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Department of Administration
House Appropriations, General Government

Requested by
DOA/MANAGE STATE PORTFOLIO OF REAL PROPERTY & UPDATE
E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

SECTION #. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 66-58.12(c), the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars ($1,500,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year transferred in this act from the E-Commerce Fund in the Department of Administration Budget Code 24100, Fund Code 2514, to the Department of Administration Budget Code 14100, Fund Code 1412, shall be used to develop a real estate information system as required by Section 31.2 of S.L. 2018-5.

SECTION #. (b) The Department of Administration shall not expend any funds in Budget Code 24100, Fund Code 2514, for updating the E-Procurement System prior to doing all of the following:

(1) Creating a detailed plan for updating the E-Procurement System, including:
   a. The ways in which the System will be improved.
   b. The itemized costs of the improvements.
   c. The length of time it will take to make the improvements.

(2) Submitting a report of the detailed plan required by subdivision (1) of this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government for approval no later than October 1, 2019.
SPECIAL PROVISION

Office of State Budget and Management
House Appropriations, General Government

Requested by

IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY IN INVESTMENT AND RETIREMENT FUND EXPENDITURES

SECTION #.(a) The Office of State Budget and Management, in consultation with the Fiscal Research Division, shall study the feasibility of converting the following Funds within Budget Code 13410, Department of the State Treasurer, from receipt-supported to General Fund-supported: 1110 General Administration, 1130 Escheat Fund, 1150 Information Services, 1210 Investment Management Division, 1310 Local Government, 1410 Retirement Operations Division Fund, and 1510 Financial Operations Division. The Office of State Budget and Management shall develop a plan and schedule to adjust the Base Budget for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to:

1. Show that receipts from the Funds listed in this subsection are used to offset General Fund appropriations. Any increase in funding from the General Fund to the Retirement System Division and State Health Plan Division shall be offset by corresponding adjustments to the agency employer contribution rates and amounts. Receipts that have been transferred from the Investment Management Division, the Escheat Fund, and the Local Government Operations Division Fund shall be deposited as nontax revenue to offset the increase in appropriations in the amounts certified for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
2. Reflect interest earnings as nontax revenue.
3. Eliminate all transfers from Funds 1130, 1210, 1310, and 1410 used to pay for administration in Funds 1110, 1150, and 1510.
4. Identify any amendments to current law to implement the plan.
5. Require the Department of the State Treasurer’s expenditures be recorded in the North Carolina Accounting System in the appropriate budget code, fund code, and account code and not be charged directly to the Investment Asset Classes.

SECTION #.(b) The Office of State Budget and Management shall present its proposed plan and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government at its meeting in January 2020.
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Requested by

OVERPAYMENTS AUDIT

SECTION #.(a) During the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium, receipts generated by the collection of inadvertent overpayments by State agencies to vendors as a result of pricing errors, neglected rebates and discounts, miscalculated freight charges, unclaimed refunds, erroneously paid excise taxes, and related errors shall be deposited in Special Fund 24172 as required by G.S. 147-86.22(c).

SECTION #.(b) During the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium, two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) of the funds in Special Fund 24172 shall be used by the Office of the State Controller for data processing, debt collection, or e-commerce costs, and are hereby appropriated for that purpose.

SECTION #.(c) The State Controller shall report annually to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division on the revenue deposited into Special Fund 24172 and the disbursement of that revenue.
Requested by

1 BOARD OF ELECTIONS/REPORT ON POST-ELECTION AUDITS
2 SECTION #. After conducting a post-election audit, the Board of Elections shall
3 produce a report which summarizes the audit, including the rationale for and the findings of the
4 audit. The report shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General
5 Government within 10 business days of the date the audit is completed.
Requested by

STUDY STATE HOME FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROJECT

SECTION #. The Program Evaluation Division shall study the State Home Foreclosure Prevention Project, established in Article 11 of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes, to determine the effectiveness of the Project in seeking and implementing solutions to avoid foreclosures for home loans. The study shall consider, among other things, the following: (i) the number of homeowners who have avoided foreclosure because of intervention by the Housing Finance Agency through the Project, (ii) the actions undertaken by the Housing Finance Agency that were most effective in helping homeowners avoid foreclosure, (iii) changes that can be made to improve the effectiveness of the Housing Finance Agency in helping homeowners avoid foreclosure, and (iv) whether the current distribution of funds authorized by G.S. 45-104(d) should be reallocated to make more funds available to directly assist homeowners trying to avoid foreclosure. By February 1, 2020, the Program Evaluation Division shall submit the findings of the study, including any recommendations for legislation, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government.
Requested by

1  INSURANCE REGULATORY FEE
2  SECTION #. The percentage rate to be used in calculating the insurance regulatory
3  charge under G.S. 58-6-25 is six and one-half percent (6.5%) for the 2020 calendar year.
Requested by

DMVA/TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO DELETE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE FROM
STATUTE REGULATING SCHOLARSHIPS

SECTION #. G.S. 143B-1225 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-1225. Scholarship.

