

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SENATE BILL 105
Appropriations/Base Budget Committee Substitute Adopted 6/22/21**

Short Title: 2021 Appropriations Act.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 18, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS
3 OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I. TITLE AND INTRODUCTION

TITLE OF ACT

9 **SECTION 1.1.** This act shall be known as the "Current Operations Appropriations
10 Act of 2021."

INTRODUCTION

13 **SECTION 1.2.** The appropriations made in this act are for maximum amounts
14 necessary to provide the services and accomplish the purposes described in the budget in
15 accordance with the State Budget Act. Savings shall be effected where the total amounts
16 appropriated are not required to perform these services and accomplish these purposes, and the
17 savings shall revert to the appropriate fund at the end of each fiscal year, except as otherwise
18 provided by law.

PART II. CURRENT OPERATIONS AND EXPANSION/GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

23 **SECTION 2.1.(a)** Appropriations from the General Fund for the budgets of the State
24 departments, institutions, and agencies, and for other purposes as enumerated, are made for each
25 year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, according to the following schedule:

Current Operations – General Fund	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
EDUCATION		
Community College System		
Requirements	1,752,675,110	1,665,153,906
Less: Receipts	487,975,710	343,473,408
Net Appropriation	1,264,699,400	1,321,680,498
Public Instruction		
Requirements	13,222,664,239	12,674,916,813



1	Less: Receipts	2,835,768,414	2,197,523,403
2	Net Appropriation	10,386,895,825	10,477,393,410
3			
4	University of North Carolina		
5	NC School of Science and Mathematics		
6	Requirements	32,650,455	35,486,077
7	Less: Receipts	2,283,359	2,283,359
8	Net Appropriation	30,367,096	33,202,718
9			
10	NC State University – Academic Affairs		
11	Requirements	876,437,918	874,349,068
12	Less: Receipts	436,172,095	436,172,095
13	Net Appropriation	440,265,823	438,176,973
14			
15	NC State University – Ag. Research		
16	Requirements	73,189,643	73,189,643
17	Less: Receipts	17,662,615	17,662,615
18	Net Appropriation	55,527,028	55,527,028
19			
20	NC State University – Coop. Extension		
21	Requirements	60,119,549	59,619,549
22	Less: Receipts	18,644,142	18,144,142
23	Net Appropriation	41,475,407	41,475,407
24			
25	North Carolina Central University		
26	Requirements	139,502,618	139,373,991
27	Less: Receipts	51,836,529	51,836,529
28	Net Appropriation	87,666,089	87,537,462
29			
30	UNC at Asheville		
31	Requirements	62,523,226	62,523,226
32	Less: Receipts	21,876,242	21,876,242
33	Net Appropriation	40,646,984	40,646,984
34			
35	UNC at Chapel Hill – Academic Affairs		
36	Requirements	695,014,858	649,264,858
37	Less: Receipts	396,041,754	366,041,754
38	Net Appropriation	298,973,104	283,223,104
39			
40	UNC at Chapel Hill – Area Health Ed.		
41	Requirements	54,748,874	54,748,874
42	Less: Receipts	0	0
43	Net Appropriation	54,748,874	54,748,874
44			
45	UNC at Chapel Hill – Health Affairs		
46	Requirements	338,957,192	338,957,192
47	Less: Receipts	131,819,411	131,819,411
48	Net Appropriation	207,137,781	207,137,781
49			
50	UNC at Charlotte		
51	Requirements	425,327,003	425,327,003

1	Less: Receipts	165,165,330	165,165,330
2	Net Appropriation	260,161,673	260,161,673
3			
4	UNC at Greensboro		
5	Requirements	289,992,935	289,992,935
6	Less: Receipts	108,204,808	108,204,808
7	Net Appropriation	181,788,127	181,788,127
8			
9	UNC at Pembroke		
10	Requirements	94,110,944	94,109,865
11	Less: Receipts	15,789,132	15,789,132
12	Net Appropriation	78,321,812	78,320,733
13			
14	UNC at Wilmington		
15	Requirements	249,933,584	249,933,584
16	Less: Receipts	102,044,807	102,044,807
17	Net Appropriation	147,888,777	147,888,777
18			
19	UNC Board of Governors		
20	Requirements	44,570,092	44,570,092
21	Less: Receipts	46,899	46,899
22	Net Appropriation	44,523,193	44,523,193
23			
24	UNC BOG – Aid to Private Institutions		
25	Requirements	286,249,756	242,449,756
26	Less: Receipts	0	0
27	Net Appropriation	286,249,756	242,449,756
28			
29	UNC BOG – Institutional Programs		
30	Requirements	321,441,081	304,680,460
31	Less: Receipts	94,277,624	0
32	Net Appropriation	227,163,457	304,680,460
33			
34	UNC BOG – Related Educational Programs		
35	Requirements	200,532,646	219,182,646
36	Less: Receipts	79,531,975	100,266,975
37	Net Appropriation	121,000,671	118,915,671
38			
39	UNC School of the Arts		
40	Requirements	50,366,379	50,366,379
41	Less: Receipts	16,472,124	16,472,124
42	Net Appropriation	33,894,255	33,894,255
43			
44	Western Carolina University		
45	Requirements	161,859,440	161,897,131
46	Less: Receipts	28,112,897	28,112,897
47	Net Appropriation	133,746,543	133,784,234
48			
49	Winston-Salem State University		
50	Requirements	87,439,197	87,439,197
51	Less: Receipts	22,435,103	22,435,103

1	Net Appropriation	65,004,094	65,004,094
2			
3	Appalachian State University		
4	Requirements	267,783,708	267,783,708
5	Less: Receipts	117,742,367	117,742,367
6	Net Appropriation	150,041,341	150,041,341
7			
8	East Carolina Univ. – Academic Affairs		
9	Requirements	407,120,602	407,123,708
10	Less: Receipts	170,099,826	170,099,826
11	Net Appropriation	237,020,776	237,023,882
12			
13	East Carolina Univ. – Health Affairs		
14	Requirements	94,319,394	95,619,394
15	Less: Receipts	13,133,406	13,133,406
16	Net Appropriation	81,185,988	82,485,988
17			
18	Elizabeth City State University		
19	Requirements	39,493,791	39,493,791
20	Less: Receipts	3,660,169	3,660,169
21	Net Appropriation	35,833,622	35,833,622
22			
23	Fayetteville State University		
24	Requirements	79,732,941	79,732,941
25	Less: Receipts	24,568,975	24,568,975
26	Net Appropriation	55,163,966	55,163,966
27			
28	NC A&T University		
29	Requirements	189,514,245	193,529,849
30	Less: Receipts	87,664,443	87,664,443
31	Net Appropriation	101,849,802	105,865,406
32			
33	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
34	DHHS – Aging and Adult Services		
35	Requirements	176,004,362	125,065,002
36	Less: Receipts	129,632,983	78,622,497
37	Net Appropriation	46,371,379	46,442,505
38			
39	DHHS – Central Management and Support		
40	Requirements	404,878,385	388,548,000
41	Less: Receipts	176,239,262	163,800,352
42	Net Appropriation	228,639,123	224,747,648
43			
44	DHHS – Child Development and Early Education		
45	Requirements	1,342,207,232	820,983,166
46	Less: Receipts	1,096,279,853	573,197,542
47	Net Appropriation	245,927,379	247,785,624
48			
49	DHHS – Health Benefits		
50	Requirements	19,472,355,790	18,412,063,134
51	Less: Receipts	15,527,346,363	13,894,357,160

1	Net Appropriation	3,945,009,427	4,517,705,974
2			
3	DHHS – Health Service Regulation		
4	Requirements	77,914,113	77,596,827
5	Less: Receipts	56,415,057	55,551,537
6	Net Appropriation	21,499,056	22,045,290
7			
8	DHHS – Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Substance Abuse Services		
9	Requirements	1,850,095,277	1,699,656,232
10	Less: Receipts	990,516,021	842,429,502
11	Net Appropriation	859,579,256	857,226,730
12			
13	DHHS – Public Health		
14	Requirements	1,320,982,861	977,139,928
15	Less: Receipts	1,159,344,227	814,143,907
16	Net Appropriation	161,638,634	162,996,021
17			
18	DHHS – Services for the Blind/Deaf/Hard of Hearing		
19	Requirements	43,429,604	43,022,597
20	Less: Receipts	34,533,038	34,028,630
21	Net Appropriation	8,896,566	8,993,967
22			
23	DHHS – Social Services – General		
24	Requirements	2,131,737,602	1,988,664,102
25	Less: Receipts	1,926,776,600	1,775,545,134
26	Net Appropriation	204,961,002	213,118,968
27			
28	DHHS – Vocational Rehabilitation Services		
29	Requirements	158,364,084	157,307,857
30	Less: Receipts	117,168,882	115,681,595
31	Net Appropriation	41,195,202	41,626,262
32			
33	AGRICULTURE, NATURAL, AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES		
34	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services		
35	Requirements	376,362,896	229,079,753
36	Less: Receipts	187,832,863	62,702,696
37	Net Appropriation	188,530,033	166,377,057
38			
39	Department of Commerce		
40	Requirements	588,266,982	265,717,536
41	Less: Receipts	318,489,635	57,067,040
42	Net Appropriation	269,777,347	208,650,496
43			
44	Department of Environmental Quality		
45	Requirements	1,505,274,478	276,102,783
46	Less: Receipts	1,400,568,278	168,148,856
47	Net Appropriation	104,706,200	107,953,927
48			
49	Department of Labor		
50	Requirements	45,951,371	40,841,896
51	Less: Receipts	20,748,429	20,180,125

1	Net Appropriation	25,202,942	20,661,771
2			
3	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources		
4	Requirements	414,139,261	325,096,432
5	Less: Receipts	96,002,892	42,969,903
6	Net Appropriation	318,136,369	282,126,529
7			
8	Wildlife Resources Commission		
9	Requirements	95,727,579	94,008,169
10	Less: Receipts	82,560,825	81,574,562
11	Net Appropriation	13,166,754	12,433,607
12			
13	JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
14	Department of Public Safety		
15	Requirements	2,771,789,451	2,734,299,472
16	Less: Receipts	346,896,994	264,187,857
17	Net Appropriation	2,424,892,457	2,470,111,615
18			
19	Department of Justice		
20	Requirements	103,509,732	100,813,964
21	Less: Receipts	44,222,163	42,994,597
22	Net Appropriation	59,287,569	57,819,367
23			
24	Administrative Office of the Courts		
25	Requirements	674,957,826	674,019,531
26	Less: Receipts	22,468,647	1,221,050
27	Net Appropriation	652,489,179	672,798,481
28			
29	Indigent Defense Services		
30	Requirements	143,342,235	143,889,615
31	Less: Receipts	13,180,019	12,311,025
32	Net Appropriation	130,162,216	131,578,590
33			
34	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
35	Department of Administration		
36	Requirements	119,365,563	77,160,189
37	Less: Receipts	64,719,857	18,165,199
38	Net Appropriation	54,645,706	58,994,990
39			
40	Office of Administrative Hearings		
41	Requirements	8,113,062	8,168,368
42	Less: Receipts	1,347,120	1,260,671
43	Net Appropriation	6,765,942	6,907,697
44			
45	Office of the State Auditor		
46	Requirements	23,134,320	22,019,383
47	Less: Receipts	7,956,759	6,514,703
48	Net Appropriation	15,177,561	15,504,680
49			
50	Office of State Budget and Management		
51	Requirements	44,124,973	9,515,581

1	Less: Receipts	34,897,037	131,780
2	Net Appropriation	9,227,936	9,383,801
3			
4	OSBM – Special Appropriations		
5	Requirements	2,100,000	3,110,000
6	Less: Receipts	0	0
7	Net Appropriation	2,100,000	3,110,000
8			
9	Office of State Controller		
10	Requirements	28,046,066	28,175,636
11	Less: Receipts	1,095,838	816,202
12	Net Appropriation	26,950,228	27,359,434
13			
14	State Board of Elections		
15	Requirements	15,046,161	9,035,476
16	Less: Receipts	201,227	102,000
17	Net Appropriation	14,844,934	8,933,476
18			
19	NC General Assembly		
20	Requirements	102,384,505	79,777,097
21	Less: Receipts	23,789,804	561,000
22	Net Appropriation	78,594,701	79,216,097
23			
24	Office of the Governor		
25	Requirements	6,782,288	6,818,011
26	Less: Receipts	976,940	898,760
27	Net Appropriation	5,805,348	5,919,251
28			
29	NC Housing Finance Agency		
30	Requirements	54,160,000	14,160,000
31	Less: Receipts	40,000,000	0
32	Net Appropriation	14,160,000	14,160,000
33			
34	Office of State Human Resources		
35	Requirements	9,463,614	9,499,605
36	Less: Receipts	228,305	100,888
37	Net Appropriation	9,235,309	9,398,717
38			
39	NC Industrial Commission		
40	Requirements	22,452,849	22,352,468
41	Less: Receipts	11,190,049	10,969,042
42	Net Appropriation	11,262,800	11,383,426
43			
44	Department of Insurance		
45	Requirements	60,160,179	54,428,387
46	Less: Receipts	14,266,711	8,358,700
47	Net Appropriation	45,893,468	46,069,687
48			
49	Office of the Lieutenant Governor		
50	Requirements	1,137,298	1,146,654
51	Less: Receipts	10,525	0

1	Net Appropriation	1,126,773	1,146,654
2			
3	Department of Military and Veterans Affairs		
4	Requirements	11,420,463	11,902,371
5	Less: Receipts	318,198	157,328
6	Net Appropriation	11,102,265	11,745,043
7			
8	Department of Revenue		
9	Requirements	1,676,764,907	172,962,352
10	Less: Receipts	1,564,375,433	62,078,627
11	Net Appropriation	112,389,474	110,883,725
12			
13	Department of the Secretary of State		
14	Requirements	17,093,035	16,597,038
15	Less: Receipts	652,146	362,356
16	Net Appropriation	16,440,889	16,234,682
17			
18	Department of State Treasurer		
19	Requirements	66,726,264	66,114,670
20	Less: Receipts	61,734,386	61,093,544
21	Net Appropriation	4,991,878	5,021,126
22			
23	DST – Other Retirement Plans/Benefits		
24	Requirements	32,670,423	33,020,423
25	Less: Receipts	0	0
26	Net Appropriation	32,670,423	33,020,423
27			
28	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
29	Department of Information Technology		
30	Requirements	786,606,588	67,358,440
31	Less: Receipts	699,994,990	411,223
32	Net Appropriation	86,611,598	66,947,217
33			
34	RESERVES, DEBT, AND OTHER BUDGETS		
35	State Treasurer – Debt Service – Federal		
36	Requirements	0	0
37	Less: Receipts	0	0
38	Net Appropriation	0	0
39			
40	State Treasurer – General Debt Service		
41	Requirements	673,624,208	649,265,711
42	Less: Receipts	673,624,208	649,265,711
43	Net Appropriation	0	0
44			
45	Statewide Enterprise Resource Planning		
46	Requirements	25,000,000	25,000,000
47	Less: Receipts	25,000,000	25,000,000
48	Net Appropriation	0	0
49			
50	Statewide Reserves		
51	Requirements	151,000,000	614,646,670

1	Less: Receipts	101,000,000	300,000,000
2	Net Appropriation	50,000,000	314,646,670
3			
4	State Capital & Infrastructure General Fund Appropriations		
5	Requirements	0	0
6	Less: Receipts	0	0
7	Net Appropriation	0	0
8			
9	CAPITAL		
10	State Fiscal Recovery Fund – Capital		
11	Requirements	65,000,000	0
12	Less: Receipts	65,000,000	0
13	Net Appropriation	0	0
14			
15	Total Requirements	58,297,939,307	51,456,966,162
16	Less: Total Receipts	32,588,632,720	24,809,203,520
17	Total Net Appropriation	25,709,306,587	26,647,762,642
18	SECTION 2.1.(b) For purposes of this act and the Committee Report described in		
19	Section 43.2 of this act, the requirements set forth in this section represent the total amount of		
20	funds, including agency receipts, appropriated to an agency, department, or institution.		
21			
22	GENERAL FUND AVAILABILITY		
23	SECTION 2.2.(a) The General Fund availability derived from State tax revenue,		
24	nontax revenue, and other adjustments used in developing the budget for each year of the		
25	2021-2023 fiscal biennium is as follows:		
26			
27		FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
28	Unappropriated Balance	457,272,694	3,641,943,502
29	Anticipated Reversions	400,000,000	200,000,000
30	Projected Over Collections	6,043,000,000	-
31	Anticipated Transfer to the Savings Reserve	(850,185,555)	-
32	S.L. 2021-16, COVID-19 Related Tax Changes/UI Tech Correct	(5,000,000)	-
33	S.L. 2021-19, UNC Building Reserve	(2,359,159)	-
34	Total, Prior Year-End Fund Balance	6,042,727,980	3,841,943,502
35			
36	Statutory Earmark, State Capital and Infrastructure Fund	(350,000,000)	(350,000,000)
37	Beginning Unreserved Fund Balance	5,692,727,980	3,491,943,502
38			
39	Tax Revenues		
40	Personal Income	15,388,100,000	15,998,900,000
41	Sales and Use	9,681,100,000	9,830,000,000
42	Corporate Income	1,300,500,000	1,343,600,000
43	Franchise	840,000,000	861,300,000
44	Insurance	808,900,000	961,800,000
45	Alcoholic Beverage	453,300,000	461,700,000
46	Tobacco Products	258,300,000	256,900,000
47	Other Tax Revenues	155,800,000	152,700,000
48	Subtotal, Tax Revenues	28,886,000,000	29,866,900,000
49			
50	Non-Tax Revenues		
51	Judicial Fees	216,600,000	224,200,000

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1	Investment Income	29,600,000	36,100,000
2	Disproportionate Share	115,400,000	122,500,000
3	Master Settlement Agreement	139,400,000	134,100,000
4	Insurance	100,500,000	103,400,000
5	Other Non-tax Revenues	217,900,000	220,000,000
6	Subtotal, Non-tax Revenues	819,400,000	840,300,000
7			
8	Total, Net Revenues	29,705,400,000	30,707,200,000
9			
10	Adjustments to Tax Revenues: 2021 Session		
11	Personal Income Tax Changes	(619,200,000)	(1,737,700,000)
12	Franchise Tax Changes	-	(173,300,000)
13	Credit Short-term Car Rental/P2P Proceeds to Highway Fund	(70,200,000)	(75,100,000)
14	Extend Time to Complete Eligible Mill Rehabilitation Projects	5,800,000	-
15	Miscellaneous Tax Changes	3,400,000	11,200,000
16	Subtotal, Adjustments to Tax Revenues	(680,200,000)	(1,974,900,000)
17			
18	Statutory Reservations of Tax Revenues		
19	State Capital and Infrastructure Fund (SCIF)	(950,000,000)	(983,250,000)
20	NC GREAT Program (S.L. 2019-230)	(15,000,000)	(15,000,000)
21	Subtotal, Statutory Reservations of Tax Revenues	(965,000,000)	(998,250,000)
22			
23	Other Adjustments to Availability		
24	Additional Transfer to Savings Reserve	(1,500,000,000)	(1,545,545,453)
25	Additional Transfer to SCIF	(986,000,000)	(701,750,000)
26	Medicaid Transformation Reserve	(215,820,000)	(246,000,000)
27	Medicaid Contingency Fund	(500,000,000)	-
28	Information Technology Reserve	(109,661,155)	(163,657,394)
29	State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Reserve	(1,100,000,000)	-
30	Adjustment to transfer from State Treasurer	131,927	161,175
31	Adjustment to transfer from Insurance Regulatory Fee	9,671,337	9,968,182
32	Subtotal, Other Adjustments	(4,401,677,891)	(2,646,823,490)
33			
34	Total, Adjustments and Reservations	(6,046,877,891)	(5,619,973,490)
35			
36	Revised Total General Fund Availability	29,351,250,089	28,579,170,012
37			
38	Less General Fund Net Appropriations	(25,709,306,587)	(26,647,762,642)
39			
40	Unappropriated Balance Remaining	3,641,943,502	1,931,407,370

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 42 **SECTION 2.2.(b)** In addition to the amount required under G.S. 143C-4-3.1 and
 43 Section 7(a) of S.L. 2019-230, the State Controller shall transfer to the State Capital and
 44 Infrastructure Fund established under G.S. 143C-4-3.1 the sum of nine hundred eighty-six
 45 million dollars (\$986,000,000) in the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of seven hundred one
 46 million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$701,750,000) in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Funds
 47 transferred under this subsection are appropriated for the fiscal year in which they were
 48 transferred and shall be used in accordance with Part 40 of this act.

49 **SECTION 2.2.(c)** In addition to the amount required under G.S. 143C-4-2, the State
 50 Controller shall transfer to the Savings Reserve the sum of one billion five hundred million
 51 dollars (\$1,500,000,000) in the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of one billion five hundred

forty-five million five hundred forty-five thousand four hundred fifty-three dollars (\$1,545,545,453) in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This transfer is not an "appropriation made by law," as that phrase is used in Section 7(1) of Article V of the North Carolina Constitution.

SECTION 2.2.(d) No funds shall be transferred to the Unfunded Liability Solvency Reserve pursuant to subsection (i) or (j) of G.S. 143C-4-2 during the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.

SECTION 2.2.(e) The State Controller shall reserve to the Medicaid Transformation Reserve from funds available in the General Fund the sum of two hundred fifteen million eight hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$215,820,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred forty-six million dollars (\$246,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Funds reserved in the Medicaid Transformation Reserve pursuant to this subsection do not constitute an "appropriation made by law," as that phrase is used in Section 7(1) of Article V of the North Carolina Constitution.

