

May 17, 2006

H 2212. LOTTERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. Filed 5/17/06. *TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE LOTTERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LOTTERY COMMISSION TO SEND REPORTS TO THAT COMMITTEE.* Adds to Chapter 120 of the General Statutes a new Article 32, "Joint Legislative Lottery Oversight Committee." New GS 120-280 establishes the 16-member committee, with members appointed as provided in the act for two-year terms, as a permanent oversight committee to monitor operation of the lottery and the budgeting and spending of lottery proceeds and to receive and review reports required to be sent to the General Assembly under GS Chapter 18C. New GS 120-281 provides that the committee will (1) study ways to ensure the purposes of the lottery are being met and that proceeds will not be used to supplant education funding; (2) study other lottery matters the committee considers necessary; and (3) report within 15 days of the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly on its oversight of the State Lottery. New GS 120-283 authorizes the committee to access any paper or document and compel attendance of any state official or employee before the committee or secure any evidence under GS 120-19 (mistakenly stated in bill as G.S. 120.19). Rewrites GS 18C-115 to require the Lottery Commission to send its quarterly and annual reports on the operations of the Commission to the new committee. Appropriates from General Fund to the General Assembly \$50,000 for 2006-07 to support the committee. Effective July 1, 2006.

Intro. by B. Allen, Owens, Harrison, Holliman. GS 18C, 120, APPROP

July 6, 2006

H 2212. LOTTERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. Filed 5/17/06. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes the \$50,000 appropriation from the General Fund to the General Assembly for 2006-07 to support the Joint Legislative Lottery Oversight Committee and instead requires that \$50,000 of the funds appropriated to the General Assembly for 2006-07 be used to support the Committee.

July 6, 2006

H 2212. LOTTERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. Filed 5/17/06. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Revises proposed GS 120-283 to replace statutory reference to GS 120.19 with GS 120-19.

July 18, 2006

H 2212. LOTTERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. Filed 5/17/06. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. The committee substitute changes the composition, appointment, terms, and duties of the proposed Lottery Oversight Committee and amends the North Carolina State Lottery Act (GS Chapter 18C), rather than GS Chapter 120, to establish the committee. The oversight committee must consist of nine members, three appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, three appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and three appointed by the Governor. Each appointing authority must appoint at least one educator and one person trained or experienced in financial management. Committee members serve three-year terms except that initial appointees serve until December 31, 2008. Committee duties include calling for reports and presentations from the Lottery Commission, the State Treasurer, the Department of Public Instruction, the State Educational Assistance Authority, local governments providing public education, and other parties participating in the net revenues of the lottery. The committee must analyze, prepare, and publish recommendations based on the foregoing reports and presentations that address the question whether lottery revenues are being expended in accordance with GS Chapter 18C. The legislative services commission is directed to allocate money from funds available to the General Assembly to fund the committee's work.

July 27, 2006

H 2212. LOTTERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. Filed 5/17/06. Conference report recommends the following changes to 4th edition to reconcile matters in controversy. Removes provision

providing for termination of the initial committee members' terms on December 31, 2008, thereby setting all members' terms at three years. Rewrites new GS 18C-172(c) to: (1) direct the committee to study ways to ensure that net proceeds from the lottery will not be used to supplant education funding but to provide additional education funding; (2) remove the requirement that the Lottery Commission publish information on its website at the request of the committee; and (3) require the committee to review reports submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to GS Chapter 18C. Rewrites new 18C-172(d) to require the committee to report its analysis and any findings to the General Assembly by September 15 of each year (was, semiannually). Repeals Section 31.1(ii) of SL 2005-276, which required the General Assembly to transfer unclaimed prize money from the Lottery Fund to the Escheat Fund to reimburse the Escheat Fund for money appropriated for scholarships. Amends GS 18C-132(b) to require that unclaimed prize money be handled in accordance with GS Chapter 18C instead of Article 35A of GS Chapter 115C.

August 14, 2006

SL 2006-225 (H 2212). LOTTERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LOTTERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF UNCLAIMED LOTTERY PRIZES. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 5/17/06, 7/6/06, 7/18/06, and 7/27/06. Enacted August 10, 2006. Effective August 10, 2006.