(a) A scholarship granted pursuant to this Part shall consist of the following benefits in
either a State or private educational institution:

…

(4) No educational assistance shall be afforded a child under this Part after the
end of an eight-year period beginning on the date the scholarship is first
awarded. Those persons who have been granted a scholarship under this Part
prior to the effective date of this act shall be entitled to the remainder of their
period of scholarship eligibility if used prior to August 1, 2010. Whenever a
child is enrolled in an educational institution and the period of entitlement
ends while enrolled in a term, quarter or semester, such period shall be
extended to the end of such term, quarter or semester, but not beyond the
entitlement limitation of four academic years.

…"
AMEND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR QUALIFIED VETERANS ELIGIBLE TO BE BURIED IN STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

SECTION #. G.S. 65-43 reads as rewritten:

"§ 65-43. Definitions.
For purposes of this Article, the following definitions shall apply, unless the context requires otherwise:

…

(3) A "qualified veteran" means a veteran who meets the requirements of sub-subdivisions a. and b. of this subdivision:

a. A veteran who served an honorable military service or who served a period of honorable nonregular service and is any of the following:

1. A veteran who is entitled to retired pay for nonregular service under 10 U.S.C. §§ 12731-12741, as amended.
2. A veteran who would have been entitled to retired pay for nonregular service under 10 U.S.C. §§ 12731-12741, as amended, but for the fact that the person was under 60 years of age.

b. Who is a legal resident of North Carolina:

1. At the time of death, or
2. For a period of at least 10 years, or
3. At the time he or she entered the Armed Forces of the United States."
Establish North Carolina Veterans Cemeteries Trust Fund

SECTION #. Article 8A of Chapter 65 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:


(a) Establishment and Source of Funds. – There is established the North Carolina Veterans Cemeteries Trust Fund, a special fund within the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The Fund shall be maintained as a special fund and shall be administered by the Department to carry out the provisions of this section. Interest accruing from the monies in the Fund shall be credited to the Fund. The Fund shall consist of the following sources of funding:

(1) Ten percent (10%) of the total receipts collected for cemetery burials and received by the Department each fiscal year. The Department shall transfer the receipts to the Fund periodically, but no later than the end of each fiscal year.

(2) All interest and investment earnings received on monies in the Fund.

(3) Any other funds, as directed by the General Assembly.

(b) Use of Fund. – The funds in the Fund shall be allowed to accumulate until they have generated sufficient interest earnings to maintain the State's veterans' cemeteries once they have reached full capacity. The interest earnings in the Fund shall be used to maintain existing veterans' cemeteries once they have reached full capacity, but the principal shall not be spent. The interest earnings in the Fund shall not be used to open new veterans' cemeteries. The Veterans Affairs Commission shall have sole authority to approve the use of the Fund for the purposes authorized in this subsection, and they shall, in exercising that authority, act without direction from or supervision of the Secretary."
SECTION #.  G.S. 143B-1220 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-1220.  Veterans' Affairs Commission – creation, powers and duties.

There is hereby created the Veterans' Affairs Commission of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The Veterans' Affairs Commission shall have the following functions and duties, as delegated by the Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs:

…

To promulgate rules and regulations concerning the awarding of scholarships for children of North Carolina veterans as provided by this Article. The Commission shall make rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this Article. All rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter heretofore adopted by the State Board of Veterans' Affairs shall remain in full force and effect unless and until repealed or superseded by action of the Veterans' Affairs Commission. All rules and regulations adopted by the Commission shall be enforced by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and

To promulgate rules concerning the awarding of the North Carolina Services Medal to all veterans who have served in any period of war as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101. The award shall be self-financing; those who wish to be awarded the medal shall pay a fee to cover the expenses of producing the medal and awarding the medal. All rules adopted by the Commission with respect to the North Carolina Services Medal shall be implemented and enforced by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and