SECTION 2.2.(f) The State Controller shall transfer the sum of four hundred thirty million eight hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$430,820,000) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of forty-six million dollars (\$46,000,000) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year from funds available in the Medicaid Transformation Reserve in the General Fund to the Medicaid Transformation Fund established under Section 12H.29 of S.L. 2015-241.

SECTION 2.2.(g) The State Controller shall reserve to the Medicaid Contingency Reserve described in G.S. 143C-4-11 from funds available in the General Fund the sum of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Funds reserved in the Medicaid Contingency Reserve pursuant to this subsection do not constitute an "appropriation made by law," as that phrase is used in Section 7(1) of Article V of the North Carolina Constitution.

SECTION 2.2.(h) There is established in the General Fund an Information Technology Reserve that shall make funds available for information technology project expenditures only upon an act of appropriation by the General Assembly. The State Controller shall reserve to the Information Technology Reserve from funds available in the General Fund the sum of one hundred nine million six hundred sixty-one thousand one hundred fifty-five dollars (\$109,661,155) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred sixty-three million six hundred fifty-seven thousand three hundred ninety-four dollars (\$163,657,394) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The State Controller shall transfer funds available in the Information Technology Reserve to State agencies and departments for information technology projects in accordance with the following schedule, and the funds transferred are appropriated for the fiscal year in which they are transferred:

	State Agency or Department	2021-2022	2022-2023
(1)	Office of the State Controller (Budget Code: 19084)	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
(2)	Department of Public Instruction (Budget Code: 23515)	48,748,522	37,850,910
(3)	Community College System (Budget Code: 26802)	28,500,000	0
(4)	Administrative Office of the Courts (Budget Code: 22006)	7,412,633	8,405,916

SECTION 2.2.(i) The State Controller shall reserve the sum of one billion one hundred million dollars (\$1,100,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year from funds available in the General Fund to the State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Reserve established under G.S. 166A-19.42. Funds reserved in the State Emergency Response

1 and Disaster Relief Reserve pursuant to this subsection do not constitute an "appropriation made
2 by law," as that phrase is used in Section 7(1) of Article V of the North Carolina Constitution.

3 **SECTION 2.2.(j)** The State Controller shall transfer the sum of eighty-eight million
4 dollars (\$88,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year from funds available
5 in the State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Reserve as follows, and the funds
6 transferred are appropriated for the fiscal year in which they are transferred:

- 7 (1) Thirty-eight million dollars (\$38,000,000) to the Department of Agriculture
8 and Consumer Services, Division of Soil and Water Conservation (Budget
9 Code: 23702), to be used for stream debris removal.
- 10 (2) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to the Department of Public Safety,
11 Division of Emergency Management (Budget Code: 24552), to be used for
12 any Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) State match
13 requirement.
- 14 (3) Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to the Department of Public Safety,
15 Division of Emergency Management (Budget Code: 24552), to be used, with
16 the approval of the Director of the Budget, to respond to any emergency, as
17 defined in G.S. 166A-19.3, beginning on or after the effective date of this
18 section.

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20 **PART III. HIGHWAY FUND AND HIGHWAY TRUST FUND**

21
22 **CURRENT OPERATIONS/HIGHWAY FUND**

23 **SECTION 3.1.** Appropriations from the State Highway Fund for the maintenance
24 and operation of the Department of Transportation and for other purposes as enumerated are
25 made for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2023, according to the following schedule:

27 Highway Fund	28 FY 2021-2022	29 FY 2022-2023
30 Administration	100,148,404	100,148,990
31 Division of Highways		
32 Administration	45,738,718	45,600,056
33 Construction	36,100,000	36,100,000
34 Maintenance	1,761,339,094	1,757,281,688
35 Governor's Highway Safety Program	305,546	305,546
36 OSHA	358,030	358,030
37 Aid to Municipalities		
38 Powell Bill	147,500,000	147,500,000
39 Other Municipal Assistance	4,319,350	
40 Intermodal Divisions		
41 Ferry	49,475,639	49,475,639
42 Public Transportation, Bicycle and Pedestrian	94,421,832	68,394,735
43 Aviation	129,903,287	131,503,287
44 Rail	42,863,338	42,613,338
45 Division of Motor Vehicles	152,450,570	152,428,637
46 Compensation, Benefits, 47 Reserves, Transfers, and Other	54,414,848	66,802,832

1	Capital Improvements	7,461,344	5,387,222
2			
3	Total	\$2,626,800,000	\$2,603,900,000

HIGHWAY FUND AVAILABILITY

6 **SECTION 3.2.** The Highway Fund availability used in developing the 2021-2023
7 fiscal biennial budget is shown below:

9	Highway Fund Availability	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
10	Projected Over Collections	201,700,000	
11	Partial Accounting of HTF		
12	Cash Advance Repayments	(140,700,000)	
13	Transfer of Funds to Emergency		
14	Reserve (G.S. 136-44.2E(b) and (d))	(61,000,000)	
15			
16	Beginning Balance	0	0
17	Motor Fuels Tax	1,672,500,000	1,641,700,000
18	Licenses and Fees	872,600,000	875,600,000
19	Highway Short-Term Lease	10,000,000	10,000,000
20	Investment Income	1,500,000	1,500,000
21			
22	Adjustments to Availability		
23	Additional Highway Short-Term Lease	70,200,000	75,100,000
24			
25	Total Highway Fund Availability	\$2,626,800,000	\$2,603,900,000

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS

28 **SECTION 3.3.** Appropriations from the State Highway Trust Fund for the
29 maintenance and operation of the Department of Transportation and for other purposes as
30 enumerated are made for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2023, according to the following
31 schedule:

33	Current Operations – Highway Trust Fund	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
34			
35	Program Administration	39,433,938	39,433,938
36	Bonds	93,042,400	93,047,650
37	Turnpike Authority	49,000,000	49,000,000
38	State Ports Authority	45,000,000	45,000,000
39	FHWA State Match	5,104,440	5,104,440
40	Strategic Prioritization Funding Plan for		
41	Transportation Investments	1,320,019,222	1,496,313,972
42	Transfer to Visitor Center	400,000	400,000
43			
44	Total	\$1,552,000,000	\$1,728,300,000

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND AVAILABILITY

47 **SECTION 3.4.** The Highway Trust Fund availability used in developing the
48 2021-2023 fiscal biennial budget is shown below:

50	Highway Trust Fund Availability	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
51	Projected Over Collections	325,400,000	

1	STI Projects	(325,400,000)	
2	Partial Accounting of Cash		
3	Advance Repayments	140,700,000	
4	STI Projects	(140,700,000)	
5			
6	Beginning Balance	0	0
7	Highway Use Tax	958,300,000	997,900,000
8	Motor Fuels Tax	418,000,000	546,300,000
9	Fees	173,700,000	182,100,000
10	Investment Income	2,000,000	2,000,000
11			
12	Total Highway Trust Fund Availability	\$1,552,000,000	\$1,728,300,000

PART IV. OTHER AVAILABILITY AND APPROPRIATIONS

OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

SECTION 4.1.(a) State funds, as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1, are appropriated for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, as follows:

- (1) All budget codes listed in the Governor's Recommended Base Budget for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, submitted pursuant to G.S. 143C-3-5, are appropriated up to the amounts specified, as adjusted by the General Assembly in this act and as delineated in the Committee Report described in Section 43.2 of this act, or in another act of the General Assembly.
- (2) Agency receipts up to the amounts needed to implement the legislatively mandated salary increases and employee benefit increases provided in this act for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.

SECTION 4.1.(b) Receipts collected in a fiscal year in excess of the amounts appropriated by this section shall remain unexpended and unencumbered until appropriated by the General Assembly, unless the expenditure of overrealized receipts in the fiscal year in which the receipts were collected is authorized by G.S. 143C-6-4. Overrealized receipts are appropriated in the amounts necessary to implement this subsection.

SECTION 4.1.(c) Funds may be expended only for the specified programs, purposes, objects, and line items or as otherwise authorized by the General Assembly.

OTHER RECEIPTS FROM PENDING AWARD GRANTS

SECTION 4.2.(a) Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-4, State agencies may, with approval of the Director of the Budget, spend funds received from grants awarded after the enactment of this act for grant awards that are for less than two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000), do not require State matching funds, and will not be used for a capital project. State agencies shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget, the chairs of the House Appropriations Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division within 30 days of receipt of such funds.

State agencies may spend up to the greater of one percent (1%) or ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of the total amount of grants awarded after the enactment of this act to respond to an emergency, as defined in G.S. 166A-19.3, with the approval of the Director of the Budget. State agencies shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget, the chairs of the House Appropriations Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division within 30 days of receipt of such funds, including specifying the total amount of grants awarded to respond to the emergency.

"Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund.

"§ 115C-546.10. Fund created; purpose; prioritization.

There is created the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund as an interest-bearing, nonreverting special fund in the Department of Public Instruction. The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund and shall invest its assets in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 147-69.2 and G.S. 147-69.3. The Department of Public Instruction shall award grants from the Fund to counties to assist with their critical public school building capital needs in accordance with the following priorities:

- (1) Counties designated as development tier one areas.
- (2) Counties with greater need and less ability to generate sales tax and property tax revenue.
- (3) Counties with a high debt-to-tax revenue ratio.
- (4) The extent to which a project will address critical deficiencies in adequately serving the current and future student population.
- (5) Projects that will consolidate two or more schools into one new facility.

"§ 115C-546.11. Matching requirement; use of funds; maximum awards.

(a) An eligible county awarded a grant under this Article shall provide local matching funds from county funds, other non-State funds, or a combination of these sources for the grant as provided in this section. An eligible county is a county with an adjusted market value of taxable property of less than forty billion dollars (\$40,000,000,000). The adjusted market value of taxable property in a county is equal to the county's assessed taxable property value, using the latest available data published by the Department of Revenue, divided by the county's sales assessment ratio determined under G.S. 105-289(h). The amount of matching funds for a county is equal to the quotient derived from a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is calculated by, first, distributing the applicable portions of the county's adjusted market value of taxable property pursuant to the table provided in this section and multiplying the corresponding percentage to each portion and, second, adding the products for the portions together. The denominator of the fraction is the county's adjusted market value of taxable property.

<u>Adjusted Market Value of Taxable Property</u>		<u>Percentage</u>
<u>Over</u>	<u>Up to</u>	
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2 billion</u>	<u>0%</u>
<u>\$2 billion</u>	<u>\$20 billion</u>	<u>25%</u>
<u>\$20 billion</u>	<u>\$30 billion</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>\$30 billion</u>	<u>\$40 billion</u>	<u>75%</u>

(b) Grant funds shall be used for the construction of new school buildings only. Grant funds shall not be used for real property acquisition. Grant funds shall be disbursed in a series of payments based on the progress of the project. To obtain a payment, the grantee shall submit a request for payment along with documentation of the expenditures for which the payment is requested and evidence that the matching requirement contained in subsection (a) of this section has been met. No portion of grant funds may be used to acquire a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. No county may receive grant funds under this Article more than once every two years.

(c) Maximum grant award amounts shall be determined as follows:

- (1) An amount equal to the lesser of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per square foot or the following:
 - a. Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for an elementary school.
 - b. Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for a middle school or a combination of an elementary and middle school.
 - c. Forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) for a high school.

1 (2) An amount equal to the lesser of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per
2 square foot or ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for a facility that is not an
3 administrative facility or an elementary, middle, or high school.

4 (3) If two or more schools will be consolidated into one new facility, an amount
5 equal to the lesser of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per square foot or
6 the following:

7 a. Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for an elementary school.

8 b. Forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) for a middle school or a
9 combination of an elementary and middle school.

10 c. Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) for a high school.

11 (d) The Department of Public Instruction shall review projected enrollment to evaluate
12 the reasonableness of a project's size and scope.

13 **"§ 115C-546.12. Grant agreement; requirements.**

14 A county receiving grant funds pursuant to this Article shall enter into an agreement with the
15 Department of Public Instruction detailing the use of grant funds. The agreement shall contain at
16 least all of the following:

17 (1) A requirement that the grantee seek planning assistance and plan review from
18 the School Planning Section of the Department of Public Instruction.

19 (2) A progress payment provision governing disbursements to the county for the
20 duration of the school construction project based upon the construction
21 progress and documentation satisfactory to the Department that the matching
22 requirement in G.S. 115C-546.11 has been met.

23 (3) A provision requiring periodic reports to the Department of Public Instruction
24 on the use of disbursed grant funds and the progress of the school construction
25 project.

26 (4) A requirement that matching funds paid by the county pursuant to
27 G.S. 115C-546.11 must be derived from non-State and nonfederal funds.

28 **"§ 115C-546.13. Lease exception; requirements.**

29 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Article to the contrary, a county may utilize
30 grant funds for a lease agreement if all of the following criteria are met:

31 (1) Ownership of the subject property on which the leased school is constructed
32 shall be retained by the county.

33 (2) The lease agreement shall include a repairs and maintenance provision that
34 requires the landlord to bear the entire expense of all repairs, maintenance,
35 alterations, or improvements to the basic structure, fixtures, appurtenances,
36 and grounds of the subject property for the term of the lease.

37 (3) The lease agreement shall be for a term of at least 15 years and no more than
38 25 years.

39 (4) In lieu of the progress payment requirement provided in G.S. 115C-546.11(b),
40 a county that has entered into a lease agreement shall provide a copy of the
41 lease agreement to the Department of Public Instruction and shall be
42 periodically reimbursed upon submission of documentation satisfactory to the
43 Department that the matching requirement of this section has been met.

44 (b) For the purposes of this section, the term "lease agreement" shall include any ancillary
45 agreements or predevelopment agreements entered into in anticipation of or in accordance with
46 a lease. A lease agreement entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to the
47 requirements of Article 8 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes. In determining whether the
48 lease agreement is necessary or expedient pursuant to G.S. 159-151(a)(1) and
49 G.S. 159-151(b)(1), the Local Government Commission may consider any other relevant
50 construction and financing methods available to the county.

51 **"§ 115C-546.14. Reporting.**

(a) On or before April 1 of each year, a grant recipient shall submit to the Department of Public Instruction an annual report for the preceding year that describes the progress of the project for which the grant was received. The grant recipient shall submit a final report to the Department of Public Instruction within three months of the completion of the project.

(b) On or before May 1 of each year, the Department of Public Instruction shall submit a report to the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Education/Higher Education, the chairs of the House Appropriations Committee on Education, and the Fiscal Research Division. The report shall contain at least all of the following information for the fiscal year:

- (1) Number and description of projects awarded.
- (2) Total cost of each project and amount supported by the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund.
- (3) Projections for local school administrative unit capital needs for the next 30 years based upon present conditions and estimated demographic changes.
- (4) Any legislative recommendations for improving the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund program."

SECTION 4.4.(b) Counties previously awarded grant funds from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund that have not yet started construction of the project may apply to the Department of Public Instruction to increase the grant award if the maximum grant award or matching requirements in subsection (a) of this section are more beneficial to the county.

SECTION 4.4.(c) Beginning with the 2021-2022 fiscal year, a grant recipient that was awarded funds pursuant to Sections 5.3(d) through (e2) of S.L. 2017-57 shall be subject to the provisions contained in the agreement entered into with the Department of Public Instruction, for the administration of the remaining term of the grant.

SECTION 4.4.(d) Sections 5.3(d) through (h) of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 1.1(a) of S.L. 2017-187, Section 1.1 of S.L. 2017-212, Section 5.3 of S.L. 2018-5, and Section 3A.1(a) of S.L. 2018-80, are repealed.

SECTION 4.4.(e) G.S. 115C-546.2(f) is repealed.

INDIAN GAMING EDUCATION REVENUE FUND APPROPRIATION

SECTION 4.5. Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-9-7, there is allocated from the Indian Gaming Education Revenue Fund to the Department of Public Instruction, Textbooks and Digital Resources Allotment, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

CIVIL PENALTY AND FORFEITURE FUND

SECTION 4.6. Allocations are made from the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
School Technology Fund	\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000
Drivers Education	27,120,553	27,120,553
State Public School Fund	147,041,640	147,041,640
Total Appropriation	\$192,162,193	\$192,162,193

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND/REALLOCATION AND USE OF UNSPENT FUNDS

SECTION 4.7.(a) Subsection (a) of Section 4.4 of S.L. 2021-25 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 4.4.(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as unspent funds are returned to the Coronavirus Relief Fund established under S.L. 2020-4, the Office of State Budget and Management, in consultation with the Director of the Budget, shall reallocate ~~up to~~ the sum of the nonrecurring funds as follows to ensure maximum use of the funds:

- (1) The first ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in nonrecurring funds to the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, to be used

for unmet needs related to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance program in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(2) The next one hundred fourteen million dollars (\$114,000,000) to the State Treasurer to be used for COVID-19 related expenses incurred by the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees between the dates of March 1, 2020, and March 2, 2021.

(3) Any funds remaining after the reallocations under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to distribute equally among each of the food banks in this State to reimburse for COVID-19 related expenses incurred between the dates of March 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021.

(4) Any funds remaining after the reallocations under subdivisions (1) through (3) of this subsection to the Department of Public Safety to be used to offset General Fund expenditures that are eligible to be funded under the applicable federal law or guidance."

SECTION 4.7.(b) This section is effective when it becomes law and applies retroactively to May 24, 2021.

MODIFICATIONS OF PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS AND REPORTING ON ARPA FUNDS

SECTION 4.8.(a) Section 3.2 of S.L. 2021-25 reads as rewritten:

~~"SECTION 3.2.(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, federal funds received by the State under the American Rescue Plan Act for the programs set forth in the schedule below for funds subject to Sections 2.1 or 2.3 of this act, funds received from federal grants authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act are appropriated in the amounts provided in the notification of award from the federal government or any entity acting on behalf of the federal government to administer the federal funds. Federal funds received by the State under the American Rescue Plan Act from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund are only appropriated up to the estimated amount set forth in the schedule below for the program. State agencies may, with approval of the Director of the Budget, spend these funds received from federal receipts and federal grants. Any positions created with the funds shall terminate at the earlier of the funds being fully expended or the deadline established by applicable federal law and guidance for use of the funds. The programs and grant amounts in the schedule set forth in this subsection are estimates of North Carolina's allocations to be deposited in the State's Treasury and administered by State agencies. This schedule is meant to be illustrative of federal grants that have been, or will be, received by the State in addition to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund funds under the American Rescue Plan Act. These amounts are not inclusive of federal funds distributed or paid directly to individuals, businesses, health care providers, or private postsecondary institutions:~~

<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund	\$701,279,800
Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools	82,952,000
IDEA: Grants to States	81,359,400
IDEA: Preschool Grants	5,961,100
IDEA: Infants & Toddlers	6,298,200
Child Care Stabilization Grants	805,767,400
Child Care Entitlement to States	16,096,000
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention	7,695,000
Child Abuse State Grants	3,067,000
Supportive Services	13,984,000

1	Congregate and Home Delivered Meals	23,045,000
2	Preventive Services	1,363,000
3	Family Caregiver	4,463,000
4	Title VII Long-Term Care Ombudsman	310,000
5	SNAP State Administrative Expense Grants	35,443,000
6	FTA Urbanized Area Formula	4,696,400
7	HOME Investment Partnerships Program	137,414,000
8	Emergency Management Performance Grants	2,660,000
9	National Endowment for the Arts: State Arts Agencies	912,000
10	Emergency Rental Assistance	556,611,000
11	Homeowner Assistance Fund	273,337,000
12	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	
13		<u>3,260,772,535</u> <u>3,599,191,706</u>
14	Expand Genomic Sequencing	6,662,900
15	Epidemiology and Lab Capacity for School Testing	315,895,900
16	Community Health Centers Expanded Access to COVID-19	
17	Vaccines, Build Vaccine Confidence	4,057,900
18	WIC Cash Value Vouchers Increase	19,930,600
19	Institute for Museum and Library Services	4,309,000
20	Homeless Children and Youth	23,576,625
21	Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program	625,310
22	<u>Commodity Supplemental Foods Program</u>	<u>119,000</u>
23	<u>Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program</u>	<u>86,970,460</u>
24	<u>State Small Business Credit Initiative</u>	<u>120,461,927</u>
25	<u>Immunization and Vaccines for Children</u>	<u>102,468,748</u>
26	<u>Low Income Household Water Assistance Program</u>	<u>17,105,002</u>
27	<u>Child Care and Development Block Grant</u>	<u>502,777,789</u>
28	<u>Pandemic Emergency Assistance</u>	<u>16,782,875</u>
29	<u>Mental Health Block Grant</u>	<u>41,535,246</u>
30	<u>Substance Abuse Block Grant</u>	<u>36,420,651</u>
31	<u>FTA Nonurbanized Area</u>	<u>13,833,386</u>
32	<u>FTA Rural Transit Assistance Program</u>	<u>209,718</u>
33	<u>FTA Intercity Bus Formula</u>	<u>4,183,036</u>
34	<u>Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities—State</u>	<u>781,873</u>
35	<u>Crisis Response Workforce</u>	<u>62,340,758</u>
36	<u>Disease Intervention Workforce</u>	<u>27,361,745</u>
37	<u>Public Health Laboratory Preparedness</u>	<u>142,473</u>
38	<u>Family Violence Prevention and Services</u>	<u>3,691,782</u>
39	Total Estimated Funding	\$6,400,545,070 <u>\$7,786,190,283</u>

~~"SECTION 3.2.(b) The final amount of federal funds awarded for the following programs are not yet known but are hereby appropriated in the same manner as provided in subsection (a) of this section: (i) State Veterans Home Construction Grants, (ii) Family Violence Prevention and Services, (iii) Payments to State Veterans Homes, and (iv) Elder Justice—Adult Protective Services."~~

SECTION 4.8.(b) Section 1.2 of S.L. 2021-25 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 1.2. In addition to any report required under this act or any other law, each State agency or department that receives federal grant funds under Section 3.2 of this act shall submit a quarterly report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations to the Senate Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division beginning on July 15, 2021, detailing the use of funds. The report required from each State agency or department that receives federal grant funds under Section 3.2 of this

1 ~~act shall include the amount of funds granted, the source of the funds, how the funds were used~~
2 ~~during the quarter, and the amount of funds that remained unspent at the end of the quarterly~~
3 ~~reporting period. The quarterly report required under this section shall end upon submission of~~
4 ~~the final report from each State agency or department, which shall be no later than 90 days from~~
5 ~~the date the grant period ends for the relevant funds. a copy of any report required to be submitted~~
6 ~~to the federal government with respect to the funds within five days of the date the federal report~~
7 ~~is due."~~

8 **SECTION 4.8.(c)** Nothing in this act or the Committee Report described in Section
9 43.2 of this act shall be construed as appropriating the funds set forth in Section 3.2 of S.L.
10 2021-25, as amended by this section, in excess of the amounts provided in the notification of
11 award from the federal government or any entity acting on behalf of the federal government to
12 administer the federal funds.

