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H 2020. PROTECTION & ADVOCACY TO PRIVATE NONPROFIT. Filed 5/9/07. *TO REPEAL THE GOVERNOR'S ADVOCACY COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (GACPD); TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO DESIGNATE A PRIVATE NONPROFIT AGENCY AS NORTH CAROLINA'S PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION, AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW; AND TO PROVIDE THAT DISCONTINUED SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE AND SEVERANCE PAY OPTIONS FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY THE REDESIGNATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S ADVOCACY COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SHALL BE SELECTED AND APPLIED IN A MANNER THAT IS MOST BENEFICIAL TO THE ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEE*.

Repeals Part 14A of GS Chapter 143B, Article 9, as title indicates. Enacts GS 147-20A providing that the Governor may designate an entity to administer and operate a protection and advocacy system for individuals with developmental disabilities as title indicates. Specifies the entity's authority and requires the Governor to designate an appropriate state official to receive notices of disallowance and compliance actions related to the designated entity. Provides for access, by the designated agency, to certain records. Provides that funds appropriated for the Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities that are unencumbered and unexpended as of June 30, 2007, will be appropriated or reallocated by the 2007 General Assembly. Provides for application of the discontinued service retirement allowance or severance wages to state employees affected by the redesignation as title indicates. Requires reporting. Effective July 1, 2007.

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