To advise the Secretary on any matter the Secretary may refer to it."
Requested by

1. **DOR/ELIMINATE VACANT POSITIONS**

   **SECTION #.** The Department of Revenue shall eliminate a sufficient number of permanent or temporary vacant positions funded through the Collections Assistance Fee to generate a recurring annual savings of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) for each year of the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium. The Department shall report on the eliminated positions to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government by October 1, 2019.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
Session 2019

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SPECIAL PROVISION

Department of State Treasurer
House Appropriations, General Government

Requested by

EXPAND THE TYPE OF CANCERS COVERED AS OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES FOR
FIREFIGHTERS' DEATH BENEFITS

SECTION #. G.S. 143-166.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-166.2. Definitions.
The following definitions apply in this Article:

(6) Killed in the line of duty. – This term shall apply to all of the following deaths:

... e. When the death of a firefighter occurs as a direct and proximate result of any of the following cancers that are occupationally related to firefighting, that firefighter is presumed to have been killed in the line of duty:

1. Mesothelioma.
2. Testicular cancer.
3. Intestinal cancer – Cancer of the small intestine.
4. Esophageal cancer.
5. Oral cavity cancer.
6. Pharynx cancer.

..."
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

SECTION #. G.S. 116D-4 reads as rewritten:

(a) Minority Business Participation. – The goals set by G.S. 143-128 for participation in projects by minority businesses apply to projects funded by the proceeds of bonds or notes issued under this section. The following State agencies shall monitor compliance with this requirement and shall report to the General Assembly and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government by January 1 of each year on the participation by minority businesses in these projects. The State Construction Office, Department of Administration, shall monitor compliance with this requirement with regard to projects funded by the proceeds of university improvement general obligation bonds and notes and special obligation bonds and notes; the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall provide the State Construction Office any information required by the State Construction Office to monitor compliance. The Community Colleges System Office shall monitor compliance with regard to projects funded by the proceeds of community college general obligation bonds and notes.

..."

SECTION #. G.S. 143-48 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-48. State policy; cooperation in promoting the use of small contractors, minority contractors, physically handicapped contractors, and women contractors; purpose; required annual reports.

..."

SECTION #. G.S. 143-128.3 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-128.3. Minority business participation administration.
(a) All public entities subject to G.S. 143-128.2 shall report to the Department of Administration, Office of Historically Underutilized Business, the following with respect to each building project:

... The reports shall be in the format and contain the data prescribed by the Secretary of Administration. The University of North Carolina and the State Board of Community Colleges shall report quarterly and all other public entities shall report semiannually. The Secretary of the Department of Administration shall make reports every six months to the Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government on information reported pursuant to this subsection.
The Secretary shall study and recommend to the General Assembly, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and other State agencies ways to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the State capital facilities development, minority business participation program and good faith efforts in utilizing minority businesses as set forth in G.S. 143-128.2, and other appropriate good faith efforts that may result in the increased utilization of minority businesses.

The Secretary shall appoint an advisory board to develop recommendations to improve the recruitment and utilization of minority businesses. The Secretary, with the input of its advisory board, shall review the State's programs for promoting the recruitment and utilization of minority businesses involved in State capital projects and shall recommend to the General Assembly, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, the State Construction Office, The University of North Carolina, and the community colleges system changes in the terms and conditions of State laws, rules, and policies that will enhance opportunities for utilization of minority businesses on these projects. The Secretary shall provide guidance to these agencies on identifying types of projects likely to attract increased participation by minority businesses and breaking down or combining elements of work into economically feasible units to facilitate minority business participation.

The Secretary shall report findings and recommendations as required under this section to the Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government annually on or before June 1, beginning June 1, 2002. September 1, beginning September 1, 2019."

"§ 143-341. Powers and duties of Department."

The Department of Administration has the following powers and duties:

... General Services:

(8) To establish and operate a central motor fleet and such subsidiary related facilities as the Secretary may deem necessary, and to that end:

... To report annually to the General Assembly and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government on any rules adopted, amended or repealed under sub-subdivisions 3., 7., or 7a. of this sub-subdivision.

