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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN THE GENERAL STATUTES AS
3 REQUESTED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION AND TO MAKE
4 VARIOUS OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AND
5 SESSION LAWS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **PART I. TECHNICAL CHANGES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL**
8 **STATUTES COMMISSION**

9 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-39.14(e) reads as rewritten:

10 "(e) A retired or emergency justice or judge may serve on the Supreme Court or Court of
11 Appeals pursuant to subdivision (a)(3) or (a)(4) only if he is recalled to serve temporarily in
12 place of a sitting justice or judge who is not temporarily incapacitated under circumstances that
13 would permit temporary service of the retired or emergency justice or judge pursuant to
14 G.S. 7A-39.5 or G.S. 7A-39.13. This section does not authorize more than seven justices to
15 serve on the Supreme Court at any given time, nor does it authorize more than ~~12~~15 justices
16 and judges to serve on the Court of Appeals at any given time. In no case may more than one
17 emergency justice or emergency judge serve on one panel of the Court of Appeals at any given
18 time."

19 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 7A-343.2 reads as rewritten:

20 **"§ 7A-343.2. Court Information Technology Fund.**

21 (a) Fund. – The Court Information Technology Fund is established within the Judicial
22 Department as a special revenue fund. Interest and other investment income earned by the Fund
23 accrues to it. The ~~fund~~Fund consists of the following revenues:

- 24 (1) All ~~moneys~~monies collected by the Director pursuant to G.S. 7A-109(d) and
25 G.S. 7A-49.5.
26 (2) State judicial facilities fees credited to the Fund under G.S. 7A-304 through
27 G.S. 7A-307.

28 (b) Use. – Money in the ~~fund~~Fund derived from State judicial facilities fees must be
29 used to upgrade, maintain, and operate the judicial and county courthouse phone systems. All
30 other monies in the ~~fund~~Fund must be used to supplement funds otherwise available to the
31 Judicial Department for court information technology and office automation needs.

32 (c) Report. – The Director must report by August 1 and February 1 of each year to the
33 Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Chairs of the Senate and House
34 Appropriations Committees, and the Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations
35 Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety. The report must include the following:

- 36 (1) Amounts credited in the preceding six months to the Fund.



- 1 (2) Amounts expended in the preceding six months from the Fund and the
2 purposes of the expenditures.
3 (3) Proposed expenditures of the ~~funds funds-~~monies in the Fund."

4 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 14-144 reads as rewritten:

5 **"§ 14-144. Injuring houses, churches, fences and walls.**

6 If any person shall, by any other means than burning or attempting to burn, unlawfully and
7 willfully demolish, destroy, deface, injure or damage any of the houses or other buildings
8 mentioned in ~~this Chapter in the Article entitled Arson and Other Burnings;~~Article 15 (Arson
9 and Other Burnings) of this Chapter; or shall by any other means than burning or attempting to
10 burn unlawfully and willfully demolish, pull down, destroy, deface, damage or injure any
11 church, ~~uninhabited~~uninhabited house, outhouse or other house or building not mentioned in
12 such article; or shall unlawfully and willfully burn, destroy, pull down, injure or remove any
13 fence, wall or other ~~inclosure, enclosure,~~ or any part thereof, surrounding or about any yard,
14 garden, cultivated field or pasture, or about any church or graveyard, or about any factory or
15 other house in which machinery is used, every person so offending shall be punished as
16 follows:

- 17 (1) If the damage is five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less, the person is guilty of
18 a Class 2 misdemeanor.
19 (2) If the damage is more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the person is
20 guilty of a Class I felony."

21 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 14-202.5(b)(1) reads as rewritten:

22 "(1) Is operated by a person who derives revenue from membership fees,
23 advertising, or other sources related to the operation of the Web site."

24 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 14-208.18(a) reads as rewritten:

25 "(a) It shall be unlawful for any person required to register under this Article, if the
26 offense requiring registration is described in ~~subsection (b)-~~subsection (c) of this section, to
27 knowingly be at any of the following locations:

- 28 (1) On the premises of any place intended primarily for the use, care, or
29 supervision of minors, including, but not limited to, schools, children's
30 museums, child care centers, nurseries, and playgrounds.
31 (2) Within 300 feet of any location intended primarily for the use, care, or
32 supervision of minors when the place is located on premises that are not
33 intended primarily for the use, care, or supervision of minors, including, but
34 not limited to, places described in subdivision (1) of this subsection that are
35 located in malls, shopping centers, or other property open to the general
36 public.
37 (3) At any place where minors gather for regularly scheduled educational,
38 recreational, or social programs."

39 **SECTION 6.** The catch line for G.S. 14-318.2 reads as rewritten:

40 **"§ 14-318.2. Child abuse a ~~Class 1~~ misdemeanor."**

41 **SECTION 7.** G.S. 14-404(g) reads as rewritten:

42 "(g) An applicant shall not be ineligible to receive a permit under ~~subsection (4) of~~
43 ~~subsection (c)-~~subdivision (c)(4) of this section because of involuntary commitment to mental
44 health services if the individual's rights have been restored under G.S. 122C-54.1."

45 **SECTION 8.(a)** G.S. 58-50-180(b)(3)e. reads as rewritten:

46 "e. One who represents business, as recommended by the ~~North Carolina~~
47 Citizens for Business and Industry, North Carolina Chamber."

48 **SECTION 8.(b)** G.S. 58-65-133(d) reads as rewritten:

49 "(d) Advisory Committee. – An advisory committee shall be formed to (i) develop,
50 subject to the approval of the Attorney General, the criteria for selection of the Foundation's
51 initial board of directors and (ii) nominate candidates for the initial board of directors. The

1 advisory committee shall be comprised of the following 11 members: three representatives of
2 the business community selected by ~~North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry, the~~
3 North Carolina Chamber, three representatives of the public and private medical school
4 community selected by The University of North Carolina Board of Governors, three
5 representatives of private foundations and other nonprofit organizations selected by the North
6 Carolina Center for Nonprofits, a representative of NCHA, Inc., and a representative of the
7 North Carolina Medical Society. After receiving a copy of the proposed plan of conversion, the
8 Attorney General shall immediately notify these organizations, and the advisory committee
9 shall be constituted within 45 days thereafter.

