

March 25, 2009

S 900. ENABLE REGISTERS OF DEEDS TO PROTECT IDENTITY. Filed 3/25/09. *TO ALLOW REGISTERS OF DEEDS TO REMOVE PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION FROM IMAGES OR COPIES OF RECORDS PLACED ON THE INTERNET.*

Adds new GS 132-1.10(f1) to authorize registers of deeds, even in the absence of a request, to remove a person's Social Security, employer taxpayer identification, driver's license, state identification, passport, checking account, savings account, credit card, or debit card number, date of birth, or personal identification code or passwords from any image of any official record placed on the internet by the register of deeds.

Intro. by Rouzer.

GS 132

May 13, 2009

S 900. ENABLE REGISTERS OF DEEDS TO PROTECT IDENTITY. Filed 3/25/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Expands the bill's scope to include clerks of court as well as registers of deeds, and adds new provision to GS 132-1.10 to require registers and clerks to use optical character recognition technology or similar technology on records placed on Internet websites available to the general public to identify and redact Social Security and driver's license numbers. Amends GS 132-1.10(h) to limit liability for clerks and registers for identifying information that is available on their websites, but only if they have used the optical character recognition technology required by this act. Requirement to use new technology is effective July 1, 2011.

June 18, 2009

S 900. ENABLE REGISTERS OF DEEDS TO PROTECT IDENTITY. Filed 3/25/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends GS 132-1.10 to make an organizational change deleting proposed subdivision (f2) and adding its provisions to proposed subdivision (f1). Permits Registers of Deeds and Clerks of Court to generally remove social security and driver's license numbers from their public web sites without receiving a request from a specific individual to remove that individual's personal identifying information (in previous edition, the list of personal identifying information included employer tax ID, state ID, passport, checking account, savings account, credit card, or debit card numbers, date of birth; or PIN code or passwords contained in the official record). Provides that the registers of deeds and clerks of court *may* apply (was, shall apply) optical character recognition technology or other reasonably available technology to identify and redact social security and driver's license numbers.

Deletes amendment to subsection (h) which conditioned the lack of liability on the part of a register of deeds or clerk of court regarding any claims of damages resulting from the availability of personal identifying information on a register of deeds' or clerk of court's Internet web site on the register of deeds' or clerk of court's compliance with proposed subsection (f2).

Requires the Conference of Clerks of Superior Court, in consultation with the registers of deeds, to report annually on or before March 1st of each year to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the status of the individual counties and judicial districts in implementing the provisions of this act.

Makes conforming change to the title.

Changes the effective date to July 1, 2009 (was, Section 2 becomes effective July 1, 2011, and the remainder becomes effective when the act becomes law).

July 1, 2010

S 900. TEEN DRIVER SAFETY STUDY (NEW). Filed 5/25/09. House committee substitute deletes the provisions of the 3rd edition and replaces it with *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY TO REPORT ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADDRESS THE CAUSES OF TEEN DRIVING FATALITIES.* As title indicates, requires a report to the General Assembly by April 30, 2011.

July 8, 2010

S 900. STUDIES ACT OF 2010 (NEW). Filed 3/25/09. House committee substitute deletes all of the provisions of the 4th edition and replaces it with *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR STUDIES BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION, STATUTORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER AGENCIES, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS.*

Enacts *The Studies Act of 2010*. Provides for studies as the title indicates. Lists bills or resolutions that propose the issue or study and that include the name of the sponsor where applicable, for reference purposes only. Provides that unless specifically otherwise indicated, the listed bills and resolutions refer to measures introduced in the 2009 or 2010 session of the 2009 General Assembly. Provides that the listing of the original bill or resolution in the Studies Act of 2010 is for reference purposes only and does not incorporate by reference any of the substantive provisions in the original bill or resolution. Requires that if a study is authorized in both the Studies Act of 2010 and in the Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2010 (2010 Appropriations Act), the study is to be implemented in accordance with the 2010 Appropriations Act as ratified.

I. Establishes study tasks, topics, and timetables for reporting findings and recommendation requirements for the following commissions, committees, departments, and agencies.

Legislative Research Commission (LRC) to study: (1) Allowing State Personnel Commission to Transfer Annual and Sick Leave from a City or County; (2) Consolidation of State Agencies and Departments; (3) Flexibility for Certified Nurse Midwives; (4) Televising House of Representatives and Senate Sessions; (5) Efficient E-Commerce in State Government; (6) Furbearer and Fox Management; (7) Pre-Escheat Procedures; (8) Changing Demographics in the State Community College and University Systems; (9) Ownerless Dogs and Cats, Commercial Dog Breeding; (10) Use of Military Veteran Contractors; (11) Requiring Long-Term Care Facilities to Carry Liability Insurance; (12) Insurance Coverage Options for Fresh Produce Growers; (13) Use of "Most Favored Nation" Clauses; (14) Regulation of Beauty Pageants for Youth Under Thirteen Years of Age; and (15) Consolidation or Elimination of State Boards and Commissions.