13 **GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FUNDING**

14 **SECTION 4.9.(a)** Applicability. – Except as otherwise provided in this act,
15 provisions funded in this act by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, are subject
16 to the provisions of this section.

17 **SECTION 4.9.(b)** Definitions. – The definitions in S.L. 2021-25 and the following
18 definitions apply in this act:

- 19 (1) American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA. – The American Rescue Plan Act of
20 2021, as defined in S.L. 2021-25.
- 21 (2) State Fiscal Recovery Fund. – As established in Section 2.2 of S.L. 2021-25.
- 22 (3) State Fiscal Recovery Reserve. – As established in Section 2.1 of S.L.
23 2021-25.

24 **SECTION 4.9.(c)** Conflict. – If an allocation made under this act of State Fiscal
25 Recovery Fund funds is found to be disallowed by federal law, the disallowed allocation is
26 repealed and the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) shall transfer the amount of
27 the disallowed allocation to the State Fiscal Recovery Reserve. If the funds have been allocated
28 to a nonprofit corporation, and the use of funds by the nonprofit corporation is disallowed by
29 federal law, the nonprofit corporation shall return the amount of funds allocated to the nonprofit
30 corporation to OSBM to transfer the disallowed, repealed allocation, as provided in this section.
31 Amounts transferred into the State Fiscal Recovery Reserve pursuant to this section are receipts
32 that do not constitute an "appropriation made by law," as that phrase is used in Section 7(1) of
33 Article V of the North Carolina Constitution.

34 OSBM shall report on any allocation disallowed under this section to the Senate
35 Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Fiscal
36 Research Division no later than 15 days following the disallowance. The report shall note the
37 amount disallowed, the intended recipient of the disallowed allocation, and the specific basis on
38 which the determination of disallowance was made.

39 **SECTION 4.9.(d)** Guidance. – OSBM shall work with the recipient State agencies
40 to budget receipts awarded pursuant to ARPA to allow for the tracking of such funds through
41 either separate accounts or fund codes according to the program needs and within the parameters
42 of the respective granting entities and applicable federal laws and regulations. State agencies
43 shall not use funds received pursuant to ARPA for recurring purposes. Depending on the nature
44 of the award, additional State personnel may be employed on a temporary or time-limited basis.

45 **SECTION 4.9.(e)** Disbursement. – OSBM shall allocate State Fiscal Recovery Fund
46 funds to State agencies and departments upon justification from the agency or department and
47 only as needed to implement the provisions of this act. State Fiscal Recovery Fund funds shall
48 be allocated to nonprofit organizations on a quarterly basis unless OSBM determines that cash
49 flow or the nature of the program being funded requires otherwise.
50

1 **SECTION 4.9.(f)** Interest. – All interest earned on funds held in the State Fiscal
2 Recovery Fund shall be transferred to the State Fiscal Recovery Reserve.

3 **SECTION 4.9.(g)** Administration. – A State agency may, of the ARPA funds
4 allocated for a particular purpose or purposes by a provision of this act, use up to the lesser of (i)
5 the amount allowed by federal law or guidance or (ii) ten percent (10%) of the ARPA funds
6 allocated for administrative expenses related to administration of the provision.

7 **SECTION 4.9.(h)** Accounting. – A State agency receiving State Fiscal Recovery
8 Fund funds shall track such funds separately from other funds by use of either separate accounts
9 or fund codes.

10 **SECTION 4.9.(i)** Reports. – In addition to any report required under this act or any
11 other law, OSBM shall provide a quarterly report to the Senate Committee on
12 Appropriations/Base Budget, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Fiscal Research
13 Division, beginning October 15, 2021, detailing the use of State Fiscal Recovery Fund funds
14 allocated under this act. The report required from OSBM under this section shall include, for the
15 preceding quarter, the amount of funds disbursed to each State agency, State department, and
16 nonprofit organization; the amount of funds remaining to be disbursed to each State agency, State
17 Department, and nonprofit organization; and how the funds were used by each State agency,
18 State department, and nonprofit organization.

19 **SECTION 4.9.(j)** Audit. – The State Auditor shall conduct biennial preliminary
20 financial audits and a final performance audit of the State Fiscal Recovery Fund no later than 90
21 days following the latest date on which expenditures may be made under applicable federal law
22 or guidance.

23 **SECTION 4.9.(k)** Reversion. – The funds appropriated in this act from the State
24 Fiscal Recovery Fund shall not revert at the end of each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal
25 biennium but shall remain available to expend until the date set by applicable federal law or
26 guidance.

27 28 **TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM STATE FISCAL RECOVERY RESERVE TO STATE** 29 **FISCAL RECOVERY FUND**

30 **SECTION 4.10.** The State Controller shall transfer the sum of four billion eight
31 hundred fifty-eight million one hundred forty-four thousand four hundred forty dollars
32 (\$4,858,144,440) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year from the State Fiscal Recovery Reserve to the
33 State Fiscal Recovery Fund. Subject to the condition set forth in Section 4.11 of this act, the State
34 Controller shall transfer the sum of three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) for the
35 2022-2023 fiscal year from the State Fiscal Recovery Reserve to the State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

36 37 **STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND/CONDITIONAL FUNDING TO DOT**

38 **SECTION 4.11.** Notwithstanding any provision of this act, or the Committee Report
39 described in Section 43.2 of this act, to the contrary, the Office of State Budget and Management
40 shall not transfer the sum of three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) in nonrecurring funds
41 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year appropriated from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the
42 Department of Transportation if the United States Congress enacts legislation during the
43 2021-2022 State fiscal year appropriating funds, in addition to any federal funds appropriated in
44 this act, for infrastructure that provides a minimum of three hundred million dollars
45 (\$300,000,000) to the State for costs related to improving or repairing transportation
46 infrastructure.

47 48 **TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS RESERVE TO** 49 **CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

50 **SECTION 4.12.** The State Controller shall transfer the sum of two hundred
51 seventy-seven million sixty thousand eight hundred fifty-five dollars (\$277,060,855) for the

1 2021-2022 fiscal year from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Reserve, established in Section 2.3
2 of S.L. 2021-25, to the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, established in Section 2.4 of S.L.
3 2021-25.

4 5 **PART V. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

6 7 **ESTABLISHING OR INCREASING FEES**

8 **SECTION 5.1.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 12-3.1, an agency is not required to consult
9 with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to establishing or
10 increasing a fee to the level authorized or anticipated in this act.

11 **SECTION 5.1.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 150B-21.1A(a), an agency may adopt an
12 emergency rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.1A to establish or increase a fee as authorized
13 by this act if the adoption of a rule would otherwise be required under Article 2A of Chapter
14 150B of the General Statutes.

15 16 **DIRECTED GRANTS TO NON-STATE ENTITIES**

17 **SECTION 5.2.(a)** Definitions. – For purposes of this act and the Committee Report
18 described in Section 43.2 of this act, the following definitions apply:

19 (1) Directed grant. – Nonrecurring funds allocated by a State agency to a
20 non-State entity as directed by an act of the General Assembly.

21 (2) Non-State entity. – As defined in G.S. 143C-1-1.

22 **SECTION 5.2.(b)** Requirements. – Nonrecurring funds appropriated in this act as
23 directed grants are subject to all of the following requirements:

24 (1) Directed grants are subject to the provisions of subsections (b) through (k) of
25 G.S. 143C-6-23.

26 (2) Directed grants of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less may be
27 made in a single annual payment in the discretion of the Director of the
28 Budget. Directed grants of more than one hundred thousand dollars
29 (\$100,000) shall be made in quarterly or monthly payments in the discretion
30 of the Director of the Budget. A State agency administering a directed grant
31 shall begin disbursement of funds to a non-State entity that meets all
32 applicable requirements as soon as practicable, but no later than 100 days after
33 the date this act becomes law.

34 (3) Beginning on the first day of a quarter following the deadline provided in
35 subdivision (2) of this subsection and quarterly thereafter, State agencies
36 administering directed grants shall report to the Fiscal Research Division on
37 the status of funds disbursed for each directed grant until all funds are fully
38 disbursed. At a minimum, the report required under this subdivision shall
39 include updates on (i) the date of the initial contact, (ii) the date the contract
40 was sent to the entity receiving the funds, (iii) the date the disbursing agency
41 received the fully executed contract back from the entity, (iv) the contract
42 execution date, and (v) the payment date.

43 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of G.S. 143C-1-2(b) to the contrary,
44 nonrecurring funds appropriated in this act as directed grants shall not revert
45 until June 30, 2023.

46 (5) Directed grants to nonprofit organizations are for nonsectarian, nonreligious
47 purposes only.

48 **SECTION 5.2.(c)** This section expires on June 30, 2023.

49 50 **CAP STATE FUNDED PORTION OF NONPROFIT SALARIES**

1 **SECTION 5.3.** No more than one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) in
2 State funds, including any interest earnings accruing from those funds, may be used for the annual
3 salary of any individual employee of a nonprofit organization.
4

5 **STATUTORY CONTINUING RESOLUTION/REVISE REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

6 **SECTION 5.4.(a)** G.S. 143C-5-4(b)(9), as amended by Section 4.3 of S.L. 2021-25,
7 reads as rewritten:

8 "(9) Grant funds. – Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-4, State agencies may, with
9 approval of the Director of the Budget, spend funds received from grants
10 awarded during the current fiscal year that are for less than two million five
11 hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000), do not require State matching funds,
12 and will not be used for a capital project. State agencies shall report to the
13 Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental ~~Operations~~Operations, the
14 chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget, the chairs of
15 the House Appropriations Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division
16 within 30 days of receipt of such funds. State agencies may spend up to the
17 greater of one percent (1%) or ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of the total
18 amount of grants awarded during the current fiscal year to respond to an
19 emergency with the approval of the Director of the Budget. State agencies
20 shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental ~~Operations~~
21 Operations, the chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations/Base
22 Budget, the chairs of the House Appropriations Committee, and the Fiscal
23 Research Division within 30 days of receipt of such funds, including
24 specifying the total amount of grants awarded to respond to the emergency.
25 State agencies may spend all other funds from grants awarded during the
26 current fiscal year only with approval of the Director of the Budget and after
27 consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
28 Operations. The Office of State Budget and Management shall work with the
29 recipient State agencies to budget grant awards according to the annual
30 program needs and within the parameters of the respective granting entities.
31 Depending on the nature of the award, additional State personnel may be
32 employed on a time-limited basis. Funds received from such grants are hereby
33 appropriated up to the applicable allowable amount set forth in this
34 subdivision and shall be incorporated into the authorized budget of the
35 recipient State agency. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, no
36 State agency may accept a grant if acceptance of the grant would obligate the
37 State to make future expenditures relating to the program receiving the grant
38 or would otherwise result in a financial obligation as a consequence of
39 accepting the grant funds. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to
40 prohibit or limit expenditures that are authorized under subdivision (1) of this
41 subsection. For purposes of this subdivision, the term (i) "emergency" is as
42 defined in G.S. 166A-19.3 and (ii) "grant" means funds received from a grant
43 that was not included in the base budget for the fiscal year in which the grant
44 was awarded."

45 **SECTION 5.4.(b)** This section becomes effective June 30, 2021, and applies
46 beginning with the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
47

48 **REVISIONS TO BASE BUDGET DEFINITION AND RECOMMENDED STATE**
49 **BUDGET**

50 **SECTION 5.5.(a)** G.S. 143C-1-1(d)(1c) reads as rewritten:

- 1 "(1c) Base Budget. – That part of the recommended State budget that provides the
2 baseline for the next biennium. The base budget for each State agency shall
3 be the authorized budget for that agency with adjustments only for the
4 following:
5 a. Annualization of programs and positions.
6 b. Reductions to adjust for items funded with nonrecurring funds during
7 the prior fiscal biennium.
8 c. Increases to adjust for nonrecurring reductions during the prior fiscal
9 biennium.
10 d. Adjustments for federal payroll tax changes.
11 e. Rate increases in accordance with the terms of existing leases of real
12 property.
13 f. Adjustments to receipt projections, made in accordance with
14 G.S. 143C-3-5(b)(2)c.
15 g. Reconciliation of intragovernmental and intergovernmental
16 ~~transfers-transfers that require no net General Fund increase.~~
17 h. Adjustments for statutory appropriations and other adjustments as
18 directed by the General Assembly.
19 i. Reconciliation of salary-related employer contributions, longevity,
20 and special separation allowance under Article 12D of Chapter 143 of
21 the General Statutes."

22 **SECTION 5.5.(b)** G.S. 143C-3-5 reads as rewritten:

23 "**§ 143C-3-5. Budget recommendations and budget message.**

24 ...

25 (b) Odd-Numbered Years. – In odd-numbered years the budget recommendations shall
26 include the following components:

- 27 (1) A Recommended State Budget setting forth goals for improving the State with
28 recommended expenditure requirements, funding sources, and performance
29 information for each State government program and for each proposed capital
30 improvement. The Recommended State Budget may be presented in a format
31 chosen by the Director, except that the Recommended State Budget shall
32 clearly distinguish program base budget requirements, program reductions,
33 program eliminations, changes in program fund sources, program expansions,
34 and new programs, and shall explain all proposed capital improvements in the
35 context of the Six-Year Capital Improvements Plan and as required by
36 G.S. 143C-8-6.

- 37 (1a) The Governor's Recommended State Budget shall include a base budget,
38 which shall be presented pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection.

- 39 (2) A Recommended Base Budget showing, for each budget code and purpose or
40 program in State government, accounting detail corresponding to the
41 Recommended State Budget.

42 ...

- 43 c. The Recommended Base Budget shall include accurate projections of
44 receipts, expenditures, and fund balances. Estimated receipts,
45 including tuition collected by university or community college
46 institutions, shall be adjusted to reflect actual collections from the
47 previous fiscal year, unless the Director recommends a change that
48 will result in collections in the budget year that differ from prior year
49 actuals, or the Director otherwise determines there is a more
50 reasonable basis upon which to accurately project receipts. If receipts
51 are projected to decrease, the corresponding expenditure shall be

1 decreased in a like amount. Revenue and expenditure detail provided
 2 in the Budget Support Document shall be no less detailed than the
 3 two-digit level in the North Carolina Accounting System Uniform
 4 Chart of Accounts as prescribed by the State Controller.

5 ...

6 (c) Even-Numbered Years. – In even-numbered years, the Governor may recommend
 7 changes in the enacted budget for the second year of the biennium. These recommendations shall
 8 be presented as amendments to the enacted budget and shall be incorporated in a recommended
 9 Current Operations Appropriations Act. Any recommended changes shall clearly distinguish
 10 program reductions, program eliminations, changes in program fund sources, program
 11 expansions, and new programs, and shall explain all proposed capital improvements in the
 12 context of the Six-Year Capital Improvements Plan and as required by G.S. 143C-8-6. The
 13 Governor shall provide sufficient supporting documentation and accounting detail, consistent
 14 with that required by ~~G.S. 143C-3-5(b),~~ subsection (b) of this section, corresponding to the
 15 recommended amendments to the enacted budget.

16"

17 **SECTION 5.5.(c)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2021, and applies
 18 beginning with the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

19 SAVINGS RESERVE CLARIFICATION

20 **SECTION 5.6.** G.S. 143C-4-2 reads as rewritten:

21 "**§ 143C-4-2. Savings Reserve.**

22 ...

23 (d) Savings Reserve Requirement. – Each Current Operations Appropriations Act
 24 enacted by the General Assembly shall include a transfer to the Savings Reserve of the lesser of
 25 (i) fifteen percent (15%) of each fiscal year's estimated growth in State tax revenues that are
 26 deposited in the General Fund, except that if that transfer Fund or (ii) the amount that would
 27 cause the balance of the Reserve to exceed reach the recommended Savings Reserve balance
 28 developed pursuant to subsection (f) of this section then the amount transferred pursuant to this
 29 subsection shall be reduced accordingly. section.

30 (e) ~~Actual Transfer~~ Transfers of Funds to Savings Reserve. – Each fiscal year, the Office
 31 of State Controller shall transfer to the Savings Reserve the ~~estimated growth amount required~~
 32 ~~by amount included for transfer pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.~~ If the actual growth in
 33 State tax revenues is higher than the estimated growth used for purposes of subsection (d) of this
 34 section, the Office of State Controller shall adjust the amount of the additionally transfer to the
 35 Savings Reserve the amount necessary to achieve an amount equivalent to increase the total
 36 transfer under this subsection to fifteen percent (15%) of the actual growth.

37"

38 STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND/SPECIFY AMOUNTS 39 TRANSFERRED TO FUND

40 **SECTION 5.7.(a)** G.S. 143C-4-3.1 reads as rewritten:

41 "**§ 143C-4-3.1. State Capital and Infrastructure Fund.**

42 ...

43 (b) Creation and Source of Funds. – ~~There is established in the General Fund the The~~
 44 ~~State Capital and Infrastructure Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "Fund." The Fund shall be~~
 45 ~~maintained Fund (the Fund) is established as a special fund and in the General Fund to be~~
 46 administered by the Office of State Budget and Management to carry out the provisions of this
 47 section. With the exception of debt service obligations, appropriations from the Fund may be
 48 administered by other State agencies as deemed necessary by the Office of State Budget and
 49 Management. Interest ~~accruing from the~~ and investment earnings received on monies in the Fund
 50
 51

1 shall be credited to the Fund. The Fund shall consist of the following sources—of
2 ~~funding; additional sources:~~

3 (1) ~~One fourth of any unreserved fund~~ From the unreserved fund balance, the
4 lesser of (i) the sum of three hundred fifty million dollars (\$350,000,000) or
5 (ii) the amount of the balance, as determined on a cash basis, remaining in the
6 General Fund at the end of each fiscal year.

7 (2) ~~Four percent (4%) of the net State tax revenues that are deposited in the~~
8 ~~General Fund during the fiscal year.~~ The sum of nine hundred fifty million
9 dollars (\$950,000,000) transferred from the General Fund at the beginning of
10 the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Each fiscal year thereafter, the transfer shall be
11 increased three and one-half percent (3.5%) over the amount required under
12 this subdivision for the preceding fiscal year.

13 (3) ~~All~~ Unless otherwise specified, monies appropriated by the General Assembly
14 for the purposes of General Fund capital improvements, as defined in
15 G.S. 143C-1-1(d).

16 (4) ~~All interest and investment earnings received on monies in the Fund.~~

17 (5) ~~Any other funds, as directed by the General Assembly.~~

18 (c) ~~Funding Requirements.—Administration. — Each Current Operations Appropriations~~
19 ~~Act enacted by the General Assembly shall include (i) a transfer to the Fund of four percent (4%)~~
20 ~~of each fiscal year's estimated net State tax revenues that are deposited in the General Fund and~~
21 ~~(ii) one fourth of the General Fund unreserved fund balance, as determined on a cash basis, at~~
22 ~~the end of each fiscal year.~~

23 (d) ~~Transfer of Funds to the Fund.— Each the amounts required under subdivisions (1)~~
24 ~~and (2) of subsection (b) of this section. Each fiscal year, the Office of State Controller shall~~
25 ~~transfer to the Fund the estimated amounts required pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.~~
26 ~~Each fiscal year, the Office of State Controller shall transfer to the Fund one fourth of the General~~
27 ~~Fund unreserved fund balance, as determined on a cash basis, at the end of the fiscal year.~~ this
28 subsection.

29 "...."

30 **SECTION 5.7.(b)** This section becomes effective June 30, 2021.

31 32 **UNC CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS/PROHIBIT CHARGING INDIRECT** 33 **FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS**

34 **SECTION 5.8.** Constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina shall
35 not charge State agencies for indirect facilities and administrative costs. For purposes of this
36 section, the term "State agency" is as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1.
37

38 **PART VI. COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

39 40 **CC ECONOMIC IMPACTS/STUDY/GRANT FOR TARGETED PROGRAMS**

41 **SECTION 6.1.(a)** Economic Impact Study. — Of the funds appropriated by this act
42 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to the Community Colleges System Office to be allocated to the
43 Center for Applied Research (CFAR) at Central Piedmont Community College, CFAR shall
44 partner with the System Office, the North Carolina Association of Community College
45 Presidents, and the Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research at North
46 Carolina State University (Belk Center) to provide for studies of the overall regional economic
47 impacts of community colleges in the State. Upon the matching funds being made available in
48 accordance with subsection (c) of this section, CFAR shall use the sum of seven hundred fifty
49 thousand dollars (\$750,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to contract with
50 Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI), an affiliate of the Strata Education
51 Network, to conduct the studies required by this section.