10 The advisory committee's criteria shall ensure an open recruitment process for the directors.
11 The advisory committee shall nominate 22 residents of North Carolina for the 11 positions to
12 be filled by the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall retain an independent executive
13 recruiting firm or firms to assist the advisory committee in its work."

14 **SECTION 8.(c)** G.S. 115C-102.15(b)(9) reads as rewritten:

15 "(9) One representative of business and industry appointed by the State Board of
16 Education after receiving recommendations from the ~~North Carolina~~
17 Citizens for Business and Industry; North Carolina Chamber;"

18 **SECTION 8.(d)** G.S. 115C-102.15(b)(15) reads as rewritten:

19 "(15) Two representatives of technology businesses who have either successfully
20 developed innovative technology programs for education or have partnered
21 with a local education agency (LEA) to develop a technology-based
22 education environment in that LEA, who are appointed by the State Board of
23 Education, after receiving recommendations from North Carolina
24 Electronics and Information Technologies Association and the ~~North~~
25 Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry; North Carolina Chamber; and"

26 **SECTION 8.(e)** G.S. 143-548(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

27 "(1) The six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall
28 include one member recommended by the ~~North Carolina Citizens for~~
29 Business and Industry; North Carolina Chamber, one other representing
30 providers of community rehabilitation services, one other who is a
31 vocational rehabilitation counselor, with knowledge of and experience with
32 vocational rehabilitation programs, who is not an employee of the Division,
33 one other representing the Commission on Workforce Preparedness, and two
34 others representing disability advocacy groups representing a cross-section
35 of individuals with physical, cognitive, sensory, and mental disabilities. Of
36 the six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
37 three shall be individuals with disabilities;"

38 **SECTION 8.(f)** G.S. 143B-434.1(c)(9) reads as rewritten:

39 "(9) The President of ~~North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry; the~~
40 North Carolina Chamber."

41 **SECTION 8.(g)** G.S. 143B-434.1(d) reads as rewritten:

42 "(d) The members of the Board shall serve the following terms: the Secretary of
43 Commerce, the Director of the Division of Tourism, Film, and Sports Development, the
44 Chairperson of the Travel and Tourism Coalition, the President of the North Carolina Travel
45 Industry Association, and the President of ~~North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry; the~~
46 North Carolina Chamber shall serve on the Board while they hold their respective offices. Each
47 member of the Board appointed by the Governor shall serve during his or her term of office.
48 The members of the Board appointed by the General Assembly shall serve two-year terms
49 beginning on January 1 of odd-numbered years and ending on December 31 of the following
50 year. The first such term shall begin on January 1, 1991, or as soon thereafter as the member is
51 appointed to the Board, and end on December 31, 1992. All other members of the Board shall

1 serve a term which consists of the portion of calendar year 1991 that remains following their
2 appointment or designation and, thereafter, two-year terms which shall begin on January 1 of
3 an even-numbered year and end on December 31 of the following year. The first such two-year
4 term shall begin on January 1, 1992, and end on December 31, 1994."

5 **SECTION 9.** The catch line of G.S. 58-89A-75 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 58-89A-75. De minimus-minimis registration.**"

7 **SECTION 10.** G.S. 90-21.5(a) reads as rewritten:

8 "(a) Any minor may give effective consent to a physician licensed to practice medicine
9 in North Carolina for medical health services for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of (i)
10 venereal disease and other diseases reportable under G.S. 130A-135, (ii) pregnancy, (iii) abuse
11 of controlled substances or alcohol, and (iv) emotional disturbance. This section does not
12 authorize the inducing of an abortion, performance of a sterilization operation, or admission to
13 a 24-hour facility licensed under Article 2 of Chapter 122C of the General Statutes except as
14 provided in ~~G.S. 122C-222~~.G.S. 122C-223. This section does not prohibit the admission of a
15 minor to a treatment facility upon his own written application in an emergency situation as
16 authorized by ~~G.S. 122C-222~~.G.S. 122C-223."

17 **SECTION 11.** G.S. 90-270.78(a)(3) reads as rewritten:

18 "(3) Use in connection with his or her name or place of business the words
19 "~~occupational therapist~~,"occupational therapist" or "occupational therapy
20 assistant", "~~occupational therapist~~ or the letters "O.T.", "O.T./L.", "O.T.A.",
21 or "O.T.A./L.", or any other words, letters, abbreviations or insignia
22 indicating or implying that the person is an occupational therapist, or
23 occupational therapy assistant."

24 **SECTION 12.** G.S. 90-634(b1) reads as rewritten:

25 "(b1) Unless exempt from the approval process, it is unlawful for an individual,
26 association, partnership, corporation, or other entity to open, operate, or advertise a massage
27 and bodywork therapy school without first having obtained the approval required by
28 ~~G.S. 90-637.1~~.G.S. 90-631.1."

29 **SECTION 13.** G.S. 115B-5A is recodified as G.S. 115B-5.1.

30 **SECTION 14.** G.S. 120C-102(d) reads as rewritten:

31 "(d) Except as provided under ~~subsections (c)~~subsections (c) and (d1) of this section,
32 a request for advice, any advice provided by Commission staff, any formal advisory opinions,
33 any supporting documents submitted or caused to be submitted to the Commission or
34 Commission staff, and any documents prepared or collected by the Commission or the
35 Commission staff in connection with a request for advice are confidential. The identity of the
36 individual, State agency, or governmental unit making the request for advice, the existence of
37 the request, and any information related to the request may not be revealed without the consent
38 of the requestor. An individual, State agency, or governmental unit who requests advice or
39 receives advice, including a formal advisory opinion, may authorize the release to any other
40 person, the State, or any governmental unit of the request, the advice, or any supporting
41 documents.