... Report on Vehicles Managed. – Beginning on September 1, 2019, and semiannually thereafter, the Department of Administration shall provide a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety on the status of all motor vehicles managed by the Department of Administration for the Department of Public Safety. The report shall include all of the following information:

a. The number of motor vehicles managed by the Department of Administration for the Department of Public Safety.

b. The condition of each motor vehicle, including the mileage on each motor vehicle.

c. The average amount of time taken to repair or replace a motor vehicle.

d. The number and condition of any backup motor vehicles managed by the Department of Administration and available for use by the
Department of Public Safety, including the location and condition of each motor vehicle."

SECTION #.(b) Section 27.6(c) of S.L. 2015-241 is repealed.

SECTION #. G.S. 143-341.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-341.2. Proactive management of State-owned and State-leased real property portfolio.

(a) Duties of the Department of Administration. – The Department of Administration shall have the following powers and duties:

(7) Reporting. – The Department of Administration shall make the following reports:

a. No later than December 1, 2018, and every five years thereafter, the Department shall report the following to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly, and to the Program Evaluation Division of the General Assembly:
   1. The plan developed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.
   2. A summary of the performance measurement procedures developed pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection.

b. If any State agency fails to submit the information required by subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the Department shall report the failure to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and to the Program Evaluation Oversight Committee within 30 days.

c. No later than December 1, 2019, and each year thereafter, the Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee on General Government, Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly, and to the Program Evaluation Division of the General Assembly on the State's portfolio of real property. This report shall include at least the following information:

   ...."

SECTION #. G.S. 143-747 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-747. Council of Internal Auditing.

(c) The Council shall:

(12) Issue an annual report including, but not limited to, No later than August 1 of each year, issue a report that shall include, but not be limited to, service efforts and accomplishments of State agency internal auditors and to propose legislation for consideration by the Governor and General Assembly. The annual report shall be prepared by the Office of State Controller and shall be submitted to the General Assembly and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government."

SECTION #. G.S. 143B-394.16(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Report. – The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations, including any legislative or administrative proposals, to the General Assembly and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government no later than April 1 each year."
SECTION #. G.S. 143B-394.21 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(c) The North Carolina Council for Women shall report on the quarterly distributions of the grants from the Sexual Assault and Rape Crisis Center Fund to the House and Senate chairs of the General Government Appropriations Committee within five business days of distribution. The report shall include the date, amount, and recipients of the fund disbursements. The report shall also include any eligible programs which are ineligible to receive funding during the relative reporting cycle as well as the reason of the ineligibility for that relative reporting cycle."

SECTION #. G.S. 143B-409 reads as rewritten:


The Commission shall prepare a written annual report giving an account of its proceedings, transactions, findings, and recommendations. This report shall be submitted to the Governor and the legislature, Governor, General Assembly, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government. The report will become a matter of public record and will be maintained in the State Historical Archives. It may also be furnished to such other persons or agencies as the Commission may deem proper."

SECTION #. G.S. 143B-410 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-410. North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs – fiscal records; clerical staff.

Fiscal records shall be kept by the Secretary of Administration. The audit report will become a part of the annual report and will be submitted in accordance with the regulations governing preparation and submission of the annual report. The Commission shall submit the annual report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government."

SECTION #. G.S. 143B-411.2 reads as rewritten:


The purpose of the Council is to study on a continuing basis the relationship between the Eastern Band of the Cherokee and the State of North Carolina in order to resolve any matters of concern to the State or the Tribe. It shall be the duty of the Council:

(1) Identify existing and potential conflicts between the State of North Carolina and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Indians.

(2) Propose State and federal legislation and agreements between the State of North Carolina and the Cherokee Tribe to resolve existing and potential conflicts; conflicts.

(3) To study and make recommendations concerning any issue referred to the Council by any official of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, the State of North Carolina, or the government of Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Graham, or Cherokee Counties.

(4) Study other issues of mutual concern to the Eastern Band of the Cherokee.

(5) Make a report with recommendations as needed, but not less often than biannually to the Governor, the Chief of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, the General Assembly, and the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee."

SECTION #. The North Carolina Farmworker Council, enacted as Part 26 of Article 9 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, is repealed.

ETHICS COMMISSION

SECTION #. G.S. 138A-10 reads as rewritten:


(a) In addition to other powers and duties specified in this Chapter, the Commission shall:

..."
(11) Report annually to the General Assembly, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and the Governor on the Commission's activities and generally on the subject of public disclosure, ethics, and conflicts of interest, including recommendations for administrative and legislative action, as the Commission deems appropriate.