1 **SECTION 6.1.(b)** Components of the Studies. – In conducting the studies, EMSI
2 shall evaluate labor dynamics within the State and the impact community colleges have on
3 students and businesses within certain regions and the resulting return on investment (ROI) for
4 taxpayers. EMSI shall also conduct an analysis of high-demand programs in regional areas of the
5 State, such as nursing, teacher education, and information technology. EMSI shall evaluate the
6 ROI and the success of those programs in improving career opportunities for students as well as
7 their impact on the labor market. As part of its analysis, EMSI shall focus on potential areas for
8 increased investment or targeted support by the State and recommendations for future growth.
9 CFAR, the System Office, the NC Association of Community College Presidents, and the Belk
10 Center shall provide EMSI any data or assistance necessary to conduct the studies required by
11 this section.

12 **SECTION 6.1.(c)** Matching Funds. – Funds made available to CFAR pursuant to
13 this section shall be matched on the basis of one dollar (\$1.00) in funds from the John M. Belk
14 Endowment for every one dollar (\$1.00) in State funds.

15 **SECTION 6.1.(d)** Report. – By February 15, 2022, CFAR, the System Office, the
16 NC Association of Community College Presidents, and the Belk Center shall report to the Joint
17 Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the results of the studies and the
18 recommendations from the studies on areas with the greatest economic impacts for the State that
19 warrant further expansion and focus to increase the success of students and to meet workforce
20 and industry demands.

21 **SECTION 6.1.(e)** Grant Program Established. – Based on the results and the
22 recommendations from the report required under subsection (d) of this section, the State Board
23 of Community Colleges shall establish an application process for a grant program for the
24 2022-2023 fiscal year for community colleges to apply for grant funds to expand and target
25 efforts in specific program areas that are proven to have greater economic impacts in regions of
26 the State. The State Board shall prioritize award of the grant funds based on the findings of the
27 studies required by this section and the potential for those programs to have the greatest impact
28 on a geographical region or region of economic development.

30 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAMS SERVING IDD STUDENTS**

31 **SECTION 6.2.(a)** The State Board of Community Colleges shall establish a
32 two-year pilot program at two community college campuses for training programs that provide
33 opportunities for a micro-credential or other credentials that lead to increased employment
34 outcomes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The pilot
35 program shall offer training and educational components that include improving employability
36 skills and provide on-the-job training and apprenticeships with business and industry for
37 individuals with IDD. The goal of the pilot program shall be to inform community colleges and
38 address cross-departmental supports within the individual community colleges on programs for
39 individuals with IDD related to at least the following:

- 40 (1) Establishing best practices for providing vocational training for individuals
41 with IDD.
- 42 (2) Providing financial and benefits counseling.
- 43 (3) Developing strategies on integrating assistive technology.
- 44 (4) Maximizing access, with supports, to credential and degree programs,
45 including micro-credentials that are established by the State Board.
- 46 (5) Identifying methods to increase orientation and integration of individuals with
47 IDD into the college community to the greatest extent possible.
- 48 (6) Determining a needs assessment, marketing, and evaluation to serve a broad
49 array of individuals with developmental and other similar disabilities or
50 learning challenges to assure adequate demand for new or existing programs.

1 **SECTION 6.2.(b)** Of the funds appropriated by this act to the Community Colleges
2 System Office to support increasing program offerings for individuals with IDD, the System
3 Office shall also add a time-limited position for program support, provide professional
4 development training for college advising staff to assist students with IDD for career pathway
5 exploration and the identification of credentials leading to competitive employment, and explore
6 funding sources to sustain programs for students with IDD.

7 **SECTION 6.2.(c)** Beginning February 1, 2022, the Community Colleges System
8 Office shall report each fiscal year on the funds appropriated to the System Office for the
9 purposes of this section to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the results of
10 the pilot program, the use of the time-limited position, professional development training for
11 staff, and funding sources identified for individuals with IDD to build programs at community
12 colleges that support postsecondary trainings and certifications that enable individuals with IDD
13 to engage in competitive, sustainable employment.

14 15 **CC JOINT PROGRAM ENROLLMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

16 **SECTION 6.3.(a)** G.S. 115D-5(x) reads as rewritten:

17 "(x) In addition to the evaluation of cooperative innovative high schools by the State Board
18 of Education pursuant to G.S. 115C-238.55, the State Board of Community Colleges, in
19 conjunction with the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors of The University of
20 North Carolina, shall evaluate the success of students participating in the Career and College
21 Promise Program, including the College Transfer pathway and the Career and Technical
22 Education pathway. Success shall be measured by high school retention rates, high school
23 completion rates, high school dropout rates, certification and associate degree completion,
24 admission to four-year institutions, postgraduation employment in career or study-related fields,
25 and employer satisfaction of employees who participated in the programs. The evaluation shall
26 also include an analysis of the cost of students participating in each of the programs within the
27 Career and College Promise Program, including at least the following:

- 28 (1) Total enrollment funding, the number of budgeted full-time equivalent
29 students, and the number of students enrolled in courses through cooperative
30 innovative high schools, the College Transfer pathway, and the Career and
31 Technical Education pathway.
- 32 (2) The cost and number of waivers of tuition and registration fees provided for
33 students enrolled in courses through cooperative innovative high schools, the
34 College Transfer pathway, and the Career and Technical Education pathway.
- 35 (3) Any additional costs of a student attending courses on campus if a student is
36 not attending public school in a local school administrative unit for the
37 majority of the student's instructional time.

38 The Boards shall jointly report by March 15 of each year to the Joint Legislative Education
39 Oversight ~~Committee~~ Committee and the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly.
40 The report shall be combined with the evaluation of cooperative innovative high schools required
41 by G.S. 115C-238.55, and the Community Colleges System Office shall be responsible for
42 submitting the combined ~~report to the Committee report.~~

43 **SECTION 6.3.(b)** G.S. 115C-238.55 reads as rewritten:

44 "**§ 115C-238.55. Evaluation of cooperative innovative high schools.**

45 The State Board of Education and the governing Boards shall evaluate the success of students
46 in cooperative innovative high schools approved under this Part. Success shall be measured by
47 high school retention rates, high school completion rates, high school dropout rates, certification
48 and associate degree completion, admission to four-year institutions, postgraduation employment
49 in career or study-related fields, and employer satisfaction of employees who participated in and
50 graduated from the schools. The Boards shall jointly report by March 15 of each year to the Joint
51 Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division of the General

1 Assembly on the evaluation of these schools. The report shall be combined with the evaluation
2 of and analysis of cost of students participating in the Career and College Promise Program
3 required by G.S. 115D-5(x), and the Community Colleges System Office shall be responsible for
4 submitting the combined report to the Committee report."

5 **SECTION 6.3.(c)** This section applies beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year.

7 **CC CHILDCARE GRANT PROGRAM/REPORT**

8 **SECTION 6.4.** Article 3 of Chapter 115D of the General Statutes is amended by
9 adding a new section to read:

10 **"§ 115D-40.5. Annual report on NC Community College Childcare Grant Program.**

11 Beginning September 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the Community Colleges System
12 Office shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the administration
13 of the North Carolina Community College Childcare Grant Program for the prior fiscal year. The
14 report shall include at least the following information by each community college:

- 15 (1) The number of applications received for grants from the program.
- 16 (2) The amount of grant funds requested from the program.
- 17 (3) The number of applications approved.
- 18 (4) The total amount of grant funds awarded.
- 19 (5) The range of the dollar amount of grant awards to individuals for child care
20 expenses.
- 21 (6) The types of child care utilized by students with grant funds, including
22 before-school and after-school services."

24 **CAREER ACADEMIES FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS**

25 **SECTION 6.5.(a)** Program Established. – There is established a two-year pilot
26 program between Cape Fear Community College (CFCC), New Hanover County Schools, and
27 Pender County Schools to meet the needs of underserved students in seventh through ninth grade
28 through an opportunity for extended time on CFCC's campus in various career and technical
29 education programs. The goals of the program shall include (i) exposing students from
30 underperforming schools and underserved populations to career training opportunities available
31 at CFCC, (ii) guiding students toward successful career outcomes, (iii) providing support services
32 to students, including academic tutoring, academic counseling, personal mentoring, and financial
33 support through financial aid and scholarships, and (iv) increasing graduation and postsecondary
34 outcomes for these students.

35 **SECTION 6.5.(b)** Components of the Program. – CFCC, New Hanover County
36 Schools, and Pender County Schools shall offer a summer career academy program to at-risk
37 students from each local school administrative unit for a total of up to 300 students in seventh
38 through ninth grade. The career academy program shall introduce students to life on a college
39 campus with the goal of creating a familiarity with and positive experience in the postsecondary
40 environment. Students shall visit two career and technical education programs per day for five
41 consecutive days for two consecutive weeks in different subject areas, such as welding, marine
42 technology and boat building, electrical, culinary, medical assisting, public safety, arts,
43 veterinary assisting, and chemical technology. The career academy program shall include
44 speakers and support for financial aid and scholarship opportunities and an introduction to the
45 Career and College Promise Program.

46 CFCC shall also hire career liaisons in time-limited positions for placement in certain
47 middle schools in New Hanover County Schools and Pender County Schools to support at-risk
48 students. The goal of adding career liaisons to the schools shall be to provide students with
49 exposure to career and technical education opportunities that otherwise would not be available
50 to them.

1 **SECTION 6.5.(c)** Report. – CFCC, in collaboration with New Hanover County
2 Schools and Pender County Schools, shall submit an initial report by October 1, 2022, and a final
3 report by October 1, 2023, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the results
4 of the pilot program and the placement of the career liaisons in schools to support at-risk students,
5 including the number of students who enrolled in Career and College Promise Program pathways
6 following completion of the career academy program and other relevant student outcome data
7 for at-risk students.

8
9 **NC COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHORT-TERM WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**
10 **GRANTS**

11 **SECTION 6.6.(a)** Program Established. – There is established the North Carolina
12 Community College Short-Term Workforce Development Grant Program (Program) to be
13 administered by the State Board of Community Colleges. The State Board shall adopt rules for
14 the disbursement of the grants pursuant to this section.

15 **SECTION 6.6.(b)** Programs of Study. – The State Board of Community Colleges,
16 in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, shall determine the eligible programs of
17 study for the Program, according to the occupations that are in the highest demand in the State.
18 The eligible programs of study shall include programs such as architecture and construction,
19 health sciences, information technology, electrical line worker, and manufacturing programs, and
20 may include other programs to meet local workforce needs.

21 **SECTION 6.6.(c)** Award Amounts. – Within the funds appropriated by this act for
22 the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to the Community Colleges System Office for the Program, the
23 State Board of Community Colleges shall award grants in an amount of up to seven hundred fifty
24 dollars (\$750.00) to students pursuing short-term, noncredit State and industry workforce
25 credentials. The State Board of Community Colleges shall establish criteria for initial and
26 continuing eligibility for students. At a minimum, students shall be required to qualify as a
27 resident for tuition purposes under the criteria set forth in G.S. 116-143.1 and in accordance with
28 the coordinated and centralized residency determination process administered by the State
29 Education Assistance Authority.

30 **SECTION 6.6.(d)** Report. – The State Board shall submit an initial report by April
31 1, 2022, and a final report by April 1, 2023, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight
32 Committee. The report shall contain, for each academic year and by programs of study, the
33 amount of grant funds disbursed and the number of eligible students receiving funds.

34
35 **HIGH-COST WORKFORCE PROGRAMS START-UP FUNDS**

36 **SECTION 6.7.(a)** Establishment of the Fund. – Of the funds appropriated to the
37 Community Colleges System Office by this act for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the System Office
38 shall establish the Fund for High-Cost Workforce Programs (Fund). Any unexpended funds
39 remaining in the Fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund but shall
40 remain available for the purposes set forth in this section. The Fund shall be used to assist
41 community colleges in starting new programs in high-demand career fields that require
42 significant start-up funds. Only Tier 1A and Tier 1B programs offered at community colleges
43 shall be eligible for the award of funds. The System Office shall establish an application process
44 for community colleges to apply for awards from the Fund no later than the beginning of the
45 2022-2023 fiscal year. To be eligible to receive funds, colleges shall submit to the System Office
46 a completed application, which shall include at least the following information:

- 47 (1) A description of the proposed new program requiring start-up funds.
- 48 (2) Documentation of industry demand for the program or documentation of
49 future local, regional, or statewide employment needs that will be met by the
50 program.

1 (3) Total cash cost to start the program and maintain the program over two fiscal
2 years.

3 (4) A plan for the fiscal sustainability of the new program.

4 **SECTION 6.7.(b)** Limitation on the Use of Funds. – A community college may only
5 apply for the award of funds to support one new program in each fiscal year. Funds shall remain
6 available to the community college for a period of two fiscal years. The award of funds to a
7 community college from the Fund shall not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

8 **SECTION 6.7.(c)** Matching Funds. – A community college shall be required to
9 match a percentage of the total cash cost of the program with non-State funds, based on a college's
10 total full-time equivalents (FTE) according to the following:

11 (1) Community colleges with a total FTE of greater than 6,500 shall be required
12 to match fifteen percent (15%) of the cost.

13 (2) Community colleges with a total FTE between 2,500 and 6,500 shall be
14 required to match ten percent (10%) of the cost.

15 (3) Community colleges with a total FTE below 2,500 shall be required to match
16 five percent (5%) of the cost.

17 **SECTION 6.7.(d)** Administration. – The System Office may adopt any regulations,
18 policies, or procedures regarding the application process, use of funds, eligibility requirements,
19 and any other rules necessary related to the administration of the Fund. The System Office may
20 use up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each fiscal year for administrative costs for
21 establishing and implementing the program.

22 **SECTION 6.7.(e)** Report. – The System Office shall submit an initial report to the
23 Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by March 1, 2023, and an annual report
24 thereafter for each year the System Office provides funds to community colleges from the Fund
25 on the programs receiving the funds, which shall include at least the following information:

26 (1) The community colleges that received funds, the amount of funds, and the
27 types of programs started.

28 (2) The use of funds by community colleges receiving awards, including costs
29 associated with student instruction, faculty salaries, instructional supplies,
30 related instructional equipment, and accreditation costs.

31 (3) Evaluation of the success of the new community college programs receiving
32 funds.

33 **RISE UP TRAINING AND CREDENTIALING PROGRAM/CIHS**

34 **SECTION 6.8.(a)** The Community Colleges System Office shall partner with the
35 North Carolina Retail Merchants Association and the Retail Consumer Alliance Foundation to
36 implement the RISE Up credentialing program for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to teach
37 foundational skills to students attending cooperative innovative high schools for career success
38 in the retail industry, customer service, and sales, including inventory management and
39 profitability, as well as supply chain warehouse, inventory, and logistics. The RISE Up
40 credentialing program provides for all of the following: (i) opportunities for the industry to share
41 the skills valued in job candidates and employees, (ii) valuable skills needed in any industry,
42 particularly customer service, sales, and skills to run a business, (iii) job readiness skills, such as
43 resume preparation, interviewing strategies, professionalism in the workplace, and soft skills,
44 including listening and problem solving, (iv) an understanding of the retail industry and its wide
45 variety of jobs, and (v) preparation for students for the nearly 130,000 retail establishments and
46 more than 1,000,000 retail jobs in North Carolina.

47 **SECTION 6.8.(b)** The RISE Up credentialing program shall be offered to students
48 at cooperative innovative high schools through each partner community college with the
49 opportunity for up to four different levels of the RISE Up credentials that include the following:

50 (1) Retail Industry Fundamentals.
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- 1 (2) Customer Service & Sales.
- 2 (3) Operations and Profit.
- 3 (4) Supply Chain: Warehouse, Inventory, & Logistics.

4 **SECTION 6.8.(c)** The System Office, in collaboration with the North Carolina Retail
5 Merchants Association and the Retail Consumer Alliance Foundation, shall submit an initial
6 report by October 1, 2022, and a final report by October 1, 2023, to the Joint Legislative
7 Education Oversight Committee on the results of implementing the RISE Up credentialing
8 programs at partner community colleges for students at cooperative innovative high schools,
9 including the number of students who received credentials, by type of credential, and student
10 outcomes related to the credentialing, such as subsequent internships or job placements.

11 12 **WORK-BASED LEARNING/CENTRAL PIEDMONT CC**

13 **SECTION 6.9.(a)** Of the funds appropriated by this act for the 2021-2023 fiscal
14 biennium to the Community Colleges System Office to be allocated to Central Piedmont
15 Community College (CPCC), CPCC shall provide the funds each fiscal year to cover the cost of
16 tuition and accident and liability insurance for students enrolled in one- and two-credit
17 work-based learning (WBL) courses. CPCC shall develop and implement a plan to (i) build WBL
18 into short-term, one-year certificate programs so that students gain hands-on job experience and
19 make connections with employers and (ii) provide opportunities for students to explore a pathway
20 into WBL through the Career and College Promise program to earn a certificate and create
21 transitions as future enrolled community college students for additional certificates or degrees.

22 CPCC shall convene a stakeholder group with representatives from community
23 colleges across the State to generate a framework for the WBL programs that is replicable at
24 other community colleges in a variety of employment areas aligned with local industry and
25 business workforce needs. CPCC may use funds for outreach and marketing for WBL programs
26 and other activities related to stakeholder group recommendations.

27 **SECTION 6.9.(b)** Funds allocated to CPCC for the purposes of this section shall not
28 revert to the General Fund at the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year but shall remain available for
29 expenditure until June 30, 2023.

30 **SECTION 6.9.(c)** CPCC shall submit an initial report by April 1, 2022, and a final
31 report by April 1, 2023, to the Community Colleges System Office and the Joint Legislative
32 Education Oversight Committee on (i) the number of students enrolled in work-based learning
33 courses and the number of students earning certificates, by program of study, (ii) the
34 incorporation of WBL into certificate programs and Career and College Promise pathways, (iii)
35 the findings and recommendations of stakeholder group meetings regarding statewide
36 implementation of WBL programs, and (iv) the use of funds for outreach and marketing or other
37 activities under this section.

38 39 **EXPANSION OF ADULT LEARNER PILOT PROGRAMS**

40 **SECTION 6.10.(a)** Of the funds appropriated by this act to the Community Colleges
41 System Office for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the System Office shall allocate funds to expand
42 five pilot initiatives at community colleges targeting adult learners to return to higher education
43 to gain new skills, advance in the workplace, and fulfill their goals of completing a degree or
44 credential. The pilot programs include the NC Reconnect program and other programs that focus
45 on at least the following categories of adult learners:

- 46 (1) Students who are age 25 years or older.
- 47 (2) Students with varying education levels, including no high school diploma or
48 equivalent or some community college credentials or postsecondary degree.
- 49 (3) Students who have started postsecondary programs but dropped out before
50 completion in the last five years.

1 (4) Nontraditional students, including part-time students, parents, or students with
2 limited scheduling options due to work or other responsibilities.

3 The funds may be used to expand the pilots to other community college campuses and
4 at the existing community college pilot sites for marketing and outreach, as well as for enrollment
5 of students into the programs, particularly for students who have dropped out of postsecondary
6 degree or credential programs prior to completion.

7 **SECTION 6.10.(b)** By March 1, 2024, the System Office shall report to the Joint
8 Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the results of the expansion of the pilot programs,
9 including the number of students enrolled into degree and credential programs, the number of
10 students completing a degree or credentialing program, and legislative recommendations for
11 further expansion and the estimated cost of the programs.

12 13 **LONGLEAF COMMITMENT COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT/MATCHING** 14 **GRANT AND OUTREACH**

15 **SECTION 6.11.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Community Colleges
16 System Office from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the Longleaf Commitment Community
17 College Grant Program (Program), the System Office shall use at least five million dollars
18 (\$5,000,000) for a matching grant program to provide funds to participating community colleges
19 to expand community colleges' outreach and student advising capacity as part of the Program.
20 Up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of the funds appropriated for the Program may be used
21 for a systemwide marketing campaign. The State Education Assistance Authority shall
22 administer the award of grants under the Program to eligible students graduating from high school
23 at the end of the 2021-2022 school year to cover tuition and fees at a community college for up
24 to two years in accordance with Section 8A.5 of this act.

25 26 **PART VII. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

27 28 **FUNDS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

29 **SECTION 7.1.** The State Board of Education shall allocate additional funds for
30 children with disabilities on the basis of four thousand five hundred forty-nine dollars and
31 eighty-eight cents (\$4,549.88) per child for fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Each local
32 school administrative unit shall receive funds for the lesser of (i) all children who are identified
33 as children with disabilities or (ii) twelve and seventy-five hundredths percent (12.75%) of its
34 2021-2022 allocated average daily membership in the local school administrative unit. The dollar
35 amounts allocated under this section for children with disabilities shall also be adjusted in
36 accordance with legislative salary increments, retirement rate adjustments, and health benefit
37 adjustments for personnel who serve children with disabilities.

38 39 **FUNDS FOR ACADEMICALLY GIFTED CHILDREN**

40 **SECTION 7.2.** The State Board of Education shall allocate additional funds for
41 academically or intellectually gifted children on the basis of one thousand three hundred
42 sixty-four dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$1,364.78) per child for fiscal years 2021-2022 and
43 2022-2023. A local school administrative unit shall receive funds for a maximum of four percent
44 (4%) of its 2021-2022 allocated average daily membership, regardless of the number of children
45 identified as academically or intellectually gifted in the unit. The dollar amounts allocated under
46 this section for academically or intellectually gifted children shall also be adjusted in accordance
47 with legislative salary increments, retirement rate adjustments, and health benefit adjustments
48 for personnel who serve academically or intellectually gifted children.