42 For purposes of this section, "document" is as defined in G.S. 120-129. Requests for advice,
43 any advice, and any documents related to requests for advice are not "public records" as
44 defined in G.S. 132-1."

45 **SECTION 15.** G.S. 122A-5(24) reads as rewritten:

46 "(24) To advise the Governor regarding the coordination of public and private
47 low- and moderate-income housing programs; ~~and~~"

48 **SECTION 16.** G.S. 130A-295.02(j) reads as rewritten:

49 "(j) For purposes of this subsection, special purpose commercial hazardous waste
50 facilities include: a facility that manages limited quantities of hazardous waste; a facility that
51 limits its hazardous waste management activities to reclamation or recycling, including energy

1 or materials recovery or a facility that stores hazardous waste primarily for use at such
2 facilities; or a facility that is determined to be low risk under rules adopted by the Commission
3 pursuant to this subsection. The Commission shall adopt rules to determine whether a
4 commercial hazardous waste facility is a special purpose commercial hazardous waste facility
5 and to establish classifications of special purpose commercial hazardous waste facilities. The
6 rules to determine whether a commercial hazardous waste facility is a special purpose
7 commercial hazardous waste facility and to establish classifications of special purpose
8 commercial hazardous waste facilities shall be based on factors including, but not limited to,
9 the size of the facility, the type of treatment or storage being performed, the nature and volume
10 of waste being treated or stored, the uniformity, similarity, or lack of diversity of the waste
11 streams, the predictability of the nature of the waste streams and their treatability, whether the
12 facility utilizes automated monitoring or safety devices that adequately perform functions that
13 would otherwise be performed by a resident inspector, the fact that reclamation or recycling is
14 being performed at the facility, and the compliance history of the facility and its operator.
15 Based on the foregoing factors and any increase or decrease in the number of sensitive land
16 uses over time or in estimated population density over time reported pursuant to
17 G.S. 130A-295.01(f), rules adopted pursuant to this subsection shall establish times and
18 frequencies for the presence of a resident inspector on less than a full-time basis at special
19 purpose commercial hazardous waste facilities and specify a minimum number of additional
20 inspections at special purpose hazardous waste facilities.

21 ~~during such times as the facility is subject to inspection~~

22 Special purpose commercial hazardous waste facilities that utilize hazardous waste as a fuel
23 source shall be inspected a minimum of 40 hours per week, unless compliance data for these
24 facilities can be electronically monitored and recorded off-site by the Department. The
25 Department, considering the benefits provided by electronic monitoring, shall determine the
26 number of hours of on-site inspection required at these facilities. The Department shall
27 maintain records of all inspections at special purpose commercial hazardous waste facilities.
28 Such records shall contain sufficient detail and shall be arranged in a readily understandable
29 format so as to facilitate determination at any time as to whether the special purpose
30 commercial hazardous waste facility is in compliance with the requirements of this subsection
31 and of rules adopted pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
32 section, special purpose commercial hazardous waste facilities shall be subject to inspection at
33 all times during which the facility is in operation, undergoing any maintenance or repair, or
34 undergoing any test or calibration."

35 **SECTION 17.** G.S. 138A-13(e) reads as rewritten:

36 "(e) Except as provided under subsections (b2), (d) and (e1) of this section, ~~for a request~~
37 for advice, any advice provided by Commission staff, any formal or recommended formal
38 advisory opinions, any supporting documents submitted or caused to be submitted to the
39 Commission or Commission staff, and any documents prepared or collected by the
40 Commission or Commission staff in connection with a request for advice ~~and advisory opinions~~
41 ~~issued under~~ are confidential. The identity of the individual making the request for advice, the
42 existence of the request, and any information related to the request may not be revealed without
43 the consent of the requestor. An individual who requests advice or receives advice, including a
44 formal or recommended formal advisory opinion, may authorize the release to any other
45 person, the State, or any governmental unit of the request, the advice, or any supporting
46 documents.

47 For purposes of this section, "document" is as defined in G.S. 120-129. Requests for advice,
48 any advice, and any documents related to requests for advice are not "public records" as
49 defined in G.S. 132-1."

1 **SECTION 18.** G.S. 143-138(b) is amended by deleting "For the information of
2 users thereof, the Code shall include as appendices" and substituting "For the information of
3 users thereof, the Code shall include as appendices the following:".

4 **SECTION 19.** G.S. 143-215.94H(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

5 "(2) The ~~the~~ amounts required to be paid for by the owner or operator pursuant to
6 G.S. 143-215.94E(b) per occurrence for costs described in
7 G.S. 143-215.94B(b) and G.S. 143-215.94B(b1) if costs are eligible to be
8 paid under those subsections."

9 **SECTION 20.** G.S. 143-215.94T(c) reads as rewritten:

10 "(c) Rules adopted pursuant to subdivision (13) of subsection (a) of this section shall
11 require secondary containment for all components of underground storage tank systems,
12 including, but not limited to, tanks, piping, fittings, pump heads, and dispensers. Secondary
13 containment requirements shall include standards for double wall tanks, piping, and fittings and
14 for sump containment for pump heads and dispensers. The rules shall provide for monitoring of
15 double wall interstices and sump containments. The rules shall apply to any underground
16 storage tank system that is installed on or after the date on which the rules become effective
17 and to the replacement of any component of an underground storage tank system on or after
18 that date."

19 **SECTION 21.** G.S. 143-299.1A(c) reads as rewritten:

20 "(c) ~~Nothing in this section shall limit the assertion of the public duty doctrine as a~~
21 ~~defense on the part of a unit of local government or its officers, employees, or agents.~~ This
22 section does not apply to a unit of local government or its officers, employees, or agents."

23 **SECTION 22.** G.S. 143B-437.63 reads as rewritten:

24 "**§ 143B-437.63. JDIG Program cash flow requirements.**

25 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, grants made through the Job Development
26 Investment Grant Program, including amounts transferred pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.61, shall
27 be budgeted and funded on a cash flow basis. The Office of State Budget and Management
28 shall periodically transfer funds from the JDIG Reserve Fund established pursuant to
29 ~~G.S. 143-15.3~~G.S. 143C-9-6 to the Department of Commerce in an amount sufficient to
30 satisfy grant obligations and amounts to be transferred pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.61 to be paid
31 during the fiscal year."

