership, Inc., the Piedmont Triad Regional Partnership, and the Research Triangle Regional Partnership submit the report required in that section as a condition on the receipt of State funds. Also modifies Section 2 of act to provide that as a condition on the receipt of State funds, the commissions referenced in section and the regional partnerships listed above must pay the costs of developing the uniform standards for the use of State funds required by proposed GS 158-8.6.

September 14, 2006

SL 2006-263 (H 1417). ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY. AN ACT RELATING TO REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 7/20/06 and 7/21/06. Enacted August 27, 2006. Section 1 is effective October 1, 2006. Section 2 is effective July 1, 2006.