Joint Legislative Health Care Oversight Committee: (1) Study the Feasibility of Establishing a State Diabetes Coordinator, (2) Review the Collaborative Project for Reducing Medical Malpractice Claims, and (3) Study and Monitor the Impact of Revised Requirements for Personal Care Services.

Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee to study: (1) Untitled Vehicles Removed and Sold for Scrap without sufficient notice to the owner, (2) Welcome Centers and Visitor Centers, (3) the scope of the power of the Department of Transportation to enter into Debt Agreements, and (4) Street Construction/ Developer Responsibility.

Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to study: (1) Feasibility of Establishing a Virtual School of Engineering, (2) Graduation Disparity, and (3) Maximum Age for Enrollment in Public Schools.

Environmental Review Commission to study: (1) Impact of Environmental Toxins in Human Health, (2) Costs and benefits of improving water quality in water resources shared by local governments, (3) Oil and Gas Exploration in the Triassic Basin, (4) Issues Related to the Use and Storage of Reclaimed Water, (5) Gas Leases in the Central Shale Belt, and (6) Carbon Sequestration Potential of Natural and Working Landscapes and Other Carbon Offset Opportunities.

Revenue Laws Study Committee to study issues related to ticket resale.

Joint Legislative Utility Review Committee to study gas leases in the central shale belt.

Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee to study (1) Operation of the Child Nutrition Program, and (2) GS Chapter 150B Contested Cases.

Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee to study unsecured bonds.

Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee to study impact of exempting Wildlife Resources Commission and Marine Fisheries Commission from the legislative disapproval process.

State Board of Education to study issues related to sports injuries at middle school and high school levels.

Executive Committee for Highway Safety in the Department of Transportation to study recommendations for additional legislation to address the causes of teen driving fatalities.

Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance to study feasibility of requiring Community Care of North Carolina to implement body mass index screening for children at risk of becoming obese and who are receiving medicaid or participating in the North Carolina Health Choice for children program.

Department of Cultural Resources to study feasibility of designating the Endor Iron Furnace as a state historic site.

Division of Marine Fisheries of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to study fishery management plan development process.

Governor's Logistics Task Force to study combining the operations and governing authority of Global Transpark authority, NC ports authority, and NC railroad and establishing class I rail service to the Global Transpark and the state ports.

II. Establishes the following committees, commissions, and task forces. Provides information as to the selection of members for the entity; the tasks and duties of the committees, commissions and task forces; and the reporting requirements for the findings and recommendations of each.

Directs the State Board of Education to establish a Blue Ribbon Task Force to study the impact of increasing the compulsory public school attendance age from 16 to 17 or 18. Provides that the study is to address the fiscal impact of raising the compulsory age, the conclusions that may be drawn as to the impact of raising the compulsory attendance age on dropout and high school completion rates based on data from other states that have increased the compulsory attendance age; and evaluate the best practices for working with at-risk students who remain in school as a result of raising the compulsory attendance age.

Authorizes the North Carolina Institute of Medicine to convene a Task Force to study the needs of young children with mental health problems and their families. Delineates the duties of the Task Force which include examining public and private systems of mental health care that are currently available to families of young children with mental health problems and identifying evidence-based and promising universal, selected, and indicated prevention strategies to promote the emotional well-being of young children.

Directs that a task force to be appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Series is to conduct a study of alternatives to the hospitalization of frequent users of psychiatric hospitals in the state. Specifies the representatives from various agencies and entities to be included as members. Cites goals and tasks to be completed by the task force

Creates the 10 member Joint Legislative Study Committee on the Consolidation of Early Childhood Education and Care to continue the work of the Task Force on the Consolidation of Early Childhood Education and Care created under SL 2009-451.

Establishes the Agriscience and Biotechnology Regional School Planning Commission to develop and plan a regional school of agriscience and biotechnology to open in the 2011-12 school year. Provides that the Commission is to have up to nine members appointed by the chair of the State Board of Education no later than September 1, 2010.

Establishes the Wood and Crop Biomass Strategic Working Group, as described in H 1766.

Establishes the 16 member Legislative Study Commission on Public-Private Partnerships.

Establishes the 12 member Legislative Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse. Indicates matters that the Task Force may study in determining what would be helpful in reducing prescription drug abuse.

Creates the 15 member Legislative Commission on Diversity in the Public Schools to study the effects of student diversity in public school enrollment.

Establishes the 10 member Joint Select Committee to Study the Adoption of Comparative Negligence and Abrogation of Joint and Several Liability. Provides that the Committee may study any other issues related to tort liability.

Establishes the 10 member Railroads Study Commission to study all issues related to railroads in the state, including passenger rail, freight rail, and corridor issues.

III. Makes changes to the reporting date; extends the operation of; or reestablishes the following commissions, committees, and task forces.