32 **SECTION 23.** G.S. 144-3 reads as rewritten:

33 "**§ 144-3. Flags to be displayed on public buildings and institutions.**

34 The board of trustees or managers of the several State institutions and public buildings shall
35 provide a North Carolina flag, of such dimensions and material as they may deem best, and the
36 same shall be displayed from a staff upon the top of each and every such building, at all times
37 except during inclement weather, and upon the death of any State officer or any prominent
38 citizen the flag shall be put at ~~half-mast~~half-staff until the burial of such person has taken
39 place."

40 **SECTION 24.** G.S. 148-84 reads as rewritten:

41 "**§ 148-84. Evidence; action by Industrial Commission; payment and amount of**
42 **compensation.**

43 (a) At the hearing the claimant may introduce evidence in the form of affidavits or
44 testimony to support the claim, and the Attorney General may introduce counter affidavits or
45 testimony in refutation. If the Industrial Commission finds from the evidence that the claimant
46 received a pardon of innocence for the reason that the crime was not committed at all, or was
47 not committed by the claimant, and that the claimant was imprisoned and has been vindicated
48 in connection with the alleged offense for which he or she was imprisoned, the Industrial
49 Commission shall award to the claimant an amount equal to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for
50 each year or the pro rata amount for the portion of each year of the imprisonment actually
51 served, including any time spent awaiting trial. However, (i) in no event shall the

1 compensation, including the compensation provided in ~~subsections (b) and (c)~~ subsection (c) of
2 this section, exceed a total amount of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000), and (ii)
3 a claimant is not entitled to compensation for any portion of a prison sentence during which the
4 claimant was also serving a concurrent sentence for conviction of a crime other than the one for
5 which the pardon of innocence was granted.

6 The Director of the Budget shall pay the amount of the award to the claimant out of the
7 Contingency and Emergency Fund, or out of any other available State funds. The Industrial
8 Commission shall give written notice of its decision to all parties concerned. The determination
9 of the Industrial Commission shall be subject to judicial review upon appeal of the claimant or
10 the State according to the provisions and procedures set forth in Article 31 of Chapter 143 of
11 the General Statutes.

12 (b) Reserved.

13 (c) In addition to the compensation provided under ~~subsections (a) and (b)~~ subsection
14 (a) of this section, the Industrial Commission shall determine the extent to which incarceration
15 has deprived a claimant of educational or training opportunities and, based upon those findings,
16 may award the following compensation for loss of life opportunities:

- 17 (1) Job skills training for at least one year through an appropriate State program;
18 and
- 19 (2) Expenses for tuition and fees at any public North Carolina community
20 college or constituent institution of The University of North Carolina for any
21 degree or program of the claimant's choice that is available from one or more
22 of the applicable institutions. Claimants are also entitled to assistance in
23 meeting any admission standards or criteria required at any of those
24 institutions, including assistance in satisfying requirements for a certificate
25 of equivalency of completion of secondary education. A claimant may apply
26 for aid under this subdivision within 10 years of the claimant's release from
27 incarceration, and aid shall continue for up to a total of five years when
28 initiated within the 10-year period, provided the claimant makes satisfactory
29 progress in the courses or degree program in which the claimant is enrolled."

30 **SECTION 25.** G.S. 163-278.66(a) reads as rewritten:

31 "~~(a) Noncertified and Independent Expenditure Entities.~~ Reporting by Noncertified
32 Candidates and Other Entities. – Any noncertified candidate with a certified opponent shall
33 report total contributions received to the Board by facsimile machine or electronically within
34 24 hours after the total amount of contributions received exceeds eighty percent (80%) of the
35 trigger for matching funds as defined in G.S. 163-278.62(18). Any entity making independent
36 expenditures in support of or opposition to a certified candidate or in support of a candidate
37 opposing a certified candidate, or paying for electioneering communications, referring to one of
38 those candidates, shall report the total expenditures or payments made to the Board by
39 facsimile machine or electronically within 24 hours after the total amount of expenditures or
40 payments made for the purpose of making the independent expenditures or electioneering
41 communications exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000). After the initial 24-hour filing, the
42 noncertified candidate or other reporting entity shall comply with an expedited reporting
43 schedule. The schedule and forms for reports required by this subsection shall be supplied by
44 the Board."

45 **SECTION 26.** G.S. 163-278.99A(a) reads as rewritten:

46 "(a) Reporting by Noncertified Candidates and Other Entities. – Any nonparticipating
47 candidate with a certified opponent shall report total contributions received to the Board by
48 facsimile machine or electronically within 24 hours after the total amount of contributions
49 received exceeds eighty percent (80%) of the trigger for matching funds as defined in
50 G.S. 163-278.96(17). Any entity making independent expenditures in support of or in
51 opposition to a certified candidate, or in support of a candidate opposing a certified candidate,

1 or paying for electioneering communications referring to one of those candidates, shall report
2 the total funds received, spent, or obligated for those expenditures or payments to the Board by
3 facsimile machine or electronically within 24 hours after the total amount of expenditures or
4 obligations made, or funds raised or borrowed, for the purpose of making the independent
5 expenditures or electioneering communications exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000). After
6 the initial 24-hour filing, the nonparticipating candidate or other reporting entity shall comply
7 with an expedited reporting schedule. The schedule and forms for reports required by this
8 subsection shall be supplied by the Board."

9 **SECTION 27.** The Revisor of Statutes shall change the word "judgement" to the
10 word "judgment" wherever that word appears in the General Statutes, including in the
11 following statutes: G.S. 24-11, 58-30-130, 115C-72, 122C-272, 130A-303, 160A-38, and
12 160A-50.