"OFFICE OF STATE HUMAN RESOURCES
SECTION #. G.S. 143-583 reads as rewritten:
"§ 143-583. Model program; technical assistance; reports.

(c) The Office of State Human Resources shall report annually to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government on the safety, health, and workers' compensation activities of State agencies, compliance with this Article, and the fines levied against State agencies pursuant to Article 16 of Chapter 95 of the General Statutes."

"OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR
SECTION #. G.S. 147-64.11 reads as rewritten:
"§ 147-64.11. Review of office.

The Auditor may, on his own initiative and as often as he deems necessary, or as requested by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, cause to be made a quality review audit of the operations of his office. Such a "peer review" shall be conducted in accordance with standards prescribed by the accounting profession. Upon the recommendation of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations may contract with an independent public accountant, qualified management consultant, or other professional person to conduct a financial and compliance, economy and efficiency, and program result audit of the State Auditor."

"OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
SECTION #.(a) Article 6 of Chapter 143C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 143C-6-13. Results first annual report.

By October 1 of each year, the Office of State Budget and Management shall submit an annual report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee on the progress in implementing the cost-benefit analysis model for use in crafting policy and budget decisions. The reports may include recommendations for legislation."

SECTION #.(b) Section 26.3(c) of S.L. 2017-57 is repealed.

SECTION #.(a) G.S. 143C-6-23 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143C-6-23. State grant funds: administration; oversight and reporting requirements.

(h) Report on Grant Recipients That Failed to Comply. Not later than May 1, 2007, and by May 1 of every succeeding year, the Office of State Budget and Management shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division on post online at regular intervals a list of all grantees or subgrantees that failed to comply with this section with respect to grant funds received in the prior fiscal year."

SECTION #.(b) G.S. 143-194 is repealed.
OFFICE OF STATE CONTROLLER

SECTION #.  G.S. 143B-426.39 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-426.39. Powers and duties of the State Controller.

The State Controller shall:

(12a) Prepare and submit to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division at the end of each quarter, a report on the revenue deposited in Special Reserve Account 24172 and the disbursement of that revenue.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

SECTION #.  G.S. 66-58 reads as rewritten:

"§ 66-58. Sale of merchandise or services by governmental units.

... The provisions of subsection (a) shall not prohibit:

(c) The sale by the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement to political committees and candidate committees of computer software designed by or for the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement to provide a uniform system of electronic filing of the campaign finance reports required by Article 23 of Chapter 163A, Article 22A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes and to facilitate the State Board's monitoring of compliance with that Article. This computer software for electronic filing of campaign finance reports shall not exceed a cost of one hundred dollars ($100.00) to any political committee or candidate committee without the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement first notifying in writing the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations."

SECTION #.  G.S. 163-165.9 reads as rewritten:


(b) After the acquisition of any voting system, the county board of elections shall comply with any requirements of the State Board of Elections regarding training and support of the voting system by completing all of the following:

(2) The county board of elections shall annually maintain software license and maintenance agreements necessary to maintain the warranty of its voting system. A county board of elections may employ qualified personnel to maintain a voting system in lieu of entering into maintenance agreements necessary to maintain the warranty of its voting system. State Board of Elections is not required to provide routine maintenance to any county board of elections that does not maintain the warranty of its voting system. If the State Board of Elections provides any maintenance to a county that has not maintained the warranty of its voting system, the county shall reimburse the State for the cost. The State Board of Elections shall annually report annually by January 15 to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, to the Fiscal Research Division, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on implementation of this subdivision. If requested by the county board of elections, the State Board of Elections may enter into
contracts on behalf of that county under this subdivision, but such contracts must also be approved by the county board of elections. Any contract entered into under this subdivision shall be paid from non-State funds. Neither a county nor the State Board of Elections shall enter into any contract with any vendor for software license and maintenance agreements unless the vendor agrees to (i) operate a training program for qualification of county personnel under this subsection with training offered within the State of North Carolina and (ii) not dishonor warranties merely because the county is employing qualified personnel to maintain the voting system as long as the county:

"...

HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

SECTION #. G.S. 122A-5.14 reads as rewritten:


...

(d) Annual Report. — By April 1 of each year, the Agency shall report to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Information Technology on the effectiveness of the Program in accomplishing its purposes and provide any other information the Agency determines is pertinent or that the General Assembly requests."

SECTION #. G.S. 122A-5.15 reads as rewritten:

"§ 122A-5.15. Workforce Housing Loan Program.

...