Amends Section 5.11 of SL 2009-329 to direct the North Carolina Zoological Park Funding and Organization Study Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the 2011 (was, 2010) Regular Session of the 2011 (was, 2009) General Assembly and the Environmental Review Commission on or before December 31, 2010 (was, May 1, 2010). Extends the operation of the Committee as it terminates upon the submission of its report.

Amends Section 36.6 of SL 2008-181 to require the Legislative Study Commission on Urban Growth and Infrastructure Issues to submit its final report on or before the date of the convening of the Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly. Provides that the Commission is to expire upon delivering its final report, or the convening of the Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly, whichever happens first.

Amends Section 47.4 of SL 2009-574 to direct the State Investment Study Reporting Date to make a final report to the 2011 (was, 2010) Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly.

Amends Section 7.(d) of SL 2009-203 to require the Joint Select Committee on Preservation of Biological Evidence to submit its final report on or before the convening of the Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly (was, on or before April 1, 2010). Provides that the Committee is to terminate upon delivering its final report, or the convening of the 2011 General Assembly, whichever happens first.

Amends Section 2 of SL 2009-281 to extend the reporting date for the General Statutes Commission's study on ways to ensure that the General Statutes properly and uniformly refer to federal or state military organizations until the 2011 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly (was, make recommendations to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Session).

Amends Section 1 of SL 2009-273 to remove any specific reporting date for the General Statutes Commission's study on ways to make the General Statutes and the North Carolina Constitution gender-neutral (was, make recommendations to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly and the 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly).

Amends Part XLIX of SL 2009-574 to reestablish the 12-member Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity. Provides that the terms of the initial members begin on appointment and continue until the convening of the 2011 Session of the General Assembly. Provides that subsequent appointments begin during the 2011 Session of the General Assembly and continue until the Task Force terminates. Provides that the Task Force may make a report to the 2011 General Assembly and requires the Task Force to submit a report to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly. Provides that the Task Force is to terminate upon the convening of the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly (was, required Task Force to file a final report to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly and to terminate on May 1, 2010, or upon filing the report, whichever occurred first).

Amends Section 41.2 of SL 2008-181 to direct the Poverty Reduction and Economic Recovery Legislative Study Commission to submit its final report to the 2011 General Assembly. Provides that the Commission is to terminate either upon filing its final report or upon the convening of the 2011 General Assembly, whichever occurs first.

July 9, 2010

S 900. STUDIES ACT OF 2010. Filed 3/25/09. House amendment makes the following changes to 5th edition.

Amendment #1, as amended by amendment #2, adds additional topics for study, establishes an additional study commission, and makes additional changes, as follows.

Authorizes the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) to study the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of establishing a statewide supportive housing initiative for individuals with mental health, developmental, or substance abuse disabilities. Provides goals for the Commission to examine in its study and lists topics to be addressed in the Commission's findings and recommendations.

Also authorizes the LRC to study the public and private telecommunications and specifies a list of issues to be included in the study.

Amends the directives regarding the Environmental Review Commission's (Commission) study on the impact of environmental toxins on human health to expand the topics that the Commission's report may contain to include (1) identification of state and federal programs for the review and regulation of environmental toxins and chemicals and recommendation of supplementary programs necessary for human health protection and (2) a cost-benefit and economic impact analysis for any recommendations made by the Commission.

Provides that the Revenue Laws Study Committee (Committee) may study Local Cable Service Franchise Agreements. Also provides that the Committee may continue the study it began in 2009 of local government owned and operated communication systems. Lists matters which the Committee should determine in its study. Authorizes the Committee to appoint an advisory subcommittee of no more than 12 members and provides criteria to be used in appointing the subcommittee members.

Increases the membership of the Joint Legislative Study Committee on the Consolidation of Early Childhood Education and Care to 18 members (was, 10 members).

Specifies seven ex-officio nonvoting members and directs that the Committee also add a developmental pediatrician, as a nonvoting member, appointed by the Governor.

Provides that the Governor's Logistics Task Force may study (was, shall study) Combining Global TransPark Authority, Ports Authority, and the North Carolina Railroad; and Establishing Service of a Class I Rail Service to the Global Transpark and the Ports. Makes a conforming change.

Increases the number of public members appointed to the Legislative Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse to four public members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (was, two) and four public members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate (was, two). Increases the overall membership of the Task Force to 16 (was, 12).

Establishes the 18-member Study Commission on the Expansion of the Life Sciences Industry and Related Job Creation (Commission). Provides criteria for the appointment of members to the Commission and the filling of vacancies. Provides additional information as to the operation of the Commission and the issues relating to the life sciences industry it is to examine. Requires the Commission to make a final report to the General Assembly by February 1, 2011.

Makes additional organizational changes.

July 28, 2010

SL 2010-152 (S 900). STUDIES ACT OF 2010. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR STUDIES BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION, STATUTORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER AGENCIES, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS.

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