



HOUSE BILL 676: New Architect Recruitment Act.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 676 would allow the North Carolina Board of Architecture to use its funds to establish, conduct, or arrange instructional programs for licensed architects, individuals seeking to become a licensed architect, or individuals seeking to learn more about architecture.*

CURRENT LAW: The North Carolina Board of Architecture (Board) is established under Chapter 83A of the General Statutes to license and regulate the practice of architecture. The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor. Five members are licensed architects serving staggered five-year terms. The other two members are not licensed architects, represent the interests of the public, and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Board has the power to determine its own necessary expenses, and to set the compensation for its employees and for professional services. Payment of expenses and salaries cannot exceed available funds of the Board, and the State is not liable for the compensation of any Board members.

All expenses incurred by the Board are to be paid out of funds acquired from examination, licensing, renewal, and other fees set by the Board.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 676 would allow the Board to use its funds to establish, conduct, contract, or arrange instructional programs for the following:

- Currently licensed architects.
- Individuals seeking to satisfy the requirements for licensure as an architect.
- Individuals seeking to learn about architecture as an interest.
- Individuals seeking to pursue an architectural education program.

The Board would be able to use extension courses or other media to carry out these instructional programs. The Board would be able to partner with community colleges, public or private universities, State or county boards of education, or industrial education centers to plan, schedule, and arrange these courses or programs.

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