13 **PART II. OTHER CHANGES**

14 **SECTION 28.** G.S. 7A-38.6(a) reads as rewritten:

15 "(a) All community mediation centers currently receiving State funds shall report
16 annually to the Mediation Network of North Carolina on the program's funding and activities,
17 including:

- 18 (1) Types of dispute settlement services provided;
- 19 (2) Clients receiving each type of dispute settlement service;
- 20 (3) Number and type of referrals received, cases actually mediated (identified by
21 docket number), cases resolved in mediation, and total clients served in the
22 cases mediated;
- 23 (4) Total program funding and funding sources;
- 24 (5) Itemization of the use of funds, including operating expenses and personnel;
- 25 (6) Itemization of the use of State funds appropriated to the center;
- 26 (7) Level of volunteer activity; and
- 27 (8) Identification of future service demands and budget requirements.

28 The Mediation Network of North Carolina shall compile and summarize the information
29 provided pursuant to this subsection and shall provide the information to the Chairs of the
30 House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Chairs of the House
31 of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety by
32 February 1 of each year.

33 The Mediation Network of North Carolina shall also submit a copy of its report to the
34 Administrative Office of the Courts. The receipt and review of this report by the Administrative
35 Office of the Courts shall satisfy any program monitoring, evaluation, and contracting
36 requirements imposed on the Administrative Office of the Courts by ~~G.S. 143-6.2~~ Part 3 of
37 Article 6 of Chapter 143C of the General Statutes and any rules adopted under that
38 ~~section.~~ Part."

39 **SECTION 29.** G.S. 7A-307(a) reads as rewritten:

40 "(a) In the administration of the estates of decedents, minors, incompetents, of missing
41 persons, and of trusts under wills and under powers of attorney, in trust proceedings under
42 ~~G.S. 36A-23.1~~, G.S. 36C-2-203, and in collections of personal property by affidavit, the
43 following costs shall be assessed:

- 44 (1) For the use of the courtroom and related judicial facilities, the sum of ten
45 dollars (\$10.00), to be remitted to the county. Funds derived from the
46 facilities fees shall be used in the same manner, for the same purposes, and
47 subject to the same restrictions, as facilities fees assessed in criminal actions.
- 48 (1a) For the upgrade, maintenance, and operation of the judicial and county
49 courthouse phone systems, the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), to be credited to
50 the Court Information Technology Fund.

- 1 (2) For support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00),
2 plus an additional forty cents (40¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or
3 major fraction thereof, of the gross estate, not to exceed six thousand dollars
4 (\$6,000). Gross estate shall include the fair market value of all personalty
5 when received, and all proceeds from the sale of realty coming into the
6 hands of the fiduciary, but shall not include the value of realty. In collections
7 of personal property by affidavit, the fee based on the gross estate shall be
8 computed from the information in the final affidavit of collection made
9 pursuant to G.S. 28A-25-3 and shall be paid when that affidavit is filed. In
10 all other cases, this fee shall be computed from the information reported in
11 the inventory and shall be paid when the inventory is filed with the clerk. If
12 additional gross estate, including income, comes into the hands of the
13 fiduciary after the filing of the inventory, the fee for such additional value
14 shall be assessed and paid upon the filing of any account or report disclosing
15 such additional value. For each filing the minimum fee shall be fifteen
16 dollars (\$15.00). Sums collected under this subdivision shall be remitted to
17 the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall remit the sum of two dollars
18 and five cents (\$2.05) of each fifty-dollar (\$50.00) General Court of Justice
19 fee collected under this subdivision to the North Carolina State Bar for the
20 provision of services described in G.S. 7A-474.4.
- 21 (2a) Notwithstanding subdivision (2) of this subsection, the fee of forty cents
22 (40¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or major fraction, of the gross
23 estate, not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000), shall not be assessed on
24 personalty received by a trust under a will when the estate of the decedent
25 was administered under Chapters 28 or 28A of the General Statutes. Instead,
26 a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be assessed on the filing of each annual
27 and final account. However, the fee shall be assessed only on newly
28 contributed or acquired assets, all interest or other income that accrues or is
29 earned on or with respect to any existing or newly contributed or acquired
30 assets, and realized gains on the sale of any and all trust assets. Newly
31 contributed or acquired assets do not include assets acquired by the sale,
32 transfer, exchange, or otherwise of the amount of trust property on which
33 fees were previously assessed.
- 34 (2b) Notwithstanding subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, no costs shall be
35 assessed when the estate is administered or settled pursuant to
36 G.S. 28A-25-6.
- 37 (2c) Notwithstanding subdivision (2) of this subsection, the fee of forty cents
38 (40¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or major fraction, of the gross
39 estate shall not be assessed on the gross estate of a trust that is the subject of
40 a proceeding under ~~G.S. 36A-23-1~~ G.S. 36C-2-203 if there is no requirement
41 in the trust that accountings be filed with the clerk.
- 42 (3) For probate of a will without qualification of a personal representative, the
43 clerk shall assess a facilities fee as provided in subdivision (1) of this
44 subsection and shall assess for support of the General Court of Justice, the
45 sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00).

46 **SECTION 30.(a)** G.S 15A-268(b)(3)d.3., as amended by S.L. 2009-203, reads as

47 rewritten:

- 48 "3. The defendant will file a motion for DNA testing pursuant to
49 G.S. 15A-269 within 180 days of the postmark of the
50 defendant's response to the district attorney's written
51 notification of the ~~governmental entity's~~ custodial agency's

1 intent to dispose of the evidence, unless a request for
2 extension is requested by the defendant and agreed to by the
3 custodial agency."

4 **SECTION 30.(b)** G.S 15A-268(f) reads as rewritten:

5 "(f) An order regarding the disposition of evidence pursuant to this section shall be a
6 final and appealable order. The defendant shall have 30 days from the entry of the order to file
7 notice of appeal. The ~~governmental entity~~custodial agency shall not dispose of the evidence
8 while the appeal is pending."