(d) By February 1 of each year, the Agency shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division on the number of loans made under this section, the amount of each loan, and whether the low-income housing development is located in a low-, moderate-, or high-income county, as designated by the Agency."

SECTION #.(a) G.S. 122A-16 reads as rewritten:

"§ 122A-16. Oversight by committees of General Assembly; annual reports.

(a) The Finance Committee of the House of Representatives and the Finance Committee of the Senate shall exercise continuing oversight of the Agency in order to assure that the Agency is effectively fulfilling its statutory purpose; provided, however, that nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as required by the Agency to receive legislative approval for the exercise of any of the powers granted by this Chapter. The Agency shall, promptly following the close of each fiscal year, submit an annual report of its activities for the preceding year to the Governor, the Office of State Budget and Management, State Auditor, the aforementioned committees of the General Assembly and the Local Government Commission. Each such report shall set forth a complete operating and financial statement of the Agency during such year. The Agency shall cause an audit of its books and accounts to be made at least once in each year by an independent certified public accountant and the cost thereof may be paid from any available moneys of the Agency. The Agency shall on January 1 and July 1 of each year submit a written report of its activities to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government. The Agency shall also at the end of each fiscal year submit a written report of its budget expenditures by line item to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government.

(b) The Agency shall report to the General Assembly and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government by April 1 of each year concerning the status of the HOME
Program and shall include in the report information on priorities met, types of activities funded, and types of activities not funded.

(c) The Agency shall report to the General Assembly and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government describing the operation of the Emergency Program to Reduce Home Foreclosures established in S.L. 2008-226 not later than May 1 of each year until the funds are completely disbursed from the State Home Foreclosure Prevention Trust Fund. Information in the report shall be presented in aggregate form and may include the number of clients helped, the effectiveness of the funds in preventing home foreclosures, recommendations for further efforts needed to reduce foreclosures, and provide any other aggregated information the Agency determines is pertinent or that the General Assembly requests.

SECTION #.(b) Section 298(a) of Chapter 321 of the Session Laws of 1993 reads as rewritten:

"(a) Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Commerce for the federal HOME Program shall be transferred to the Housing Finance Agency in the Office of the Governor and shall be used by the Agency to match federal funds appropriated for the HOME Program. In allocating State funds appropriated to match federal HOME Program funds, the Agency shall give priority to HOME Program projects, as follows:

(1) First priority to projects that are located in counties designated as severely distressed counties under G.S. 105-130.40(c) or G.S. 105-151.17(c); and

(2) Second priority to projects that benefit persons and families whose incomes are fifty percent (50%) or less of the median family income for the local area, with adjustments for family size, according to the latest figures available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Housing Finance Agency shall report to the General Assembly by April 1 of each year concerning the status of the HOME Program and shall include in the report information on priorities met, types of activities funded, and types of activities not funded."

SECTION #.(c) Section 5 of S.L. 2008-226, as amended by Section 2.17(f) of S.L. 2012-79, is repealed.

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

SECTION #. G.S. 58-2-120 reads as rewritten:

"§ 58-2-120. Reports of Commissioner to the Governor and General Assembly.

The Commissioner shall, from time to time, report to the Governor and to the General Assembly, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, any change or changes that in the Commissioner's opinion should be made in the laws relating to insurance and other subjects pertaining to the Department."

SECTION #. G.S. 58-42-45 reads as rewritten:

"§ 58-42-45. Article subject to Administrative Procedure Act; legislative oversight of plans.

(b) At the same time the Commissioner issues a notice of hearing under G.S. 150B-38, the Commissioner shall provide copies of the notice to the Joint Regulatory Reform Committee and to the Committee, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, Operations, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government. The Commissioner shall provide the Committee with copies of any plan promulgated by or approved by the Commissioner under G.S. 58-42-1(1) or (2)."

SECTION #. G.S. 58-79-20 reads as rewritten:

"§ 58-79-20. Inspection of premises; dangerous material removed.

