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Short Title: SOG Pilot Project Standards.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
2 NORTH CAROLINA TO COORDINATE A WORKING GROUP CHARGED WITH
3 DEVELOPING STANDARDS FOR STATE AGENCIES TO USE WHEN DESIGNING
4 AND IMPLEMENTING PILOT PROJECTS MANDATED BY THE GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY, AND TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND
6 MANAGEMENT TO ADOPT RULES IMPLEMENTING THE STANDARDS.
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.(a)** The School of Government at the University of North Carolina at
10 Chapel Hill (SOG) shall coordinate a working group charged with developing standards for
11 State agencies to use when designing and implementing pilot projects mandated by the General
12 Assembly.

13 **SECTION 1.(b)** The SOG shall conduct research on existing evaluation standards
14 and identify approaches for designing projects that collect appropriate and adequate data for
15 sound evaluation of pilot projects. The SOG shall submit a preliminary report summarizing the
16 research findings to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, the
17 Director of the Program Evaluation Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management
18 by December 1, 2015. The Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee shall
19 provide feedback to the School on the preliminary report.

20 **SECTION 1.(c)** The SOG shall convene a working group charged with developing
21 proposed standards to guide the evaluation of State agency pilot projects. The working group
22 shall include representatives from State agencies and the constituent institutions of The
23 University of North Carolina. The working group shall submit a report describing the proposed
24 standards to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, the Director of the
25 Program Evaluation Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management by December 1,
26 2016.

27 **SECTION 1.(d)** The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative
28 Services Officer, may allow the working group to hold meetings in the State Legislative
29 Building or the Legislative Office Building.

30 **SECTION 1.(e)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the School of
31 Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill the sum of one hundred fifty
32 thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for the purpose of implementing the
33 requirements of this act. These funds shall not revert at the end of the 2015-2016 fiscal year but
34 shall remain available during the 2016-2017 fiscal year for expenditure in accordance with this
35 act.



1 **SECTION 2.** Article 10 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new section to read:

3 **"§ 143-162.3. Pilot project standards.**

4 (a) Pilot Project Standards. – The Office of State Budget and Management shall adopt
5 rules to implement standards proposed by the School of Government to guide evaluation of
6 State agency pilot projects and shall report to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation
7 Oversight Committee upon adoption of the rules as provided in this subsection. The standards
8 proposed by the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall,
9 at a minimum, offer a range of options for designing evaluations of pilot projects that take into
10 consideration the agency's available resources and time.

11 (b) Requirement. – Unless specifically exempted by law, all departments, agencies,
12 bureaus, divisions, and institutions of the State shall conduct and complete pilot projects
13 required by law by the General Assembly, in accordance with the rules adopted by the Office
14 of State Budget and Management in subsection (a) of this section.

15 (c) Updates. – The School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel
16 Hill may prepare proposed updates to the rules established for pilot projects in subsection (a) of
17 this section as it deems necessary. Proposed updates shall be presented to the Office of State
18 Budget and Management for review and adoption. The Office of State Budget and Management
19 shall report to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee on any changes
20 to the rules as provided in this subsection. The School of Government at the University of
21 North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall publish proposed updates to the rules on its Web site at
22 least 90 days before the proposed rules are submitted to the Office of State Budget and
23 Management."

24 **SECTION 3.** Section 1(e) of this act becomes effective July 1, 2015. The
25 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to rules adopted on or after
26 that date. The requirements of G.S. 143-162.3(b), as enacted by this act, shall apply to pilot
27 projects required by law by the General Assembly on or after June 1, 2017.