9 **SECTION 30.(c)** Section 7(a) of S.L. 2009-203 reads as rewritten:

10 **"SECTION 7.(a)** The Joint Select Study Committee on the Preservation of Biological
11 Evidence is established. The membership shall be as follows:

- 12 (1) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
13 Senate.
- 14 (2) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
15 the House of Representatives.
- 16 (3) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee.
- 17 (4) The Director of the SBI or the Director's designee.
- 18 (5) The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts or the Director's
19 designee.
- 20 (6) The President of the ~~North Carolina Association of~~Conference of Clerks of
21 Superior Court or the President's designee.
- 22 (7) The President of the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police or the
23 President's designee.
- 24 (8) The President of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association or the President's
25 designee.
- 26 (9) The President of North Carolina Advocates for Justice or the President's
27 designee.
- 28 (10) One North Carolina district attorney appointed by the Speaker of the House
29 of Representatives.
- 30 (11) One North Carolina district attorney appointed by the President Pro Tempore
31 of the Senate.
- 32 (12) One public member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
33 Representatives.
- 34 (13) One public member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

35 The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
36 each appoint one legislative member of the Committee to serve as cochair. The Committee
37 shall meet upon the call of the cochairs. A quorum of the Committee shall be a majority of its
38 members."

39 **SECTION 31.** G.S. 14-90(a)(3), as amended by S.L. 2009-348, reads as rewritten:

40 "(3) Who is a guardian, administrator, executor, trustee, or any receiver, or any
41 other fiduciary, including, but not limited to, a settlement agent, as defined
42 in ~~G.S. 45-3~~G.S. 45A-3."

43 **SECTION 32.(a)** G.S. 18C-103(7a), as enacted by S.L. 2009-357, reads as
44 rewritten:

45 "(7a) "Potential contractor" or "lottery potential contractor" means any person
46 other than a lottery retailer who submits a bid, proposal, or offer to procure a
47 contract for goods or services for the Commission on an ongoing basis."

48 **SECTION 32.(b)** G.S. 18C-114(a)(8), as enacted by S.L. 2009-357, reads as
49 rewritten:

1 "(8) To charge a fee of ~~lottery~~-potential contractors and lottery contractors to not
2 exceed the cost of the criminal record check of the ~~lottery~~-potential
3 contractors and lottery contractors."

4 **SECTION 32.(c)** G.S. 18C-114(a)(11)c., as enacted by S.L. 2009-357, reads as
5 rewritten:

6 "c. No employee of the Commission who leaves the employment of the
7 Commission may represent any lottery contractor, potential
8 contractor, or retailer before the Commission for a period of one year
9 following termination of employment with the Commission."

10 **SECTION 32.(d)** G.S. 18C-151(f), as enacted by S.L. 2009-357, reads as
11 rewritten:

12 "(f) No ~~lottery system~~-contractor, potential contractor, or lottery supplier may pay, give,
13 or make any economic opportunity, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, favor, hospitality, or
14 service, excluding food and beverages having an aggregate value not exceeding one hundred
15 dollars (\$100.00) in any calendar year, to the Director, any member or employee of the
16 corporation, or a member of the immediate family residing in the same household as any of
17 these individuals."

18 **SECTION 32.(e)** G.S. 114-19.16 reads as rewritten:

19 "**§ 114-19.16. Criminal record checks for the North Carolina State Lottery Commission**
20 **and its Director.**

21 The Department of Justice may provide to the North Carolina State Lottery Commission
22 and to its Director from the State and National Repositories of Criminal Histories the criminal
23 history of any prospective employee of the Commission and any ~~prospective lottery~~
24 ~~vendor~~-potential contractor. The North Carolina State Lottery Commission or its Director shall
25 provide to the Department of Justice, along with the request, the fingerprints of the prospective
26 employee of the Commission, or of the ~~prospective lottery vendor~~-potential contractor, a form
27 signed by the prospective employee of the Commission, or of the ~~prospective vendor~~-potential
28 contractor consenting to the criminal record check and use of fingerprints and other identifying
29 information required by the State and National Repositories, and any additional information
30 required by the Department of Justice. The fingerprints of the prospective employee of the
31 Commission, or ~~prospective lottery vendor~~-potential contractor, shall be forwarded to the State
32 Bureau of Investigation for a search of the State's criminal history record file, and the State
33 Bureau of Investigation shall forward a set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of
34 Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The North Carolina State Lottery
35 Commission and its Director shall remit any fingerprint information retained by the
36 Commission to alcohol law enforcement agents appointed under Article 5 of Chapter 18B of
37 the General Statutes and shall keep all information obtained pursuant to this section
38 confidential. The Department of Justice shall charge a reasonable fee only for conducting the
39 checks of the criminal history records authorized by this section."

40 **SECTION 33.** G.S. 20-183.2(a1) reads as rewritten:

41 "(a1) Safety Inspection Exceptions. – The following vehicles shall not be subject to a
42 safety inspection pursuant to this Article:

43 (1) Historic vehicles, as defined in G.S. 20-79.4(b)(55).

44 (2) Buses titled to a local board of education and subject to the school bus
45 inspection requirements specified by the State Board of Education and
46 ~~G.S. 115C-248(a)~~-G.S. 115C-248."

47 **SECTION 34.** G.S. 22A-1 reads as rewritten:

48 "**§ 22A-1. Use of a signature facsimile by a ~~handicapped person~~-person with a disability.**

49 A ~~handicapped~~-person with a disability, as defined in
50 ~~G.S. 168A-3(4)~~-G.S. 168A-3(7a), may use a registered signature facsimile as a proper mark of
51 the person's legal signature. An example of the signature facsimile shall be registered by the

1 ~~handicapped person~~ person with a disability with the clerk of the superior court in the county
2 where the person lives. The registered signature facsimile may be revoked at any time in
3 writing by the ~~handicapped person~~ person with a disability."