49 50 **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING IN LOW WEALTH COUNTIES**

1 **SECTION 7.3.(a)** Use of Funds for Supplemental Funding. – All funds received
2 pursuant to this section shall be used only (i) to provide instructional positions, instructional
3 support positions, teacher assistant positions, clerical positions, school computer technicians,
4 instructional supplies and equipment, staff development, and textbooks and digital resources and
5 (ii) for salary supplements for instructional personnel and instructional support personnel. Local
6 boards of education are encouraged to use at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds
7 received pursuant to this section to improve the academic performance of children who are
8 performing at Level I or II on either reading or mathematics end-of-grade tests in grades three
9 through eight.

10 **SECTION 7.3.(b)** Definitions. – As used in this section, the following definitions
11 apply:

- 12 (1) Anticipated county property tax revenue availability. – The county-adjusted
13 property tax base multiplied by the effective State average tax rate.
- 14 (2) Anticipated State average revenue availability per student. – The sum of all
15 anticipated total county revenue availability divided by the average daily
16 membership for the State.
- 17 (3) Anticipated total county revenue availability. – The sum of the following:
 - 18 a. Anticipated county property tax revenue availability.
 - 19 b. Local sales and use taxes received by the county that are levied under
20 Chapter 1096 of the 1967 Session Laws or under Subchapter VIII of
21 Chapter 105 of the General Statutes.
 - 22 c. Fines and forfeitures deposited in the county school fund for the most
23 recent year for which data are available.
- 24 (4) Anticipated total county revenue availability per student. – The anticipated
25 total county revenue availability for the county divided by the average daily
26 membership of the county.
- 27 (5) Average daily membership. – Average daily membership as defined in the
28 North Carolina Public Schools Allotment Policy Manual adopted by the State
29 Board of Education. If a county contains only part of a local school
30 administrative unit, the average daily membership of that county includes all
31 students who reside within the county and attend that local school
32 administrative unit.
- 33 (6) County-adjusted property tax base. – Computed as follows:
 - 34 a. Subtract the present-use value of agricultural land, horticultural land,
35 and forestland in the county, as defined in G.S. 105-277.2, from the
36 total assessed real property valuation of the county.
 - 37 b. Adjust the resulting amount by multiplying by a weighted average of
38 the three most recent annual sales assessment ratio studies.
 - 39 c. Add to the resulting amount the following:
 - 40 1. Present-use value of agricultural land, horticultural land, and
41 forestland, as defined in G.S. 105-277.2.
 - 42 2. Value of property of public service companies, determined in
43 accordance with Article 23 of Chapter 105 of the General
44 Statutes.
 - 45 3. Personal property value for the county.
- 46 (7) County-adjusted property tax base per square mile. – The county-adjusted
47 property tax base divided by the number of square miles of land area in the
48 county.
- 49 (8) County wealth as a percentage of State average wealth. – Computed as
50 follows:

- 1 a. Compute the percentage that the county per capita income is of the
2 State per capita income and weight the resulting percentage by a factor
3 of five-tenths.
- 4 b. Compute the percentage that the anticipated total county revenue
5 availability per student is of the anticipated State average revenue
6 availability per student and weight the resulting percentage by a factor
7 of four-tenths.
- 8 c. Compute the percentage that the county-adjusted property tax base per
9 square mile is of the State-adjusted property tax base per square mile
10 and weight the resulting percentage by a factor of one-tenth.
- 11 d. Add the three weighted percentages to derive the county wealth as a
12 percentage of the State average wealth.
- 13 (9) Effective county tax rate. – The actual county tax rate multiplied by a weighted
14 average of the three most recent annual sales assessment ratio studies.
- 15 (10) Effective State average tax rate. – The average of effective county tax rates
16 for all counties.
- 17 (11) Local current expense funds. – The most recent county current expense
18 appropriations to public schools, as reported by local boards of education in
19 the audit report filed with the Secretary of the Local Government Commission
20 pursuant to G.S. 115C-447.
- 21 (12) Per capita income. – The average for the most recent three years for which
22 data are available of the per capita income according to the most recent report
23 of the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis,
24 including any reported modifications for prior years as outlined in the most
25 recent report.
- 26 (13) Sales assessment ratio studies. – Sales assessment ratio studies performed by
27 the Department of Revenue under G.S. 105-289(h).
- 28 (14) State average adjusted property tax base per square mile. – The sum of the
29 county-adjusted property tax bases for all counties divided by the number of
30 square miles of land area in the State.
- 31 (15) State average current expense appropriations per student. – The most recent
32 State total of county current expense appropriations to public schools, as
33 reported by local boards of education in the audit report filed with the
34 Secretary of the Local Government Commission pursuant to G.S. 115C-447.
- 35 (16) Supplant. – To decrease local per student current expense appropriations from
36 one fiscal year to the next fiscal year.
- 37 (17) Weighted average of the three most recent annual sales assessment ratio
38 studies. – The weighted average of the three most recent annual sales
39 assessment ratio studies in the most recent years for which county current
40 expense appropriations and adjusted property tax valuations are available. If
41 real property in a county has been revalued one year prior to the most recent
42 sales assessment ratio study, a weighted average of the two most recent sales
43 assessment ratios shall be used. If property has been revalued the year of the
44 most recent sales assessment ratio study, the sales assessment ratio for the year
45 of revaluation shall be used.

46 **SECTION 7.3.(c)** Eligibility for Funds. – Except as provided in subsection (g) of
47 this section, the State Board of Education shall allocate these funds to local school administrative
48 units located in whole or in part in counties in which the county wealth as a percentage of the
49 State average wealth is less than one hundred percent (100%).

50 **SECTION 7.3.(d)** Allocation of Funds. – Except as provided in subsection (f) of this
51 section, the amount received per average daily membership for a county shall be the difference

1 between the State average current expense appropriations per student and the current expense
2 appropriations per student that the county could provide given the county's wealth and an average
3 effort to fund public schools. To derive the current expense appropriations per student that the
4 county could be able to provide given the county's wealth and an average effort to fund public
5 schools, multiply the county's wealth as a percentage of State average wealth by the State average
6 current expense appropriations per student. The funds for the local school administrative units
7 located in whole or in part in the county shall be allocated to each local school administrative
8 unit located in whole or in part in the county based on the average daily membership of the
9 county's students in the school units. If the funds appropriated for supplemental funding are not
10 adequate to fund the formula fully, each local school administrative unit shall receive a pro rata
11 share of the funds appropriated for supplemental funding.

12 **SECTION 7.3.(e)** Formula for Distribution of Supplemental Funding Pursuant to
13 this Section Only. – The formula in this section is solely a basis for distribution of supplemental
14 funding for low-wealth counties and is not intended to reflect any measure of the adequacy of
15 the educational program or funding for public schools. The formula is also not intended to reflect
16 any commitment by the General Assembly to appropriate any additional supplemental funds for
17 low-wealth counties.

18 **SECTION 7.3.(f)** Minimum Effort Required. – A county shall receive full funding
19 under this section if the county (i) maintains an effective county tax rate that is at least one
20 hundred percent (100%) of the effective State average tax rate in the most recent year for which
21 data are available or (ii) maintains a county appropriation per student to the school local current
22 expense fund of at least one hundred percent (100%) of the current expense appropriations per
23 student to the school local current expense fund that the county could provide given the county's
24 wealth and an average effort to fund public schools. A county that maintains a county
25 appropriation per student to the school local current expense fund of less than one hundred
26 percent (100%) of the current expense appropriations per student to the school local current
27 expense fund that the county could provide given the county's wealth and an average effort to
28 fund public schools shall receive funding under this section at the same percentage that the
29 county's appropriation per student to the school local current expense fund is of the current
30 expense appropriations per student to the school local current expense fund that the county could
31 provide given the county's wealth and an average effort to fund public schools.

32 **SECTION 7.3.(g)** Nonsupplant Requirement. – A county in which a local school
33 administrative unit receives funds under this section shall use the funds to supplement local
34 current expense funds and shall not supplant local current expense funds. For the 2021-2023
35 fiscal biennium, the State Board of Education shall not allocate funds under this section to a
36 county found to have used these funds to supplant local per student current expense funds. The
37 State Board of Education shall make a finding that a county has used these funds to supplant
38 local current expense funds in the prior year, or the year for which the most recent data are
39 available, if all of the following criteria apply:

- 40 (1) The current expense appropriations per student of the county for the current
41 year is less than ninety-five percent (95%) of the average of local current
42 expense appropriations per student for the three prior fiscal years.
- 43 (2) The county cannot show (i) that it has remedied the deficiency in funding or
44 (ii) that extraordinary circumstances caused the county to supplant local
45 current expense funds with funds allocated under this section.

46 The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement the requirements of this
47 subsection.

48 **SECTION 7.3.(h)** Counties Containing a Base of the Armed Forces. –
49 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, counties
50 containing a base of the Armed Forces of the United States that have an average daily
51 membership of more than 17,000 students shall receive whichever is the higher amount in each

fiscal year as follows: either the amount of supplemental funding the county received as a low-wealth county in the 2012-2013 fiscal year or the amount of supplemental funding the county is eligible to receive as a low-wealth county pursuant to the formula for distribution of supplemental funding under the other provisions of this section.

SECTION 7.3.(i) Funds for EVAAS Data. – Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, local school administrative units may utilize funds allocated under this section to purchase services that allow for extraction of data from the Education Value-Added Assessment System (EVAAS).

SECTION 7.3.(j) Reports. – For the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the State Board of Education shall report to the Fiscal Research Division prior to May 15 of each year if it determines that counties have supplanted funds.

SECTION 7.3.(k) Department of Revenue Reports. – The Department of Revenue shall provide to the Department of Public Instruction a preliminary report for the current fiscal year of the assessed value of the property tax base for each county prior to March 1 of each year and a final report prior to May 1 of each year. The reports shall include for each county the annual sales assessment ratio and the taxable values of (i) total real property, (ii) the portion of total real property represented by the present-use value of agricultural land, horticultural land, and forestland, as defined in G.S. 105-277.2, (iii) property of public service companies determined in accordance with Article 23 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes, and (iv) personal property.

SMALL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

SECTION 7.4.(a) Allotment Schedule for the 2021-2023 Fiscal Biennium. – Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section, each eligible county school administrative unit shall receive a dollar allotment according to the following schedule:

<u>Allotted ADM</u>	<u>Small County Allotment</u>
0-600	\$1,710,000
601-1,300	\$1,820,000
1,301-1,700	\$1,548,700
1,701-2,000	\$1,600,000
2,001-2,300	\$1,560,000
2,301-2,600	\$1,470,000
2,601-2,800	\$1,498,000
2,801-3,300	\$1,548,000

SECTION 7.4.(b) Phase-Out Provision for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. – If a local school administrative unit becomes ineligible for funding under the schedule in subsection (a) of this section in the 2021-2022 fiscal year, funding for that unit shall be phased out over a five-year period. Funding for such local school administrative units shall be reduced in equal increments in each of the five years after the unit becomes ineligible. Funding shall be eliminated in the fifth fiscal year after the school administrative unit becomes ineligible.

Allotments for eligible local school administrative units under this subsection shall not be reduced by more than twenty percent (20%) of the amount received in fiscal year 2020-2021 in any fiscal year. A local school administrative unit shall not become ineligible for funding if either the highest of the first two months' total projected average daily membership for the current year or the higher of the first two months' total prior year average daily membership would otherwise have made the unit eligible for funds under the schedule in subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 7.4.(c) Phase-Out Provision for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. – If a local school administrative unit becomes ineligible for funding under the schedule in subsection (a) of this section in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, funding for that unit shall be phased out over a five-year period. Funding for such local school administrative units shall be reduced in equal increments

1 in each of the five years after the unit becomes ineligible. Funding shall be eliminated in the fifth
2 fiscal year after the local school administrative unit becomes ineligible.

3 Allotments for eligible local school administrative units under this subsection shall
4 not be reduced by more than twenty percent (20%) of the amount received in fiscal year
5 2021-2022 in any fiscal year. A local school administrative unit shall not become ineligible for
6 funding if either the highest of the first two months' total projected average daily membership for
7 the current year or the higher of the first two months' total prior year average daily membership
8 would otherwise have made the unit eligible for funds under the schedule in subsection (a) of this
9 section.

10 **SECTION 7.4.(d) Nonsupplant Requirement for the 2021-2023 Fiscal Biennium.** –
11 A county in which a local school administrative unit receives funds under this section shall use
12 the funds to supplement local current expense funds and shall not supplant local current expense
13 funds. For the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the State Board of Education shall not allocate funds
14 under this section to a county found to have used these funds to supplant local per student current
15 expense funds. The State Board of Education shall make a finding that a county has used these
16 funds to supplant local current expense funds in the prior year or the year for which the most
17 recent data are available, if all of the following criteria apply:

- 18 (1) The current expense appropriation per student of the county for the current
19 year is less than ninety-five percent (95%) of the average of local current
20 expense appropriation per student for the three prior fiscal years.
- 21 (2) The county cannot show (i) that it has remedied the deficiency in funding or
22 (ii) that extraordinary circumstances caused the county to supplant local
23 current expense funds with funds allocated under this section.

24 The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement the requirements of this
25 subsection.

26 **SECTION 7.4.(e) Reports.** – For the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the State Board of
27 Education shall report to the Fiscal Research Division prior to May 15 of each fiscal year if it
28 determines that counties have supplanted funds.

29 **SECTION 7.4.(f) Use of Funds.** – Local boards of education are encouraged to use
30 at least twenty percent (20%) of the funds they receive pursuant to this section to improve the
31 academic performance of children who are performing at Level I or II on either reading or
32 mathematics end-of-grade tests in grades three through eight.

33 Local school administrative units may also utilize funds allocated under this section
34 to purchase services that allow for extraction of data from the Education Value-Added
35 Assessment System (EVAAS).

36 **DISADVANTAGED STUDENT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (DSSF)**

37 **SECTION 7.5.(a)** Funds appropriated in this act for disadvantaged student
38 supplemental funding shall be used, consistent with the policies and procedures adopted by the
39 State Board of Education, only to do the following:

- 40 (1) Provide instructional positions or instructional support positions.
- 41 (2) Provide professional development.
- 42 (3) Provide intensive in-school or after-school remediation, or both.
- 43 (4) Purchase diagnostic software and progress-monitoring tools.
- 44 (5) Provide funds for teacher bonuses and supplements. The State Board of
45 Education shall set a maximum percentage of the funds that may be used for
46 this purpose.

47 The State Board of Education may require local school administrative units receiving
48 funding under the Disadvantaged Student Supplemental Fund to purchase the Education
49 Value-Added Assessment System (EVAAS) in order to provide in-depth analysis of student
50 performance and help identify strategies for improving student achievement. This data shall be
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1 used exclusively for instructional and curriculum decisions made in the best interest of children
2 and for professional development for their teachers and administrators.

3 **SECTION 7.5.(b)** Disadvantaged student supplemental funding (DSSF) shall be
4 allotted to a local school administrative unit based on (i) the unit's eligible DSSF population and
5 (ii) the difference between a teacher-to-student ratio of 1:21 and the following teacher-to-student
6 ratios:

- 7 (1) For counties with wealth greater than ninety percent (90%) of the statewide
8 average, a ratio of 1:19.9.
- 9 (2) For counties with wealth not less than eighty percent (80%) and not greater
10 than ninety percent (90%) of the statewide average, a ratio of 1:19.4.
- 11 (3) For counties with wealth less than eighty percent (80%) of the statewide
12 average, a ratio of 1:19.1.
- 13 (4) For local school administrative units that received DSSF funds in fiscal year
14 2005-2006, a ratio of 1:16. These local school administrative units shall
15 receive no less than the DSSF amount allotted in fiscal year 2006-2007.

16 For the purpose of this subsection, wealth shall be calculated under the low-wealth
17 supplemental formula as provided for in this act.

18 **SECTION 7.5.(c)** If a local school administrative unit's wealth increases to a level
19 that adversely affects the unit's disadvantaged student supplemental funding (DSSF) allotment
20 ratio, the DSSF allotment for that unit shall be maintained at the prior year level for one additional
21 fiscal year.

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23 **SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS ALLOTMENT**

24 **SECTION 7.6.(a)** Article 21 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by
25 adding a new section to read:

26 **"§ 115C-316.5. School psychologists allotment.**

27 To the extent funds are made available, the State Board of Education shall establish a funding
28 allotment for school psychologist positions. The State Board is authorized to adopt rules for the
29 allocation of school psychologist positions pursuant to this allotment. Rules adopted by the State
30 Board pursuant to this section shall include, at a minimum, the following requirements:

- 31 (1) School psychologist positions are allocated on the basis of average daily
32 membership.
- 33 (2) Each local school administrative unit receives sufficient funding for at least
34 one school psychologist position in accordance with G.S. 115C-47(65)."

35 **SECTION 7.6.(b)** G.S. 115C-105.25(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
36 read:

- 37 "(13) No positions shall be transferred out of the allocation for school psychologists
38 except as provided in this subdivision. Positions allocated for school
39 psychologists may be converted to dollar equivalents for contracted services
40 directly related to school psychology. These positions shall be converted at
41 the minimum salary for school psychologists on the "A" Teachers Salary
42 Schedule."

43 **SECTION 7.6.(c)** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

- 44 "(65) To Provide at Least One School Psychologist. – Local boards of education
45 shall ensure that each local school administrative unit employs at least one
46 full-time, permanent school psychologist."

47 **SECTION 7.6.(d)** This section applies beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

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49 **SCHOOL HEALTH SUPPORT PERSONNEL PROFESSIONAL ENTRY REPORT**

50 **SECTION 7.7.(a)** No later than May 15, 2022, the State Board of Education shall
51 study and report the following to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee:

- 1 (1) Policies, practices, standards, and curriculum adopted or implemented, as
2 appropriate, by the State Board of Education, Department of Public
3 Instruction, educator preparation programs, and public school units for
4 persons to receive training, licensure, and employment as school health
5 support personnel in public school units.
- 6 (2) Barriers persons face when entering each school health support profession
7 because of the policies, practices, standards, and curriculum identified in
8 subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- 9 (3) Recommendations and any actions already taken to (i) reduce and eliminate
10 the barriers to entry identified in subdivision (2) of this subsection and (ii)
11 improve the number and quality of school health support personnel employed
12 in public school units.

13 **SECTION 7.7.(b)** For purposes of this section, the term "school health support
14 personnel" refers to school psychologists, school counselors, school nurses, and school social
15 workers.
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17 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION REORGANIZATION AUTHORITY**

18 **SECTION 7.8.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-4, for the 2021-2023 fiscal
19 biennium, the Department of Public Instruction shall reclassify at least seven full-time equivalent
20 positions within the Department to support the Science of Reading and the North Carolina Read
21 to Achieve Program, as amended by the Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021, S.L. 2021-8, and
22 may, after consultation with the Office of State Budget and Management and the Fiscal Research
23 Division, reorganize the Department, realign fund structures, or both, if necessary, to do any of
24 the following:

- 25 (1) Accommodate changes in allowable expenditures of indirect costs associated
26 with the administration of federal grants.
- 27 (2) Implement other changes necessary to improve the efficiency of the
28 Department.

29 **SECTION 7.8.(b)** Consultation shall occur prior to requesting budgetary and
30 personnel changes through the budget revision process provided in this section. The Department
31 of Public Instruction shall provide all of the following as part of the consultation process:

- 32 (1) A current organization chart and a list of affected funds.
- 33 (2) The proposed organization chart and a list of affected funds clearly identifying
34 the changes for the Department.

35 The Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
36 Operations and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on any reorganization,
37 including any movement of positions and funds between fund codes on a recurring basis.

38 **SECTION 7.8.(c)** In making the changes identified in subsection (a) of this section,
39 the Department of Public Instruction shall not do either of the following:

- 40 (1) Reduce funding for any of the following:
- 41 a. The State Public School Fund, including for the following residential
42 schools:
- 43 1. The Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf.
44 2. The North Carolina School for the Deaf.
45 3. The Governor Morehead School.
- 46 b. Any budget expansion item funded by an appropriation to the
47 Department of Public Instruction by this act for the 2021-2023 fiscal
48 biennium.
- 49 (2) Transfer from or reduce funding or positions for any of the following:
- 50 a. Communities in Schools of North Carolina, Inc.
51 b. Teach for America, Inc.

- c. Beginnings for Parents of Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Inc.
- d. The Excellent Public Schools Act, Read to Achieve Program, initially established under Section 7A.1 of S.L. 2012-142.
- e. The North Carolina School Connectivity Program.
- f. The North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching.
- g. The North Carolina Innovative School District.
- h. The Schools That Lead Program.

COMPUTER SCIENCE REPORT

SECTION 7.9. No later than February 15, 2022, the Department of Public Instruction, in consultation with the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation at North Carolina State University, shall report the following information to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division regarding the teaching and student learning of computer science in K-12 public schools:

- (1) The uses of funds appropriated for computer science pursuant to this act, including the extent to which those funds are used for professional development for in-service teachers and a description of the professional development opportunities provided.
- (2) The number of teachers in each local school administrative unit prepared and needed to teach computer science.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL REPORT

SECTION 7.10.(a) No later than October 15, 2021, the Department of Public Instruction, in consultation with the Fiscal Research Division, shall survey each local school administrative unit on the use of funds for instructional support personnel position categories from the 2020-2021 fiscal year and report the results of its survey to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. The Department shall also incorporate the results of its survey into its annual expenditure report for the 2020-2021 fiscal year as required pursuant to G.S. 115C-105.25(c). The results of the survey shall be organized on a statewide basis and by local school administrative unit for each instructional support personnel position category. The results of the survey shall include at least the following information:

- (1) For each position category:
 - a. Number of persons employed in that position category.
 - b. Total State and non-State funds and total full-time equivalent positions allocated for that position category.
 - c. Average salary for that position category.
 - d. The percentage of total funds and total full-time equivalent positions that are made up of each of the following:
 1. State funds, disaggregated by each State-funded allotment and identified by program report code.
 2. Federal funds, disaggregated and identified by program report code.
 3. Local funds.
 - e. For each funding source identified in sub-subdivision d. of this subdivision, the percentage of those funds and the number of full-time equivalent positions that were used for contracted services.
- (2) For each allotment transfer that was used to fund contracted services, all of the following information:
 - a. The amount of the transfer.

