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HOUSE BILL 1591

Short Title: GA Members/Full-Time Legislative Assistants. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jones; E. Floyd, Hall, Hughes, and Pierce.

Referred to: State Government/State Personnel, if favorable, Appropriations.

May 6, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS ENTITLED TO A FULL-TIME LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION ESTABLISH AN EXPERIENCED BASED MINIMUM SALARY FOR LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 7 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 120-32.7. Members entitled to full-time legislative assistant.

Each member of the General Assembly is entitled to have one full-time legislative assistant during the entire term of office."

SECTION 2. In implementing this act, the Legislative Services Commission shall:

- (1) Review the range of salaries paid to legislative assistants, including a comparison between the two chambers and relative to compensation in other states.
- (2) Set a minimum base salary for full-time legislative assistants that is based upon work experience and not upon the status of the member of the General Assembly for whom the legislative assistant works.
- (3) Make any appropriate salary adjustments.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