4 **SECTION 35.** G.S. 58-72-50 reads as rewritten:

5 **"§ 58-72-50. Approval, acknowledgment and custody of bonds.**

6 The approval of all official bonds taken or renewed by the board of commissioners shall be
7 recorded by ~~their clerk~~ the clerk to the board. Every such bond shall be acknowledged by the
8 parties thereto or proved by a subscribing witness, before the chairman of the board of
9 commissioners, or before the clerk of the superior court, registered in the register's office in a
10 separate book to be kept for the registration of official bonds, and the original bond, with the
11 approval of the commissioners endorsed thereon and certified by their chairman, shall be
12 deposited with the clerk of the superior court, ~~except the bond of said clerk, which shall be~~
13 ~~deposited with the register of deeds, court~~ for safekeeping. Provided that an official bond
14 executed as surety by a surety company authorized to do business in this State need not be
15 acknowledged upon behalf of the surety when such bond is executed under seal in the name of
16 the surety by an agent or attorney-in-fact by authority of a power of attorney duly recorded in
17 the office of the register of deeds of such county and such bond may be recorded by the register
18 of deeds without an order of probate entered by the clerk of the superior court."

19 **SECTION 36.** G.S. 62-133.5(h)(2) as enacted by S.L. 2009-238, reads as
20 rewritten:

21 "(2) Beginning on the date that the local exchange company's election under this
22 subsection becomes effective, the local exchange company shall continue to
23 offer stand-alone basic residential lines to all customers who choose to
24 subscribe to that service, and the local exchange company may increase rates
25 for those lines annually by a percentage that does not exceed the percentage
26 increase over the prior year in the Gross Domestic Product Price Index as
27 reported by the United States ~~Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor~~
28 ~~Statistics, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis,~~ unless
29 otherwise authorized by the Commission. With the sole exception of
30 ensuring the local exchange company's compliance with the preceding
31 sentence, the Commission shall not:

- 32 a. Impose any requirements related to the terms, conditions, rates, or
33 availability of any of the local exchange company's stand-alone basic
34 residential lines.
35 b. Otherwise regulate any of the local exchange company's stand-alone
36 basic residential lines."

37 **SECTION 37.** G.S. 115C-102.6B(b) reads as rewritten:

38 "(b) After presenting the plan or any proposed modifications to the plan to the Joint
39 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Education
40 Oversight Committee, the Commission shall submit the plan or any proposed modifications to
41 (i) the State Chief Information Officer for approval of the technical components of the plan set
42 out in G.S. 115C-102.6A(1) through (4), and (ii) the State Board of Education for information
43 purposes only. The State Board shall adopt a plan that includes the components of a plan set out
44 in ~~G.S. 115C-103.6A(1) through (16)~~ G.S. 115C-102.6A(1) through (16).

45 At least one-fourth of the members of any technical committee that reviews the plan for the
46 State Chief Information Officer shall be people actively involved in primary or secondary
47 education."

48 **SECTION 38.** G.S. 115C-324 reads as rewritten:

49 **"§ 115C-324. Disposition of payment due employees at time of death.**

50 In the event of the death of any superintendent, teacher, principal, or other school employee
51 to whom payment is due for or in connection with services rendered by such person or to whom

1 has been issued any uncashed voucher for or in connection with services rendered, when there
2 is no administration upon the estate of such person, such voucher may be cashed by the clerk of
3 the superior court of the county in which such deceased person resided, or a voucher due for
4 such services may be made payable to such clerk, who will treat such sums as a debt owed to
5 the intestate under the provisions of ~~G.S. 28-68~~G.S. 28A-25-6."

6 **SECTION 39.(a)** Article 29B of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes, as enacted
7 by S.L. 2009-212, is recodified as Article 29C of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes.

8 **SECTION 39.(b)** G.S. 115C-407.5 through G.S. 115C-407.8, as enacted by S.L.
9 2009-212, are recodified as G.S. 115C-407.9 through G.S. 115C-407.12.

10 **SECTION 40.** G.S. 115C-525(c) reads as rewritten:

11 "(c) Liability for Failure to Perform Duties Imposed by ~~G.S. 115C-288~~G.S. 115C-288(d)
12 and 115C-525(a) or 115C-525(b). – Any person willfully failing to perform any of the duties
13 imposed by ~~G.S. 115C-288~~G.S. 115C-288(d), 115C-525(a) or 115C-525(b) shall be guilty of a
14 Class 3 misdemeanor and shall only be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in
15 the discretion of the court."

16 **SECTION 41.** G.S. 115D-5.1 reads as rewritten:

17 "**§ 115D-5.1. Workforce Development Programs.**

18 (a) Community colleges shall assist in the preemployment and in-service training of
19 employees in industry, business, agriculture, health occupation and governmental agencies.
20 Such training shall include instruction on worker safety and health standards and practices
21 applicable to the field of employment. The State Board of Community Colleges shall make
22 appropriate regulations including the establishment of maximum hours of instruction which
23 may be offered at State expense in each in-plant training program. No instructor or other
24 employee of a community college shall engage in the normal management, supervisory and
25 operational functions of the establishment in which the instruction is offered during the hours in
26 which the instructor or other employee is employed for instructional or educational purposes.

27 (b) through (d) Repealed by Session Laws 2008-107, s. 8.7(a), effective July 1, 2008.

28 (e) There is created within the North Carolina Community College System the
29 Customized Training Program. The Customized Training Program shall offer programs and
30 training services to assist new and existing business and industry to remain productive,
31 profitable, and within the State. Before a business or industry qualifies to receive assistance
32 under the Customized Training Program, the President of the North Carolina Community
33 College System shall determine that:

34 (1) The business is making an appreciable capital investment;

35 (2) The business is deploying new technology;

36 (2a) The business or individual is creating jobs, expanding an existing workforce,
37 or enhancing the productivity and profitability of the operations within the
38 State; and

39 (3) The skills of the workers will be enhanced by the assistance.

40 (f) The State Board shall report on an annual basis to the Joint Legislative Education
41 Oversight Committee on:

42 (1) The total amount of funds received by a company under the ~~CIT~~Customized
43 Training Program;

44 (2) The amount of funds per trainee received by that company;

45 (3) The amount of funds received per trainee by the community college
46 delivering the training;

47 (4) The number of trainees trained by the company and community college; and

48 (5) The number of years that company has been funded.