- 1 b. The allotment category from which and into which the funds were
2 transferred, identified by program report code.
3 c. The educational priorities that necessitated the transfer.
4 (3) For funds provided for the psychologist position category that were used for
5 contracted services, the specific services provided.

6 **SECTION 7.10.(b)** For purposes of this section, the term "instructional support
7 personnel position categories" refers to all positions identified by the Department of Public
8 Instruction as instructional support personnel, including at least the following:

- 9 (1) Alternative and remedial services personnel.
10 (2) Audiologists.
11 (3) Career and Technical Education services personnel.
12 (4) Career development counselors.
13 (5) Full-time mentors.
14 (6) Guidance counselors.
15 (7) Instructional coaches.
16 (8) Instructional technology services personnel.
17 (9) Lead teacher services personnel.
18 (10) Media services personnel.
19 (11) Nurses.
20 (12) Other personnel. The Department shall identify the title and duties of each
21 position classified in this category.
22 (13) Psychologists.
23 (14) Social workers.
24 (15) Special population services personnel.
25 (16) Speech-language pathologists.

26 27 **SCHOOLS THAT LEAD PROGRAM**

28 **SECTION 7.11.(a)** Program; Purpose. – Of the funds appropriated to the Department
29 of Public Instruction by this act for the Schools That Lead Program (Program), the Department
30 shall contract with Schools That Lead, Inc., to provide professional development to teachers and
31 principals in up to 75 schools, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year and ending in the
32 2023-2024 school year. The selected schools shall be charter schools or schools under the
33 authority of a local school administrative unit. Professional development services shall be offered
34 to teachers and principals in kindergarten through grade 12. The Superintendent of Public
35 Instruction, in consultation with Schools That Lead, Inc., shall determine which schools are
36 eligible to participate in the Program. At a minimum, the Program shall offer services to three
37 cohorts of schools, as follows:

- 38 (1) High schools working to increase on-time graduation.
39 (2) Middle schools working to prepare students to succeed in high school by
40 reducing the likelihood of retention in the ninth grade for multiple school
41 years.
42 (3) Elementary schools working to reduce the number of students with early
43 warning indicators of course failures, absences, and discipline.

44 **SECTION 7.11.(b)** Evaluation. – Of the funds appropriated to the Department by
45 this act for the Program, the Department shall use up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)
46 to contract with an independent research organization to measure the impacts of the Program on
47 student outcomes, including, but not limited to, (i) on-time graduation in high school, (ii) ninth
48 grade retention rates, and (iii) course failures, absences, and discipline in elementary school. The
49 independent research organization shall report its interim findings to the Department no later than
50 June 30, starting in 2023, and shall submit a final report no later than June 30, 2025.

1 **SECTION 7.11.(c)** Report. – The Department of Public Instruction, in consultation
2 with Schools That Lead, Inc., shall submit a report on the impacts of the Program authorized by
3 subsection (a) of this section, including, but not limited to, an accounting of expenditures, school
4 performance data, principal performance data, teacher performance data, and student outcome
5 data, beginning October 1, 2023, and continuing each year thereafter until October 1, 2025, to
6 the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division. The
7 October 1, 2025, report shall include a summary and copy of the final report provided by the
8 independent research organization pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

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10 **PERMIT USE OF SPECIAL STATE RESERVE FUND FOR**
11 **TRANSPORTATION/ESTABLISH TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND FOR**
12 **HOMELESS AND FOSTER CHILDREN**

13 **SECTION 7.12.(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law or policy to the
14 contrary, in addition to the purposes for which funds in the Special State Reserve Fund (SSRF)
15 for children with disabilities are used, beginning with the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the SSRF may
16 also be used to cover extraordinary transportation costs for high-needs children with disabilities.
17 The Department of Public Instruction shall provide an application for local school administrative
18 units and charter schools to apply for extraordinary transportation funds and may provide
19 additional eligibility guidelines not inconsistent with this section. SSRF transportation funds
20 shall be awarded to qualifying local school administrative units or charter schools consistent with
21 the following:

- 22 (1) In determining extraordinary transportation cost, the Department shall
23 consider total prior-year transportation expenditures for high-needs children
24 with disabilities, including expenditures from local funds and all other funding
25 sources, as a proportion of total expenditures.
- 26 (2) Applicants with highest extraordinary transportation costs shall receive
27 highest priority in the award of grant funds.
- 28 (3) Funds may be awarded during the initial year of a high-needs student's
29 enrollment in the local school administrative unit or charter school or in
30 subsequent years of the student's enrollment.

31 **SECTION 7.12.(b)** There is established the Transportation Reserve Fund for
32 Homeless and Foster Children to provide for a grant program to cover extraordinary school
33 transportation costs for homeless and foster children for fiscal year 2021-2022. The Department
34 of Public Instruction shall provide an application process for local school administrative units
35 and charter schools to apply for funds to cover extraordinary transportation costs for qualifying
36 students. The Department shall establish eligibility guidelines and shall award funds consistent
37 with the following requirements:

- 38 (1) In determining extraordinary transportation cost, the Department shall
39 consider total prior-year transportation expenditures for homeless and foster
40 children, including expenditures from local funds and all other funding
41 sources, as a proportion of total expenditures.
- 42 (2) Priority shall be given to applicants in proportion to the extent that their
43 applications and prior-year expenditures demonstrate use of available federal
44 funds to cover the cost of transporting homeless and foster children.
- 45 (3) Awards shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of extraordinary transportation
46 cost as determined pursuant to this subsection.

47 For the purposes of this subsection, "homeless" is defined in accordance with the
48 definition in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

49 **SECTION 7.12.(c)** The Department of Public Instruction shall submit a report by
50 March 15, 2022, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research
51 Division on the use of funds appropriated to the Transportation Reserve Fund for Homeless and

1 Foster Children pursuant to this act using data collected from the 2021-2022 school year. The
2 report shall include at least the following:

- 3 (1) A list of local school administrative units receiving funds from this act.
- 4 (2) The amount of funds applied for by each local school administrative unit.
- 5 (3) The amount of funds received by each local school administrative unit.
- 6 (4) How the funds were spent by each local school administrative unit, including
7 the number of students transported and the locations between which the
8 students were transported.
- 9 (5) Any other information the Department of Public Instruction deems relevant to
10 this section.

11 **ELIMINATE INNOVATION ZONE GRANTS**

12 **SECTION 7.13.(a)** The caption of Article 7A of Chapter 115C of the General
13 Statutes reads as rewritten:

14 "Article 7A.

15 "~~North Carolina Innovative School District and Innovation Zones District.~~"

16 **SECTION 7.13.(b)** G.S. 115C-75.13 is repealed.

17 **SECTION 7.13.(c)** Section 6 of S.L. 2016-110, as amended by Section 7.26E(e) of
18 S.L. 2017-57 and Section 2.13 of S.L. 2018-97, is repealed.

19 **TRANSITION FROM THE INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MODEL**

20 **SECTION 7.14.(a)** Study Models for Effective Intervention and Assistance to
21 Low-Performing Schools. – The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall study the factors
22 described in this subsection and report on recommendations and suggested legislative changes to
23 the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee no later than February 15, 2022, for reforms
24 to provide effective intervention and assistance for low-performing schools. The report shall
25 include the following:

- 26 (1) Current initiatives to support low-performing schools and continually
27 low-performing schools using federal funding provided to assist with the
28 impacts of COVID-19.
- 29 (2) Recommendations on research-based models for meaningful intervention and
30 assistance to low-performing and continually low-performing schools to
31 facilitate long-term improvement and success in those schools.
- 32 (3) Alignment of requirements in Chapter 115C of the General Statutes for
33 identification and transformation of low-performing and continually
34 low-performing schools, including Part 3 of Article 8B of Chapter 115C of
35 the General Statutes, with other reform efforts in State and federal law, to
36 ensure a comprehensive and efficient approach to support and improve those
37 schools that does not create redundancies.

38 **SECTION 7.14.(b)** End Selection for the Innovative School District. –
39 Notwithstanding Article 7A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes, the State Board of
40 Education shall not select any additional schools for supervision under the North Carolina
41 Innovative School District.

42 **SECTION 7.14.(c)** G.S. 115C-75.5 is repealed.

43 **SECTION 7.14.(d)** Section 1(c) of S.L. 2019-248, as amended by Section 2.6(b) of
44 S.L. 2020-3, is repealed.

45 **SECTION 7.14.(e)** Section 1(d) of S.L. 2019-248 is repealed.

46 **SECTION 7.14.(f)** Transition From the Innovative School District Model. – Article
47 7A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is repealed.

48 **SECTION 7.14.(g)** G.S. 115C-5(3a)d. reads as rewritten:
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1 "d. For a school operated under ~~Article 7A and~~ Article 9C of this Chapter,
2 the State Board of Education."

3 **SECTION 7.14.(h)** G.S. 115C-5(7a)d. reads as rewritten:

4 "d. A school providing elementary or secondary instruction operated by
5 one of the following:

- 6 1. The State Board of Education, including schools operated
7 under ~~Article 7A and~~ Article 9C of this Chapter.
- 8 2. The University of North Carolina under Article 29A of Chapter
9 116 of the General Statutes."

10 **SECTION 7.14.(i)** G.S. 115C-105-37A(d) is repealed.

11 **SECTION 7.14.(j)** G.S. 115C-105.51(g)(2) reads as rewritten:

12 "(2) A school under the control of the State Board of Education, including schools
13 operated under ~~Article 7A and~~ Article 9C of this Chapter."

14 **SECTION 7.14.(k)** G.S. 115C-105.60(a) reads as rewritten:

15 "(a) Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term "qualifying public school unit"
16 refers to a local school administrative unit, regional school, ~~innovative school~~, laboratory school,
17 or charter school."

18 **SECTION 7.14.(l)** G.S. 115C-321(a)(5) is repealed.

19 **SECTION 7.14.(m)** G.S. 115C-376.5(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

20 "(1) K-12 school unit. – A local school administrative unit, a charter school, a
21 regional school, ~~an innovative school~~, or a laboratory school."

22 **SECTION 7.14.(n)** G.S. 115C-429(a) reads as rewritten:

23 "(a) Upon receiving the budget from the superintendent and following the public hearing
24 authorized by G.S. 115C-428(b), if one is held, the board of education shall consider the budget,
25 make such changes therein as it deems advisable, and submit the entire budget as approved by
26 the board of education to the board of county commissioners not later than May 15, or such later
27 date as may be fixed by the board of county commissioners. At the time of submission of the
28 budget, the board of education shall also submit to the board of county commissioners in writing
29 the academic performance of the schools in the local school administrative unit, including the
30 school performance grades of each school, any schools identified as low-performing or
31 continually ~~low-performing or included on the Innovative School District qualifying, watch, or~~
32 ~~warning list, low-performing~~, and efforts by the local board of education to improve those
33 identified schools' performance. The local board of education shall present the academic
34 performance information at a public meeting upon the request of the board of commissioners."

35 **SECTION 7.14.(o)** Transition of the Current Innovative School. – Notwithstanding
36 G.S. 115C-75.12, the North Carolina Innovative School District shall continue to operate
37 Southside-Ashpole Elementary School as an innovative school for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023
38 school years. The State Board of Education shall develop a transition plan to return the school to
39 Robeson County Schools for the 2023-2024 school year.

40 **SECTION 7.14.(p)** Subsections (f) through (n) of this section become effective June
41 30, 2023. The remainder of this section is effective the date this act becomes law.

42 43 **EXCELLENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT OF 2021 IMPLEMENTATION** 44 **GUIDE/REPORT**

45 **SECTION 7.15.(a)** The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish a
46 working group to develop an implementation guide for the Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021,
47 established pursuant to S.L. 2021-8. The Superintendent shall collaborate with various education
48 stakeholders through the working group to adopt an implementation guide to assist local school
49 administrative units, educators, and administrators to establish the essential elements for literacy
50 based on the Science of Reading, effectively implement the Excellent Public Schools Act of
51 2021, and create the framework necessary to ensure that students are successful and proficient

1 readers throughout the State. The implementation guide shall include at least the following
2 information:

- 3 (1) Roles and responsibilities of State agencies, local school administrative units,
4 public schools, and educators.
- 5 (2) Implementation strategies of the components of literacy supports and
6 interventions.
- 7 (3) Professional development and training available for educators.
- 8 (4) Initiatives related to implementation of the Excellent Public Schools Act of
9 2021 at the State and local level.

10 **SECTION 7.15.(b)** By November 15, 2021, the Superintendent of Public Instruction
11 shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the working group
12 established by the Superintendent and the development of the implementation guide for the
13 Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021 as required by subsection (a) of this section. The report
14 shall include the proposed components of the implementation guide and the timeline of
15 publishing the guide in preparation for the 2022-2023 school year.

16 **MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT FOR RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS**

17 **SECTION 7.16.(a)** The Department of Public Instruction shall enter into a contract
18 with a third-party entity for any administrative services necessary to receive maximum
19 reimbursement for medically necessary health care services for which payment is available under
20 the North Carolina Medicaid Program provided to eligible students attending the Governor
21 Morehead School for the Blind, the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, and the North
22 Carolina School for the Deaf. The provisions of the contract shall ensure that the residential
23 schools receive reimbursement for these services in a timely manner.

24 **SECTION 7.16.(b)** By September 15, 2021, the Department of Public Instruction
25 shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the contracting process
26 and the award of the contract required by subsection (a) of this section, including the cost of the
27 contract and the estimated recoupment of expenditures.

28 **FULL-TIME EQUIVALENCY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

29 **SECTION 7.17.(a)** Article 30 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended
30 by adding the following new section to read:

31 **"§ 115C-419. Full-time equivalent student calculation; report.**

32 **(a)** The State Board of Education shall establish a formula for determining the full-time
33 equivalency of a student enrolled in a public school unit of the State for the purposes of providing
34 State funds on a per pupil basis. The formula shall include the amount of instructional time
35 required for the school day for a full-time student.

36 **(b)** By October 15 of each year, the Department of Public Instruction shall report to the
37 Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division of the
38 General Assembly on the number of students and the full-time equivalency of those students by
39 public school unit and grade level from the prior school year. The data in the report shall be
40 disaggregated by enrollment in courses offered by the public school units and those offered
41 through other dual enrollment and joint programs, including North Carolina Virtual Public
42 School, institutions of higher education, and nonpublic schools."

43 **SECTION 7.17.(b)** By October 15, 2021, the State Board of Education shall report
44 on the formula required to be established pursuant to G.S. 115C-419, as enacted by this section,
45 to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division. The
46 initial report required by G.S. 115C-419 shall be submitted by October 15, 2022, for data
47 collected from the 2021-2022 school year.

48 **CAREER AND COLLEGE READY GRADUATE PROGRAM SUPPORT**

1 **SECTION 7.18.** Within available funds, the Department of Public Instruction shall
2 partner with the NROC Project, formerly known as the National Repository of Online Courses,
3 to utilize its adaptive mathematics and English learning platform to facilitate the implementation
4 of the Career and College Ready Graduate Program in collaboration with the North Carolina
5 Community College System.

6
7 **SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM**

8 **SECTION 7.19.(a)** Definitions. – For purposes of this section, the following
9 definitions shall apply:

- 10 (1) Community partner. – A public or private entity, including, but not limited to,
11 a nonprofit corporation or a local management entity/managed care
12 organization (LME/MCO), that partners with a public school unit to provide
13 services or pay for the provision of services for the unit.
14 (2) Public school unit. – As defined in G.S. 115C-5(7a).
15 (3) School health support personnel. – School psychologists, school counselors,
16 school nurses, and school social workers.

17 **SECTION 7.19.(b)** Program; Purpose. – For the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the
18 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish the 2021-2023 School Safety Grants Program
19 (Program). The purpose of the Program shall be to improve safety in public school units by
20 providing grants in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for (i) services for students
21 in crisis, (ii) school safety training, and (iii) safety equipment in schools.

22 **SECTION 7.19.(c)** Grant Applications. – A public school unit may submit an
23 application to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for one or more grants pursuant to this
24 section in each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium. The application shall include an
25 assessment, to be performed in conjunction with a local law enforcement agency, of the need for
26 improving school safety within the public school unit that would receive the funding or services.
27 The application shall identify current and ongoing needs and estimated costs associated with
28 those needs.

29 **SECTION 7.19.(d)** Criteria and Guidelines. – By November 1, 2021, the
30 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall develop criteria and guidelines for the administration
31 and use of the grants pursuant to this section, including any documentation required to be
32 submitted by applicants. In assessing grant applications, the Superintendent of Public Instruction
33 shall consider at least all of the following factors:

- 34 (1) The level of resources available to the public school unit that would receive
35 the funding.
36 (2) Whether the public school unit has received other grants for school safety.
37 (3) The overall impact on student safety in the public school unit if the identified
38 needs are funded.

39 **SECTION 7.19.(e)** Grants for Students in Crisis. – Of the funds appropriated to the
40 Department of Public Instruction by this act for the grants provided in this section, the
41 Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human
42 Services, shall award grants to public school units to contract with community partners to provide
43 or pay for the provision of any of the following crisis services:

- 44 (1) Crisis respite services for parents or guardians of an individual student to
45 prevent more intensive or costly levels of care.
46 (2) Training and expanded services for therapeutic foster care families and
47 licensed child placement agencies that provide services to students who (i)
48 need support to manage their health, welfare, and safety and (ii) have any of
49 the following:
50 a. Cognitive or behavioral problems.
51 b. Developmental delays.

- 1 c. Aggressive behavior.
- 2 (3) Evidence-based therapy services aligned with targeted training for students
- 3 and their parents or guardians, including any of the following:
- 4 a. Parent-child interaction therapy.
- 5 b. Trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy.
- 6 c. Dialectical behavior therapy.
- 7 d. Child-parent psychotherapy.
- 8 (4) Any other crisis service, including peer-to-peer mentoring, that is likely to
- 9 increase school safety. Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Public
- 10 Instruction by this act for the grants provided in this section, the
- 11 Superintendent shall use no more than three hundred fifty thousand dollars
- 12 (\$350,000) in each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for the services
- 13 identified in this subdivision.

14 **SECTION 7.19.(f)** Grants for Training to Increase School Safety. – Of the funds
15 appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction by this act for the grants provided in this
16 section, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with the Department of Health
17 and Human Services, shall award grants to public school units to contract with community
18 partners to address school safety by providing training to help students develop healthy responses
19 to trauma and stress. The training shall be targeted and evidence-based and shall include any of
20 the following services:

- 21 (1) Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) training for school health
- 22 support personnel, local first responders, and teachers on the topics of suicide
- 23 prevention and reducing access by students to lethal means.
- 24 (2) Training for school health support personnel on comprehensive and
- 25 evidence-based clinical treatments for students and their parents or guardians,
- 26 including any of the following:
- 27 a. Parent-child interaction therapy.
- 28 b. Trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy.
- 29 c. Behavioral therapy.
- 30 d. Dialectical behavior therapy.
- 31 e. Child-parent psychotherapy.
- 32 (3) Training for students and school employees on community resilience models
- 33 to improve understanding and responses to trauma and significant stress.
- 34 (4) Training for school health support personnel on Modular Approach to
- 35 Therapy for Children with Anxiety, Depression, Trauma, or Conduct
- 36 problems (MATCH-ADTC), including any of the following components:
- 37 a. Trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy.
- 38 b. Parent and student coping skills.
- 39 c. Problem solving.
- 40 d. Safety planning.
- 41 (5) Any other training, including the training on the facilitation of peer-to-peer
- 42 mentoring, that is likely to increase school safety. Of the funds appropriated
- 43 to the Department of Public Instruction by this act for the grants provided in
- 44 this section, the Superintendent shall use no more than three hundred fifty
- 45 thousand dollars (\$350,000) in each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for
- 46 the services identified in this subdivision.

47 **SECTION 7.19.(g)** Grants for Safety Equipment. – Of the funds appropriated to the
48 Department of Public Instruction by this act for the grants provided in this section, the
49 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall award grants to public school units for (i) the purchase
50 of safety equipment for school buildings and (ii) training associated with the use of safety

1 equipment purchased pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-218.105(b),
2 charter schools may receive grants for school safety equipment pursuant to this subsection.

3 **SECTION 7.19.(h)** Supplement Not Supplant. – Grants provided to public school
4 units or community partners pursuant to the Program shall be used to supplement and not to
5 supplant State or non-State funds already provided for these services.

6 **SECTION 7.19.(i)** Administrative Costs. – Of the funds appropriated to the
7 Department of Public Instruction by this act for the grants provided in this section, the
8 Superintendent of Public Instruction may retain a total of up to one hundred thousand dollars
9 (\$100,000) in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for administrative costs
10 associated with the Program.

11 **SECTION 7.19.(j)** Report. – No later than April 1 of each fiscal year in which funds
12 are awarded pursuant to this section, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall report on the
13 Program to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the Joint Legislative Oversight
14 Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice
15 and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, and the Fiscal
16 Research Division. The report shall include at least the following information:

- 17 (1) The identity of each entity that received a grant through the Program.
- 18 (2) The amount of funding provided to each entity that received a grant.
- 19 (3) The services, training, and equipment purchased with grant funds by each
20 entity that received a grant.
- 21 (4) Recommendations for the implementation of additional effective school
22 safety measures.