The Commissioner of Insurance, or the chief of fire department or chief of police where there is no chief of fire department, or the city or county building inspector, electrical inspector, heating inspector, or fire prevention inspector has the right at all reasonable hours, for the purpose of examination, to enter into and upon all buildings and premises in their jurisdiction. When any of
such officers find in any building or upon any premises overcrowding in violation of occupancy
limits established pursuant to the North Carolina State Building Code, combustible material or
inflammable conditions dangerous to the safety of such building or premises they shall order the
same to be removed or remedied, and this order shall be forthwith complied with by the owner
or occupant of such buildings or premises. The owner or occupant may, within twenty-four hours,
appeal to the Commissioner of Insurance from the order, and the cause of the complaint shall be
at once investigated by his direction, and unless by his authority the order of the officer above
named is revoked it remains in force and must be forthwith complied with by the owner or
occupant. The Commissioner of Insurance, fire chief, or building inspector, electrical inspector,
heating inspector, or fire prevention inspector shall make an immediate investigation as to the
presence of combustible material or the existence of inflammable conditions in any building or
upon any premises under their jurisdiction upon complaint of any person having an interest in
such building or premises or property adjacent thereto. The Commissioner may, in person or by
deputy, visit any municipality or county and make such inspections alone or in company with the
local officer. The Commissioner shall submit annually, as early as consistent with full and
accurate preparation, and not later than the first day of June, a detailed report of his official action
under this Article, and it shall be embodied in his report to the General Assembly and
the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government."

SECTION #. G.S. 58-87-1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 58-87-1. Volunteer Fire Department Fund.

... (c) Report. – The Commissioner must submit a written report to the General Assembly
and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government within 60 days after the
grants have been made. This report must contain the following:
......"

SECTION #. G.S. 58-87-5 reads as rewritten:


... (e) Report. – The Commissioner must submit a written report to the General Assembly
and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government within 60 days after the
grants have been made. This report must contain the following:
......"

SECTION #. G.S. 58-92-15(n) reads as rewritten:

"(n) The Commissioner shall review the effectiveness of this section and report every three
years to the General Assembly and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General
Government the Commissioner’s findings, and if appropriate, recommendations for legislation to
improve the effectiveness of this Article. The report and legislative recommendations shall be
submitted no later than June 30 following the conclusion of each three-year period."

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

SECTION #.(a) G.S. 97-78 reads as rewritten:

"§ 97-78. Salaries and expenses; administrator, executive secretary, deputy commissioners,
and other staff assistance; annual report.

... (e) No later than October 1 of each year, the Commission shall publish annually for free
distribution a report of the administration of this Article, together with such recommendations as
the Commission deems advisable. No later than October 1 of each year, the Commission shall
submit this report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and
Economic Resources, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Natural, and
Economic Resources, and the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee
on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources General Government, the Senate
Appropriations Committee on General Government and Information Technology, and the House Appropriations Committee on General Government.

(f) No later than April 1, 2008, the Every four years beginning April 1, 2020, the Commission shall prepare and implement a strategic plan for accomplishing all of the following:

(g) The Commission shall demonstrate its success in implementing its strategic plan under subsection (f) of this section by including all of the following in its annual report under subsection (e) of this section:

(2) The total number of requests for, and disputes involving, medical compensation under G.S. 97-25 in which final disposition was not made within 75 days of the filing of the motion with the Commission, and, for each such request or dispute, the date the motion or other initial pleading was filed, the date on which final disposition was made and, where reasonably ascertainable, the date on which any ordered medical treatment was actually provided.

(3) At a minimum, the number of reports of employee misclassification received, the number of cases referred to each State agency, the number and amount of back taxes, wages, benefits, penalties, or other monies assessed and, where reasonably ascertainable, the amount of back taxes, wages, benefits, penalties, or other monies collected."

SECTION #.(b) G.S. 143-78(b) is repealed.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SECTION #. G.S. 144-9 reads as rewritten:

"§ 144-9. Retirement of a flag of the United States of America or the State of North Carolina.

(b) The Division of Veterans Affairs shall accept, at no charge, a worn, tattered, or otherwise damaged flag of the United States of America or the State of North Carolina from a citizen of the State and shall make arrangements for its respectful disposal. The Division shall establish a flag retirement program to encourage citizens to send in or drop off such flags at the Division's office in Raleigh and at any Veterans Home or Veterans Cemetery in the State and may establish other locations for flag drop-off as it deems appropriate. The Division shall advertise the flag retirement program on its Web site and by printed posters placed at all flag drop-off locations. On or before December 31, 2016, and annually thereafter, the Division shall report the number of flags received under the program to the Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations.

SECTION #. G.S. 143B-1300(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs shall report annually to the Secretary of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government on the activities of the State Veterans Homes Program. This report shall contain an accounting of all monies received and expended, statistics on residents in the homes during the year, recommendations to the Secretary, the Governor, and the General Assembly as to the program, and such other matters as may be deemed pertinent."