49 (f1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Board of Community
50 Colleges may adopt rules and guidelines that allow the Customized Training Program ~~and the~~

1 ~~Focused Industrial Training Program~~ to use funds appropriated for those programs to support
2 training projects for the various branches of the United States Armed Forces."

3 (f2) Funds available to the Customized Training Program shall not revert at the end of a
4 fiscal year but shall remain available until expended. Up to ten percent (10%) of the
5 college-delivered training expenditures and up to five percent (5%) of the contractor-delivered
6 training expenditures for the prior fiscal year for Customized Training may be allotted to each
7 college for capacity building at that college.

8 (f3) Of the funds appropriated in a fiscal year for the Customized Training Programs, the
9 State Board of Community Colleges may approve the use of up to eight percent (8%) for the
10 training and support of regional community college personnel to deliver Customized ~~Industry~~
11 Training Program services to business and industry.

12 (g) The State Board shall adopt rules and policies to implement this section."

13 **SECTION 42.** G.S. 115D-5(s) reads as rewritten:

14 "(s) The State Board of Community Colleges may retain and budget fees charged to
15 students taking the General Education Development (GED) test. Fees collected for this purpose
16 shall be used only to (i) offset the costs of the GED test, including the cost of scoring the test,
17 (ii) offset the ~~course~~ costs of printing GED certificates, and (iii) meet federal and State reporting
18 requirements related to the test."

19 **SECTION 43.** G.S. 122C-55(a6), as enacted by S.L. 2009-65, reads as rewritten:

20 "(a6) When necessary to conduct quality assessment and improvement activities or to
21 coordinate appropriate and effective care, treatment, or habilitation of the client, a DHHS
22 primary care case manager may disclose confidential information acquired pursuant to
23 subsection (a1) of this section to a health care provider or other entity that has entered into a
24 written agreement with the Department's Community Care of North Carolina Program, or other
25 primary care case management program, to participate in the care management support network
26 and systems developed and maintained by the primary care case manager for the purpose of
27 coordinating and improving the quality of care for recipients of publicly funded health and
28 related services. Health care providers and other entities receiving confidential information
29 from ~~a~~ the Department's Community Care of North Carolina Program or other primary care
30 case management program pursuant to this subsection may use and disclose the information as
31 authorized by G.S. 122C-53 through G.S. 122C-56 or as permitted or required by other
32 applicable State or federal law."

33 **SECTION 44.** G.S. 136-44.50(b)(4) reads as rewritten:

34 "(4) The names submitted as required under ~~subdivision (a)(3)~~ subdivision
35 (a1)(3) of this section shall be indexed in the "grantor" index by the Register
36 of Deeds."

37 **SECTION 45.** G.S. 138A-24(f) reads as rewritten:

38 "(f) The Commission shall prepare a written evaluation of each statement of economic
39 interest for nominees of the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina elected
40 pursuant to G.S. 116-6, and nominees of the State Board of Community Colleges elected
41 pursuant to ~~G.S. 115D-2~~ G.S. 115D-2.1 within seven days of the submission of the completed
42 statement of economic interest to the Commission."

43 **SECTION 46.** Section 2 of S.L. 2009-19 reads as rewritten:

44 "**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law. G.S. 160A-200(b) is repealed. A
45 municipality newly covered by G.S. 160A-200 on account of this act may adopt an ordinance
46 under G.S. 160A-200 when this act becomes law, but the ordinances may not become effective
47 prior to October 1, 2009. ~~The repeal herein of any local act does not affect the rights or~~
48 ~~liabilities of a municipality that arose during the time the act was in effect, or under an~~
49 ~~ordinance adopted under such an act. If any municipality adopted an ordinance under any act~~
50 ~~repealed by this act, and the ordinance would be permitted under G.S. 160A-200, as enacted by~~
51 ~~this act, that ordinance shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by that municipality."~~

1 **SECTION 47.** The title of S.L. 2009-307 is amended by deleting "FIFTEEN" and
2 substituting "TWENTY".

3 **SECTION 48.** If House Bill 1523, 2009 Regular Session, becomes law,
4 G.S. 53-244.040(d), as enacted by that act, reads as rewritten:

5 "(d) The following are exempt from all provisions of this Article except the provisions of
6 G.S. 53-244.111:

- 7 (1) Registered mortgage loan originators as defined in G.S. 53-244.030(29);
- 8 (2) Any individual who offers or negotiates terms of a residential mortgage loan
9 with or on behalf of an immediate family member of the individual when
10 making the family member a residential mortgage loan;
- 11 (3) Any individual seller who offers or negotiates terms and makes a residential
12 mortgage loan secured by the dwelling that served as the selling individual's
13 residence;
- 14 (4) An attorney licensed pursuant to Chapter 84 of the General Statutes who
15 negotiates the terms of a residential mortgage loan on behalf of a client in
16 the course of and incident to the attorney's representation of the client, so
17 long as the attorney does not hold himself out as engaged in the mortgage
18 business and is not compensated by a mortgage lender, a mortgage broker, or
19 other mortgage loan originator when negotiating the terms of a residential
20 mortgage loan;
- 21 (5) Any entity described in G.S. 53-244.030(29)a., b., or c., upon acceptance of
22 the notice of exemption filed with the Commissioner as specified in
23 G.S. 53-244.050(g);
- 24 (6) Any officer or employee of an entity described in subdivision (5) of this
25 subsection when acting within the scope of his or her employment; ~~or~~
- 26 (7) A State or federally chartered credit union, upon filing of a notice of
27 exemption with the Administrator of the Credit Union Division of the
28 Department of Commerce as specified in ~~G.S. 53-244.050(g).~~
29 G.S. 53-244.050(g); or
- 30 (8) Any person who, as seller, receives in one calendar year no more than five
31 residential mortgage loans as security for purchase money obligations,
32 unless the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
33 has expressly and definitively determined that such persons are loan
34 originators as the term is defined by §1503 of Title V of the Housing and
35 Economic Recovery Act of 2008, Public Law 110-289, and such
36 determination is in effect on July 31, 2010."

37 **SECTION 49.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
38 law.