23 24 **TEACHNC RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE**

25 **SECTION 7.20.(a)** The Department of Public Instruction shall adopt the TeachNC
26 recruitment initiative as a comprehensive web platform for future teachers to find information
27 and connect with resources on (i) the teaching profession, (ii) opportunities for educators in North
28 Carolina, and (iii) the process of obtaining an educator's license in the State.

29 **SECTION 7.20.(b)** The Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Education
30 Oversight Committee by March 15, 2022, and annually thereafter, on implementation of the
31 platform, including integration of the technology with outside entities, such as educator
32 preparation programs (EPPs) and businesses, and data on user outcomes, including at least the
33 following:

- 34 (1) The number of user accounts, visitors to the website, and web-initiated chats.
- 35 (2) The number of teachers who applied to EPPs through the TeachNC platform
36 and, of those teachers, the number of teachers who successfully enrolled into
37 EPPs.
- 38 (3) The number of teachers who applied for employment in public schools
39 through the TeachNC platform and the number of teachers who continue to
40 teach in the public schools after finding employment through TeachNC.

41 The report submitted by March 15, 2022, shall also include any recommendations by
42 the Department on potential cost-sharing arrangements or public-private partnerships with
43 outside entities for ongoing sustainability or continued growth of the recruitment initiative.
44

45 **EXTEND STUDENT MEAL DEBT REPORT**

46 **SECTION 7.21.** Section 2.3(a) of S.L. 2020-80 reads as rewritten:

47 "**SECTION 2.3.(a)** No later than October 15, ~~2021~~, 2023, the State Board of Education shall
48 report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on unpaid meal charges in local
49 school administrative units. At a minimum, the report shall include the following information:

- 1 (1) The percentage of students of all grade levels in each local school
2 administrative unit who (i) qualify for and participate in reduced-price meals
3 and (ii) do not carry an unpaid meal charge.
- 4 (2) The total amount of debt carried by each local school administrative unit
5 related to unpaid meal charges.
- 6 (3) Summaries of approaches adopted by each local school administrative unit
7 regarding unpaid meal charges.
- 8 (4) Options for a statewide policy on the uniform administration of unpaid meal
9 charges in local school administrative units. Every option shall ensure that
10 students are not prevented from receiving nutritious meals because of an
11 unpaid meal charge."
12

13 FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS GRANT PROGRAM

14 **SECTION 7.22.** Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction
15 by this act for grants for feminine hygiene products, the Department of Public Instruction shall
16 establish a Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program (Program) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
17 to provide grants of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to public school units to provide
18 feminine hygiene products for students in the unit. The Department of Public Instruction shall
19 award grants on a first-come, first-served basis, and no public school unit shall receive more than
20 one grant for the fiscal year. No later than March 15, 2022, the Department shall report to the
21 Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division on the public
22 school units receiving grants under the Program, the specific feminine hygiene products
23 purchased with the grant funds, and the impact of the Program on student health and well-being.
24

25 AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP/HOLD HARMLESS

26 **SECTION 7.23.(a)** Notwithstanding Section 7.15(b) of S.L. 2007-323, for the
27 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following shall apply:

- 28 (1) In making adjustments pursuant to G.S. 115C-75.10, 115C-218.105,
29 115C-238.70, 115C-238.82, 116-239.11, and Section 8.35(e) of S.L.
30 2014-100, as amended by Section 7.13 of S.L. 2018-5, the State Board of
31 Education shall not reduce allocations to applicable public school units due to
32 a discrepancy between their actual and anticipated average daily membership.
- 33 (2) After funding adjustments are made pursuant to subdivision (1) of this section,
34 the State Board of Education shall not reduce allotments for local school
35 administrative units due to a discrepancy between actual and anticipated
36 average daily membership.

37 **SECTION 7.23.(b)** No later than January 15, 2022, the Department of Public
38 Instruction shall calculate and report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and
39 the Fiscal Research Division, based on data from the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years, the
40 amounts that each funding allotment would have been reduced in the absence of Section 3.1 of
41 S.L. 2020-97 and this section, respectively, for each applicable public school unit pursuant to the
42 formula adopted by the State Board of Education in accordance with Section 7.15(b) of S.L.
43 2007-323. The report shall disaggregate the information on the basis of applicable public school
44 unit, fiscal year, and allotment.
45

46 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES RESERVE

47 **SECTION 7.24.** Of the funds appropriated by this act to the Department of Public
48 Instruction for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the Department shall establish the Children with
49 Disabilities Reserve. Funds from the Reserve shall be allocated to public school units that enroll
50 more children with disabilities during the first two months of school than the Department
51 anticipated prior to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year in a manner consistent with

1 funding for children with disabilities. Public school units shall not receive funds, including from
2 the Reserve, for children with disabilities in excess of twelve and seventy-five hundredths percent
3 (12.75%) of the 2021-2022 average daily membership of the unit.
4

5 **SPECIAL EDUCATION DUE PROCESS HEARINGS/PERMIT IMMEDIATE**
6 **JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ALJ DECISION**

7 **SECTION 7.25.(a)** G.S. 115C-106.3(5) reads as rewritten:

8 "(5) Hearing officers. – ~~Include administrative~~ Administrative law judges as
9 defined in ~~G.S. 150B-2(1) and hearing review officers.~~ G.S. 150B-2(1)."

10 **SECTION 7.25.(b)** G.S. 115C-109.6 reads as rewritten:

11 **"§ 115C-109.6. Impartial due process hearings.**

12 (a) Any party may file with the Office of Administrative Hearings a petition to request
13 an impartial hearing with respect to any matter relating to the identification, evaluation, or
14 educational placement of a child, or the provision of a free appropriate public education of a
15 child, or a manifestation determination. The party filing the petition must notify the other party
16 and the person designated under G.S. 115C-107.2(b)(9) by simultaneously serving them with a
17 copy of the petition.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, the party shall file a petition under subsection (a) of
19 this section that includes the information required under IDEA and that sets forth an alleged
20 violation that occurred not more than one year before the party knew or reasonably should have
21 known about the alleged action that forms the basis of the petition. The issues for review under
22 this section are limited to those set forth in subsection (a) of this section. The party requesting
23 the hearing may not raise issues that were not raised in the petition unless the other party agrees
24 otherwise.

25 (c) The one-year restriction in subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to a parent if
26 the parent was prevented from requesting the hearing due to (i) specific misrepresentations by
27 the local educational agency that it had resolved the problem forming the basis of the petition, or
28 (ii) the local educational agency's withholding of information from the parent that was required
29 under State or federal law to be provided to the parent.

30 (d) The hearing shall be conducted in the county where the child attends school or is
31 entitled to enroll under G.S. 115C-366, unless the parties mutually agree to a different venue.

32 (e) The hearing shall be closed to the public unless the parent requests in writing that the
33 hearing be open to the public.

34 (f) Subject to G.S. 115C-109.7, the decision of the administrative law judge shall be
35 made on substantive grounds based on a determination of whether the child received a free
36 appropriate public education. Following the hearing, the administrative law judge shall issue a
37 written decision regarding the issues set forth in subsection (a) of this section. The decision shall
38 contain findings of fact and conclusions of law. ~~Notwithstanding Chapter 150B of the General~~
39 ~~Statutes, the~~ The decision of the administrative law judge becomes final and is not subject to
40 further review unless ~~appealed to the Review Officer~~ an aggrieved party brings a civil action
41 under ~~G.S. 115C-109.9~~ subsection (h2) of this section.

42 (g) A copy of the administrative law judge's decision shall be served upon each party and
43 a copy shall be furnished to the attorneys of record. The written notice shall contain a statement
44 informing the parties of the ~~availability of appeal and the 30-day limitation period for appeal as~~
45 ~~set forth in G.S. 115C-109.9.~~ right to file a civil action and the 30-day limitation period for filing
46 a civil action under subsection (h2) of this section.

47 (h) In addition to the petition, the parties shall simultaneously serve a copy of all
48 pleadings, agreements, and motions under this Part with the person designated by the State Board
49 under G.S. 115C-107.2(b)(9). The Office of Administrative Hearings shall simultaneously serve
50 a copy of all orders and decisions under this Part with the person designated by the State Board
51 under G.S. 115C-107.2(b)(9).

1 (h1) The State Board shall enforce the final decision of the administrative law judge under
2 this section by ordering a local educational agency to comply with one or more of the following:

3 (1) To provide a child with appropriate education.

4 (2) To place a child in a private school that is approved to provide special
5 education and that can provide the child an appropriate education.

6 (3) To reimburse parents for reasonable private school placement costs in
7 accordance with this Article and IDEA when it is determined that the local
8 educational agency did not offer or provide the child with appropriate
9 education and the private school in which the parent placed the child was an
10 approved school and did provide the child an appropriate education.

11 (h2) Any party who is aggrieved by the findings and decision of a hearing officer under
12 this Part may institute a civil action in State court within 30 days after receipt of the notice of the
13 decision or in federal court as provided in 20 U.S.C. § 1415.

14 (h3) Except as provided under IDEA, upon the filing of a petition under this section and
15 during the pendency of any proceedings under this Part, the child must remain in the child's
16 then-current educational placement or, if applying for initial admission to a public school, the
17 child must be placed in the public school. Notwithstanding this subsection, the parties may agree
18 in writing to a different educational placement for the child during the pendency of any
19 proceedings under this section.

20 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a parent from filing a separate
21 due process petition on an issue separate from a petition already filed.

22 (j) The State Board, through the Exceptional Children Division, and the State Office of
23 Administrative Hearings shall develop and enter into a binding memorandum of understanding
24 to ensure compliance with the statutory and regulatory procedures and timelines applicable under
25 IDEA to due process hearings and to hearing officers' decisions, and to ensure the parties' due
26 process rights to a fair and impartial hearing. This memorandum of understanding shall be
27 amended if subsequent changes to IDEA are made. The procedures and timelines shall be made
28 part of the Board's procedural safeguards that are made available to parents and the public under
29 G.S. 115C-109.1 and G.S. 115C-109.5."

30 **SECTION 7.25.(c)** G.S. 115C-109.9 is repealed.

31 **SECTION 7.25.(d)** This section is effective when this act becomes law.

32

33 **STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND MAY BE USED FOR ARPA MAINTENANCE OF** 34 **EQUITY**

35 **SECTION 7.26.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the 2021-2023
36 fiscal biennium, in order to meet the minimum maintenance of equity requirements of section
37 2004(b) of ARPA, the Department of Public Instruction may allocate additional funds from the
38 State Public School Fund, as necessary, to public school units receiving funds from the
39 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund under ARPA.

40

41 **ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND/USE OF** 42 **RESERVE FUNDS**

43 **SECTION 7.27.** Section 3.5 of S.L. 2021-25 reads as rewritten:

44 "~~**SECTION 3.5.**~~ **SECTION 3.5.(a) Use of Funds.** – The Elementary and Secondary School
45 Emergency Relief Fund funds appropriated in Section 3.2 of this act shall only be used by the
46 Department of Public Instruction to (i) allocate federal grant funds to public school units pursuant
47 to subsection (d) of section 2001 of the American Rescue Plan Act and (ii) reserve ~~twenty-one~~
48 ~~million five hundred thousand dollars (\$21,500,000)~~ three hundred fifty-nine million nine
49 hundred nineteen thousand one hundred seventy-one dollars (\$359,919,171) of the funds
50 pursuant to subsection (f) of section 2001 of the American Rescue Plan Act to be used according
51 to the following:

- 1 (1) \$20,000,000 shall be used by the Department to allocate funds to each public
2 school unit in the State, except for schools operated by the State Board of
3 Education, to ensure that each public school unit receives a total amount from
4 the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Fund
5 of at least four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per pupil in federal grant funds
6 according to the following:
- 7 a. If a public school unit did not receive funds pursuant to subsection (d)
8 of section 2001, the public school unit shall receive an amount equal
9 to four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per pupil.
- 10 b. If a public school unit received funds pursuant to subsection (d) of
11 section 2001, the per pupil amount allocated under this subdivision
12 shall be reduced so that (i) the total amount in federal grant funds from
13 the ESSER III Fund is equal to four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per
14 pupil or (ii) the public school unit receives no additional funding
15 because the total amount from the ESSER III Fund would exceed four
16 hundred dollars (\$400.00) per pupil.
- 17 (2) \$1,500,000 to be allocated in equal amounts to the Governor Morehead School
18 for the Blind, Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, and North Carolina
19 School for the Deaf for school facility repairs and improvements to enable
20 operation of the schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to
21 environmental health hazards and to support student health needs. The funds
22 may be used for inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and
23 upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities,
24 including mechanical and nonmechanical heating, ventilation, and air
25 conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans,
26 control systems, and window and door repair and replacement.
- 27 (3) \$36,000,000 to be held in a reserve by the Department to be allocated to public
28 school units as grants to support COVID-19 related needs, including for
29 in-person instruction supplemental programs to address learning loss and
30 provide enrichment activities, such as for after-school and before-school
31 programs, during the instructional year. The allocation of grants shall be
32 prioritized to public school units based on need as demonstrated by the
33 expenditure of existing federal funding received for COVID-19 related
34 impacts.
- 35 (4) \$36,000,000 to be held in a reserve by the Department to be allocated to public
36 school units as grants to support COVID-19 related needs, including for
37 in-person instruction summer programs to address learning loss and provide
38 enrichment activities. The allocation of grants shall be prioritized to public
39 school units based on need as demonstrated by the expenditure of existing
40 federal funding received for COVID-19 related impacts.
- 41 (5) \$10,000,000 to support a common learning management system to be utilized
42 for in-person and remote instruction for kindergarten through fifth grade for a
43 period of up to three years. Funds may also be used for the kindergarten
44 readiness programs based on the Science of Reading.
- 45 (6) \$37,500,000 for teacher and principal professional development for
46 implementing the Science of Reading and the requirements of the Excellent
47 Public Schools Act of 2021.
- 48 (7) \$1,000,000 to contract with one or more external research partners pursuant
49 to subdivision (4) of Section 5A of S.L. 2021-1, as enacted by Section 1.2 of
50 S.L. 2021-3, to assess the impact of COVID-19 on public school units and the
51 responses of the State to the challenges presented by COVID-19.

- 1 (8) \$10,000,000 to provide support for in-person, evidence-based tutoring
2 initiatives, including mathematics-focused programs, in response to
3 COVID-19.
- 4 (9) \$500,000 to support expansion of the North Carolina Preschool Pyramid
5 Model (NCPPM) across and within local school administrative unit preschool
6 programs and to support the implementation of NCPPM in kindergarten in a
7 developmentally appropriate and vertically aligned manner. Funds shall be
8 used to provide training, consultation, and ongoing support for local school
9 administrative units to implement the NCPPM framework to prekindergarten
10 and kindergarten classrooms, with priority given to low-performing schools
11 and local school administrative units affected by COVID-19 that receive
12 low-wealth supplemental funding.
- 13 (10) \$15,000,000 to establish a grant program to provide contracted school health
14 support services to public school units with a demonstrated need. Public
15 school units receiving the funds shall contract with school health support
16 personnel to provide additional physical and mental health support services
17 for students in response to COVID-19. No later than February 15, 2022, the
18 Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight
19 Committee on the public school units that received the services, the specific
20 services provided, the type of school health support personnel that provided
21 the services, and the amount of funding provided for each service in each
22 public school unit. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "school health
23 support personnel" shall refer to school counselors, school nurses, school
24 psychologists, and school social workers.
- 25 (11) \$2,000,000, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, for eight new
26 time-limited, full-time equivalent positions at the Department and associated
27 operating costs to work with the Center for Safer Schools, public school units,
28 and law enforcement to identify and locate missing public school students.
29 One position shall be based in each of the eight education districts adopted by
30 the State Board of Education and shall report to the regional director assigned
31 to that district.
- 32 (12) \$2,000,000 to contract with a third-party entity for a period of up to two years
33 for a new software platform, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to
34 develop and implement a system of tracking expenditures of State and federal
35 funds provided for subscription services and technology.
- 36 (13) \$9,000,000 to contract with a third-party entity for a period of up to three years
37 for a new software platform, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to
38 evaluate and improve student learning and performance and to provide
39 students with an individualized roadmap for improving learning and
40 performance.
- 41 (14) \$200,000 to establish one new time-limited, full-time equivalent position at
42 the Department to manage the two software platforms for public schools
43 funded pursuant to subdivisions (12) and (13) of this subsection.
- 44 (15) \$15,000,000 to provide grants to local school administrative units for schools
45 identified as low-performing, with priority for grants provided to local school
46 administrative units that have a majority of schools located in the unit
47 identified as low-performing. Funds shall be used to provide flexible
48 improvement and intervention options that are approved by the Department to
49 address negative impacts of COVID-19.
- 50 (16) \$8,000,000 to be allocated to Mount Airy City Schools to partner with a
51 nonprofit organization to create the North Carolina High-Tech Learning

1 Accelerator, an initiative to provide a network of place-based learning hubs
2 for students with rigorous and experiential pathways for jobs in the technology
3 industry. The initiative shall offer summer immersion and out-of-school
4 options, in addition to other student supports in a core program aimed at
5 enhancing curriculum opportunities for work-based learning.

6 (17) Up to \$17,995,959 for the Department to use for administrative costs.

7 (18) Any contract that is executed to meet the purposes set forth in this subsection
8 using the funds provided from the reserve pursuant to subsection (f) of section
9 2001 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) shall be limited to a contract
10 term consistent with the deadline for the expenditure of those funds under the
11 federal law and guidelines.

12 (19) In no event shall the Department expend or encumber funds from the reserve
13 of funds pursuant to subsection (f) of section 2001 of the ARPA for the
14 purposes set forth under subdivisions (1) through (17) of this subsection or for
15 any other purpose in a total amount that exceeds two hundred twenty-one
16 million six hundred ninety-five thousand nine hundred fifty-nine dollars
17 (\$221,695,959) prior to June 1, 2022.

18 (20) If, on August 15, 2022, there are any funds that are unencumbered from the
19 reserve of funds pursuant to subsection (f) of section 2001 of the ARPA, those
20 funds shall be reallocated to be used for expenditures on or after that date to
21 meet additional needs of the elementary and secondary schools of the State
22 within federal law and guidelines, as determined by the State Board of
23 Education.

24 **"SECTION 3.5.(b) Strategic Plan for a Competency-Based Education Program.** – The State
25 Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction shall develop a strategic plan for
26 the deployment of a competency-based education program that provides for credit by
27 demonstrated mastery for students in grades seven through 12 for credit recovery or acceleration
28 to address impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program shall also focus on demonstrating
29 teacher competency and enable teacher professional development and principal professional
30 development for the purposes of educator licensure reform and efficiency within the Department.
31 By December 15, 2021, the Department of Public Instruction shall submit a comprehensive,
32 strategic plan for the program to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, including
33 the method for deployment of the competency-based education program, the predicted number
34 of students who may earn credit by demonstrating content mastery and the method of assessment,
35 the impact on teachers and how the program will be used for professional development and
36 competency, and a detailed description of the estimated cost of the program, including the
37 identification of other sources of funds for the program after the deadline established by federal
38 law and guidelines for expenditure of federal funds."

39 40 **TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL BUSINESS SYSTEM MODERNIZATION** 41 **PLAN**

42 **SECTION 7.28.** Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction
43 by this act for the school business system modernization plan for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium,
44 the Department shall transfer one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) for the
45 2021-2022 fiscal year and one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) for the 2022-
46 2023 fiscal year to the Government Data Analytics Center (GDAC) to leverage existing
47 public-private partnerships to incorporate annual school report card data for the State into the
48 School Finance Division section of the Department of Public Instruction's website. Grade level
49 and subject level Education Value-Added Assessment System (EVAAS) growth data for local
50 school administrative units and public schools may be made available to the public on the
51 website, to the extent required by State and federal law.

1 By October 1, 2021, GDAC shall execute any contractual agreements and interagency
 2 data sharing agreements necessary to accomplish the reporting system established pursuant to
 3 Section 7.16 of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 7.6 of S.L. 2018-5. The Department of
 4 Public Instruction and GDAC shall continue partnering to continue development, deployment,
 5 and ongoing provision of data integration service that consolidates data from financial, human
 6 resources, licensure, student information, and EVAAS. Implementation shall also include
 7 development and deployment of a modern analytical platform and reporting environment.
 8 Additionally, student population data for future assessments, including State assessments,
 9 Advanced Placement exams, and college readiness assessments shall be made available to local
 10 school administrative units and public schools through the Department's EVAAS section of the
 11 website and shall be made available in hard copy to parents and legal guardians upon request.
 12

13 **PART VII-A. COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES**

14
 15 **TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE**

16 **SECTION 7A.1.(a)** The following monthly teacher salary schedule shall apply for
 17 the 2021-2022 fiscal year to licensed personnel of the public schools who are classified as
 18 teachers. The salary schedule is based on years of teaching experience.

19 **2021-2022 Teacher Monthly Salary Schedule**

20 Years of Experience	21 "A" Teachers
22 0	\$3,509
23 1	\$3,609
24 2	\$3,709
25 3	\$3,810
26 4	\$3,910
27 5	\$4,010
28 6	\$4,110
29 7	\$4,211
30 8	\$4,311
31 9	\$4,411
32 10	\$4,511
33 11	\$4,612
34 12	\$4,712
35 13	\$4,812
36 14	\$4,912
37 15-24	\$5,013
38 25+	\$5,213.

39 **SECTION 7A.1.(b)** Salary Supplements for Teachers Paid on This Salary Schedule.