SECTION #. G.S. 143B-1310 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-1310. Commission established; purpose; transaction of business.

(c) Transaction of Business. – The Commission shall meet, at a minimum, at least once during each quarter and shall provide a report on military affairs to the Secretary of Military and
Veterans Affairs and to Affairs, the General Assembly, and the Joint Legislative
Oversight Committee on General Government at least every six months. Prior to the start of a
Regular Session of the General Assembly, the Commission shall report to the General Assembly
and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government with recommendations,
if any, for legislation. Priority actions or issues may be submitted at any time.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

SECTION #. G.S. 105-256 reads as rewritten:

"§ 105-256. Publications prepared by Secretary of Revenue; report on fraud prevention
progress.
(a) Publications. – The Secretary shall prepare and publish the following:
…
(6) On an annual basis, a report on the quality of services provided to taxpayers
through the Taxpayer Assistance Call Center, walk-in assistance, and taxpayer
education. The report must be submitted to the Joint Legislative Commission
on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight
Committee on General Government.
…
(8) By January 1 and July 1, February 15 and August 15 of each year, a semiannual
report on the Department's activities listed in this subdivision. The report must
be submitted to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
Operations, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General
Government, and to the Revenue Laws Study Committee.
…"

SECRETARY OF STATE

SECTION #. G.S. 64-1.1 is repealed.
SECTION #. G.S. 147-54.5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 147-54.5. Investor Protection and Education Trust Fund; administration; limitations on
use of the Fund.

(f) Beginning January 1, 1997, the Department of the Secretary of State shall report
annually to the General Assembly's Fiscal Research Division and to the Joint Legislative
Commission on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
General Government on the expenditures from the Investor Protection and Education Trust Fund
and on the effectiveness of investor awareness education efforts of the Department of the
Secretary of State."

DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER

SECTION #. G.S. 147-69.3 reads as rewritten:

"§ 147-69.3. Administration of State Treasurer's investment programs.

(i1) The State Treasurer shall report the incentive bonus paid to the Chief Investment
Officer to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government by October 1 of each year.
…"

SECTION #. G.S. 147-68 reads as rewritten:

"§ 147-68. To receive and disburse moneys; to make reports.

…"
After consulting with the Select Committee on Information Technology and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and after consultation with and approval of the Information Resources Management Commission, the Department of State Treasurer may spend departmental receipts for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to continue improvement of the Department's investment banking operations system, retirement payroll systems, and other information technology infrastructure needs. The Department of State Treasurer shall report by January 1, 2001, and annually thereafter to the following regarding the amount and use of the departmental receipts: the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Chairs of the General Government Appropriations Subcommittees of both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Technology.

SECTION #. G.S. 147-69.2A reads as rewritten:

"§ 147-69.2A. Investments; special funds held by the State Treasurer.

(b) Organization and Reporting. – All documents of the Governor or the State Treasurer concerning the Fund are public records governed by Chapter 132 of the General Statutes and any applicable provisions of the General Statutes protecting confidential information.

The State Treasurer and the Governor shall jointly develop and adopt an investment policy statement for the Fund.

The State Treasurer and Governor shall jointly adopt a common policy to prevent conflicts of interests such that (i) the designees of the State Treasurer and Governor who selected the third-party investment management firm, (ii) the staff of the State Treasurer overseeing the Fund, and (iii) the third-party investment management firm's employees selecting or overseeing Fund investments do not provide services for compensation (as an employee, consultant, or otherwise), within two years after the end of their service to the Fund, to any entity in which an investment from the Fund was made.

By October 1, 2015, and at least semiannually thereafter, the State Treasurer shall submit a report to the Governor, the Office of State Budget and Management, the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, and the Fiscal Research Division on investments made from the Fund and any return on investment. This report shall be made for the Fund in lieu of the reports required by G.S. 147-69.8 and G.S. 147-69.12(b).

..."

SECTION #. G.S. 147-69.12(a) reads as rewritten:

"§ 147-69.12. Reporting on the State Treasurer's investment programs.

(a) No later than the tenth day of February, May, August, and November of each year, the State Treasurer shall report on all investments for which the State Treasurer is in any way responsible, including investments made from The Escheat Fund and return on investment as provided in G.S. 147-69.2A. The State Treasurer's quarterly report shall include each of the following:

..."