- 40 —
- 41 (1) Licensed teachers who have NBPTS certification shall receive a salary
 42 supplement each month of twelve percent (12%) of their monthly salary on
 43 the "A" salary schedule.
 - 44 (2) Licensed teachers who are classified as "M" teachers shall receive a salary
 45 supplement each month of ten percent (10%) of their monthly salary on the
 46 "A" salary schedule.
 - 47 (3) Licensed teachers with licensure based on academic preparation at the
 48 six-year degree level shall receive a salary supplement of one hundred
 49 twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month in addition to the supplement provided
 50 to them as "M" teachers.
 - 51 (4) Licensed teachers with licensure based on academic preparation at the
 doctoral degree level shall receive a salary supplement of two hundred

1 fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month in addition to the supplement provided
 2 to them as "M" teachers.

- 3 (5) Certified school nurses shall receive a salary supplement each month of ten
 4 percent (10%) of their monthly salary on the "A" salary schedule.

5 **SECTION 7A.1.(c)** The first step of the salary schedule for (i) school psychologists,
 6 (ii) school speech pathologists who are licensed as speech pathologists at the master's degree
 7 level or higher, and (iii) school audiologists who are licensed as audiologists at the master's
 8 degree level or higher shall be equivalent to the sixth step of the "A" salary schedule. These
 9 employees shall receive a salary supplement each month of ten percent (10%) of their monthly
 10 salary and are eligible to receive salary supplements equivalent to those of teachers for academic
 11 preparation at the six-year degree level or the doctoral degree level.

12 **SECTION 7A.1.(d)** The twenty-sixth step of the salary schedule for (i) school
 13 psychologists, (ii) school speech pathologists who are licensed as speech pathologists at the
 14 master's degree level or higher, and (iii) school audiologists who are licensed as audiologists at
 15 the master's degree level or higher shall be seven and one-half percent (7.5%) higher than the
 16 salary received by these same employees on the twenty-fifth step of the salary schedule.

17 **SECTION 7A.1.(e)** Beginning with the 2014-2015 fiscal year, in lieu of providing
 18 annual longevity payments to teachers paid on the teacher salary schedule, the amounts of those
 19 longevity payments are included in the monthly amounts under the teacher salary schedule.

20 **SECTION 7A.1.(f)** A teacher compensated in accordance with this salary schedule
 21 for the 2021-2022 school year shall receive an amount equal to the greater of the following:

- 22 (1) The applicable amount on the salary schedule for the applicable school year.
 23 (2) For teachers who were eligible for longevity for the 2013-2014 school year,
 24 the sum of the following:
 25 a. The salary the teacher received in the 2013-2014 school year pursuant
 26 to Section 35.11 of S.L. 2013-360.
 27 b. The longevity that the teacher would have received under the longevity
 28 system in effect for the 2013-2014 school year provided in Section
 29 35.11 of S.L. 2013-360 based on the teacher's current years of service.
 30 c. The annual bonus provided in Section 9.1(e) of S.L. 2014-100.
 31 (3) For teachers who were not eligible for longevity for the 2013-2014 school
 32 year, the sum of the salary and annual bonus the teacher received in the
 33 2014-2015 school year pursuant to Section 9.1 of S.L. 2014-100.

34 **SECTION 7A.1.(g)** As used in this section, the term "teacher" shall also include
 35 instructional support personnel.

36 **SECTION 7A.1.(h)** It is the intent of the General Assembly to implement the
 37 following base monthly teacher salary schedule for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to licensed
 38 personnel of the public schools who are classified as teachers. The salary schedule is based on
 39 years of teaching experience.

40 **2022-2023 Teacher Monthly Salary Schedule**

41 Years of Experience	41 "A" Teachers
42 0	\$3,518
43 1	\$3,618
44 2	\$3,718
45 3	\$3,820
46 4	\$3,920
47 5	\$4,020
48 6	\$4,120
49 7	\$4,222
50 8	\$4,322
51 9	\$4,422

1	10	\$4,522
2	11	\$4,624
3	12	\$4,724
4	13	\$4,824
5	14	\$4,924
6	15-24	\$5,026
7	25+	\$5,226.

8 **SECTION 7A.1.(i)** G.S. 115C-302.10 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 115C-302.10. Qualifications for certain education-based salary supplements.**

10 Notwithstanding ~~Section 35.11 of S.L. 2013-360, any other provision of law,~~ only the
11 following teachers and instructional support personnel shall be paid on the "M" salary schedule
12 or receive a salary supplement for academic preparation at the six-year degree level or at the
13 doctoral degree level ~~for the 2014-2015 school year and subsequent school years:~~ level:

- 14 (1) Certified school nurses and instructional support personnel in positions for
15 which a master's degree is required for licensure.
- 16 (2) Teachers and instructional support personnel who were paid on that salary
17 schedule or received that salary supplement prior to the 2014-2015 school
18 year.
- 19 (3) Teachers and instructional support personnel who (i) complete a degree at the
20 master's, six-year, or doctoral degree level for which they completed at least
21 one course prior to August 1, 2013, and (ii) would have qualified for the salary
22 supplement pursuant to State Board of Education policy TCP-A-006, as it was
23 in effect on June 30, 2013."

24
25 **SUPPORT HIGHLY QUALIFIED NC TEACHING GRADUATES**

26 **SECTION 7A.2.(a)** Article 20 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended
27 by adding a new section to read:

28 **"§ 115C-302.7. Salary supplement for highly qualified teaching graduates.**

29 (a) For purposes of this section, a "highly qualified graduate" or "graduate" is an
30 individual entering the teaching profession who has graduated from an approved educator
31 preparation program located in North Carolina who has both of the following:

- 32 (1) A grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent.
- 33 (2) A score of the following or higher on an edTPA assessment or an equivalent
34 score on a nationally normed and valid pedagogy assessment used to
35 determine clinical practice performance:
 - 36 a. A score of 42 for the World Languages and Classical Languages
37 edTPA assessment.
 - 38 b. A score of 57 for the Elementary Education edTPA assessment.
 - 39 c. A score of 48 for all other edTPA assessments.

40 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to the extent funds are made available
41 for this purpose, a highly qualified graduate who is employed by a local board of education shall
42 receive a salary supplement each month at the highest level for which the graduate qualifies as
43 follows:

- 44 (1) A graduate who accepts initial employment at a school identified as
45 low-performing by the State Board of Education pursuant to
46 G.S. 115C-105.37 shall receive a salary supplement during the graduate's first
47 three years of employment as a teacher, without a break in service, equivalent
48 to the difference between the State-funded salary of the graduate and the
49 State-funded salary of a similarly situated teacher with three years of
50 experience on the "A" Teachers Salary Schedule, as long as the graduate (i)
51 remains teaching at the same school or (ii) accepts subsequent employment at

1 another low-performing school or local school administrative unit identified
2 as low-performing.

3 (2) A graduate licensed and employed to teach in the areas of special education,
4 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics shall receive a salary
5 supplement during the graduate's first two years of employment as a teacher,
6 without a break in service, equivalent to the difference between the
7 State-funded salary of the graduate and the State-funded salary of a similarly
8 situated teacher with two years of experience on the "A" Teachers Salary
9 Schedule, as long as the graduate continues teaching in one of those areas.

10 (3) All other graduates shall receive a salary supplement during the graduate's
11 first year of employment as a teacher, without a break in service, equivalent
12 to the difference between the State-funded salary of the graduate and the
13 State-funded salary of a similarly situated teacher with one year of experience
14 on the "A" Teachers Salary Schedule."

15 **SECTION 7A.2.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2021, and applies to
16 highly qualified graduates hired on or after that date.

18 **BONUSES FOR TEACHERS**

19 **SECTION 7A.3.(a)** No later than October 31, 2021, the Department of Public
20 Instruction shall administer a one-time, lump sum bonus of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to
21 every teacher whose salaries are supported from State funds and who, as of October 1, 2021, is
22 employed as a teacher in a qualifying public school unit.

23 **SECTION 7A.3.(b)** As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply:

24 (1) Teacher. – Teachers and instructional support personnel.

25 (2) Qualifying public school unit. – Any of the following:

26 a. A local school administrative unit.

27 b. A charter school.

28 c. A regional school.

29 d. An innovative school.

30 e. A laboratory school under Article 29A of Chapter 116 of the General
31 Statutes.

32 **SECTION 7A.3.(c)** The bonuses awarded pursuant to this section shall be in addition
33 to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher receives or is scheduled to receive.

34 **SECTION 7A.3.(d)** Notwithstanding G.S. 135-1(7a), the bonuses awarded pursuant
35 to this section are not compensation under Article 1 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes,
36 Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees.

37 **SECTION 7A.3.(e)** For charter schools, regional schools, innovative schools, and
38 laboratory schools, the Department of Public Instruction shall allocate funds for the bonuses
39 provided pursuant to this section on the basis of the funded average daily membership of each
40 school.

41 **SECTION 7A.3.(f)** It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds provided
42 pursuant to this section will supplement teacher compensation and not supplant local funds.

43 **SECTION 7A.3.(g)** For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, funds appropriated from the
44 General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for the following bonus programs shall
45 instead be used for bonuses for teachers in accordance with subsections (a) through (f) of this
46 section:

47 (1) The Third Grade Read to Achieve Teacher Bonus Program provided in
48 Section 8.8C of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 2.10 of S.L. 2017-97
49 and Section 8.10 of S.L. 2018-5.

50 (2) The Fourth and Fifth Grade Reading Teacher Bonus Program provided in
51 Section 8.8D of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 8.11 of S.L. 2018-5.

- 1 (3) The Fourth to Eighth Grade Math Teacher Bonus Program provided in Section
2 8.8E of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 8.12 of S.L. 2018-5.

3 **SECTION 7A.3.(h)** For the 2022-2023 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years, it is
4 the intent of the General Assembly to reauthorize bonuses for teachers based on the criteria used
5 in the programs identified in subdivisions (1) through (3) of subsection (g) of this section.
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7 **ADVANCED COURSE AND CTE TEACHER BONUSES**

8 **SECTION 7A.4.(a)** Establish Advanced Course and CTE Bonus Program. – The
9 State Board of Education shall establish a teacher bonus program for the 2021-2023 fiscal
10 biennium to reward teacher performance and encourage student learning and improvement. To
11 attain this goal, the Department of Public Instruction shall administer bonus pay to qualifying
12 teachers whose salaries are supported from State funds in January of 2022 and January of 2023,
13 based on data from the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, respectively, in accordance with
14 this section.

15 **SECTION 7A.4.(b)** Definitions. – For purposes of this section, the following
16 definitions shall apply:

- 17 (1) Eligible advanced course teacher. – A teacher of Advanced Placement
18 courses, International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme courses, or the
19 Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) program
20 who meets the following criteria:
21 a. Is employed by, or retired having last held a position at, one or more
22 of the following:
23 1. A qualifying public school unit.
24 2. The North Carolina Virtual Public School program.
25 b. Taught one or more students who received a score listed in subsection
26 (c) of this section.
- 27 (2) Eligible career and technical education (CTE) teacher. – A teacher who meets
28 the following criteria:
29 a. Is employed by, or retired having last held a position at, a qualifying
30 public school unit.
31 b. Taught one or more students who attained approved industry
32 certifications or credentials consistent with G.S. 115C-156.2.
- 33 (3) Qualifying public school unit. – Any of the following:
34 a. A local school administrative unit.
35 b. A charter school.
36 c. A regional school.
37 d. A school providing elementary or secondary instruction operated by
38 the State Board of Education under Article 7A of Chapter 115C of the
39 General Statutes.
40 e. A school providing elementary or secondary instruction operated by
41 The University of North Carolina under Article 29A of Chapter 116 of
42 the General Statutes.
- 43 (4) Qualifying teacher. – An eligible advanced course teacher or eligible career
44 and technical education teacher who meets one of the following criteria:
45 a. Remains employed teaching in the same qualifying public school unit,
46 or, if an eligible advanced course teacher is only employed by the
47 North Carolina Virtual Public School program, remains employed
48 teaching in that program, at least from the school year the data is
49 collected until January 1 of the corresponding school year that the
50 bonus is paid.

- 1 b. Retired, between the last day of the school year in which the data is
2 collected and January 1 of the corresponding school year in which the
3 bonus is paid, after attaining one of the following:
4 1. The age of at least 65 with five years of creditable service.
5 2. The age of at least 60 with 25 years of creditable service.
6 3. Thirty years of creditable service.

7 **SECTION 7A.4.(c)** Advanced Course Bonuses. – A bonus in the amount of fifty
8 dollars (\$50.00) shall be provided to qualifying advanced course teachers for each student taught
9 in each advanced course who receives the following score:

- 10 (1) For Advanced Placement courses, a score of three or higher on the College
11 Board Advanced Placement Examination.
12 (2) For International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme courses, a score of four
13 or higher on the International Baccalaureate course examination.
14 (3) For the Cambridge AICE program, a score of "C" or higher on the Cambridge
15 AICE program examinations.

16 **SECTION 7A.4.(d)** CTE Bonuses. – For qualifying career and technical education
17 teachers, bonuses shall be provided in the following amounts:

- 18 (1) A bonus in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each student taught
19 by a teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of
20 an industry certification or credential with a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) value
21 ranking as determined under subsection (e) of this section.
22 (2) A bonus in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each student taught by a
23 teacher who provided instruction in a course that led to the attainment of an
24 industry certification or credential with a fifty dollar (\$50.00) value ranking
25 as determined under subsection (e) of this section.

26 **SECTION 7A.4.(e)** CTE Course Value Ranking. – The Department of Commerce,
27 in consultation with the State Board, shall assign a value ranking for each industry certification
28 and credential based on academic rigor and employment value in accordance with this subsection.
29 Fifty percent (50%) of the ranking shall be based on academic rigor and the remaining fifty
30 percent (50%) on employment value. Academic rigor and employment value shall be based on
31 the following elements:

- 32 (1) Academic rigor shall be based on the number of instructional hours, including
33 work experience or internship hours, required to earn the industry certification
34 or credential, with extra weight given for coursework that also provides
35 community college credit.
36 (2) Employment value shall be based on the entry wage, growth rate in
37 employment for each occupational category, and average annual openings for
38 the primary occupation linked with the industry certification or credential.

39 **SECTION 7A.4.(f)** Limitation on Bonus Funds. – Bonus funds awarded to a teacher
40 pursuant to subsection (c) or subsection (d) of this section shall not exceed three thousand five
41 hundred dollars (\$3,500) per subsection in any given school year.

42 **SECTION 7A.4.(g)** Bonuses Not Compensation. – Bonuses awarded to a teacher
43 pursuant to this section shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher receives
44 or is scheduled to receive. Notwithstanding G.S. 135-1(7a), the bonuses awarded under this
45 section are not compensation under Article 1 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes, Retirement
46 System for Teachers and State Employees.

47 **SECTION 7A.4.(h)** Study and Report. – The State Board of Education shall study
48 the effect of the program on teacher performance and retention. The State Board shall report the
49 results of its findings and the amount of bonuses awarded to the President Pro Tempore of the
50 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Joint Legislative Education Oversight

1 Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division by March 15 of each year bonuses are awarded.
2 The report shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- 3 (1) Number of students enrolled and taking examinations in each of the following
4 categories of courses:
 - 5 a. Advanced Placement.
 - 6 b. International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.
 - 7 c. Cambridge AICE program.
 - 8 d. Courses needed for the attainment of an industry certification or
9 credential.
- 10 (2) Number of students receiving outcomes on examinations resulting in the
11 award of a bonus for a teacher in each category of courses identified in
12 sub-subdivision a. of subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- 13 (3) Number of teachers receiving a bonus in each category of courses identified
14 in sub-subdivision a. of subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- 15 (4) The amounts awarded to teachers for each category of courses identified in
16 sub-subdivision a. of subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- 17 (5) The type of industry certifications and credentials earned by the students, the
18 value ranking for each certification and credential, the number of bonuses
19 earned for each certification or credential, and the total bonus amount awarded
20 for each certification or credential.

21 **SMALL COUNTY SIGNING BONUS FOR TEACHERS**

22 **SECTION 7A.5.(a)** Definitions. – For purposes of this section, the following
23 definitions shall apply:

- 24 (1) Eligible employee. – A person who meets all of the following criteria:
 - 25 a. Accepts employment as a teacher with an eligible employer for the
26 2021-2022 school year.
 - 27 b. Was not employed by the eligible employer identified in
28 sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision in the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
 - 29 c. Is employed by the eligible employer identified in sub-subdivision a.
30 of this subdivision as of October 1, 2021.
- 31 (2) Eligible employer. – The governing board of a local school administrative unit
32 that receives small county school system supplemental funding in the
33 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- 34 (3) Local funds. – Matching funds provided by an eligible employer to enable an
35 eligible employee to qualify for the signing bonus program established by this
36 section.
- 37 (4) Teacher. – Teachers and instructional support personnel.

38 **SECTION 7A.5.(b)** Signing Bonus Program. – For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the
39 Department of Public Instruction shall establish and administer a signing bonus program for
40 teachers. Signing bonuses shall be provided to all eligible employees who are employed by an
41 eligible employer as long as they are matched on the basis of one dollar (\$1.00) in State funds
42 for every one dollar (\$1.00) in local funds, up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in State funds.

43 **SECTION 7A.5.(c)** Limited Exclusion from Future Signing Bonuses. – A teacher
44 who receives a signing bonus pursuant to this section is ineligible to receive another signing
45 bonus pursuant to this section or a similar enactment of the General Assembly until July 1, 2024,
46 at the earliest. This section shall not apply to any legislatively mandated bonuses received by
47 teachers that are not signing bonuses.

48 **SECTION 7A.5.(d)** Bonuses as Additions. – The bonuses awarded pursuant to this
49 section shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus a teacher receives or is scheduled
50 to receive.
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1 **SECTION 7A.5.(e)** Not for Retirement. – Notwithstanding G.S. 135-1(7a), the
2 bonuses awarded pursuant to this section are not compensation under Article 1 of Chapter 135
3 of the General Statutes, Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees.

4 **SECTION 7A.5.(f)** Future Signing Bonuses. – It is the intent of the General
5 Assembly to provide additional signing bonuses for eligible employees in the 2022-2023 fiscal
6 year.

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8 **PRINCIPAL SALARY SCHEDULE**

9 **SECTION 7A.6.(a)** The following annual salary schedule for principals shall apply
10 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2021:

11 **2021-2022 Principal Annual Salary Schedule**

12 Avg. Daily Membership	13 Base	14 Met Growth	15 Exceeded Growth
16 0-200	\$69,147	\$76,062	\$82,976
17 201-400	\$72,604	\$79,864	\$87,125
18 401-700	\$76,062	\$83,668	\$91,274
19 701-1,000	\$79,519	\$87,471	\$95,423
20 1,001-1,600	\$82,976	\$91,274	\$99,571
21 1,601+	\$86,434	\$95,077	\$103,721.

22 A principal's placement on the salary schedule shall be determined according to the
23 average daily membership of the school supervised by the principal, as described in subsection
24 (b) of this section, and the school growth scores, calculated pursuant to G.S. 115C-83.15(c), for
25 each school the principal supervised in at least two of the prior three school years, as described
26 in subsection (c) of this section, regardless of a break in service, and provided the principal
27 supervised each school as a principal for at least a majority of the school year, as follows:

- 28 (1) A principal shall be paid according to the Exceeded Growth column of the
29 schedule if the school growth scores show the school or schools exceeded
30 expected growth in at least two of the prior three school years.
- 31 (2) A principal shall be paid according to the Met Growth column of the schedule
32 if any of the following apply:
- 33 a. The school growth scores show the school or schools met expected
34 growth in at least two of the prior three school years.
- 35 b. The school growth scores show the school or schools met expected
36 growth in at least one of the prior three school years and exceeded
37 expected growth in one of the prior three school years.
- 38 c. The principal supervised a school in at least two of the prior three
39 school years that was not eligible to receive a school growth score.
- 40 (3) A principal shall be paid according to the Base column if either of the
41 following applies:
- 42 a. The school growth scores show the school or schools did not meet
43 expected growth in at least two of the prior three years.
- 44 b. The principal has not supervised any school as a principal for a
45 majority of the school year in at least two of the prior three school
46 years.

47 **SECTION 7A.6.(b)** For purposes of determining the average daily membership of a
48 principal's school, the following amounts shall be used during the following time periods:

- 49 (1) Between July 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, the average daily membership
50 for the school from the 2019-2020 school year. If the school did not have an
51 average daily membership in the 2019-2020 school year, the projected average
daily membership for the school for the 2021-2022 school year.
- (2) Between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2022, the average daily membership
for the school for the 2021-2022 school year.

1 **SECTION 7A.6.(c)** For purposes of determining the school growth scores for each
 2 school the principal supervised in at least two of the prior three school years, the following school
 3 growth scores shall be used during the following time periods:

- 4 (1) Between July 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, school growth scores from the
 5 three most recent available school years, up to the 2018-2019 school year,
 6 shall be used.
- 7 (2) Between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2022, school growth scores from the
 8 three most recent available school years, up to the 2020-2021 school year,
 9 shall be used.

10 **SECTION 7A.6.(d)** Beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year, in lieu of providing
 11 annual longevity payments to principals paid on the principal salary schedule, the amounts of
 12 those longevity payments are included in the annual amounts under the principal salary schedule.

13 **SECTION 7A.6.(e)** A principal compensated in accordance with this section for the
 14 2021-2022 fiscal year shall receive an amount equal to the greater of the following:

- 15 (1) The applicable amount on the salary schedule for the applicable year.
- 16 (2) For principals who were eligible for longevity in the 2016-2017 fiscal year,
 17 the sum of the following:
 - 18 a. The salary the principal received in the 2016-2017 fiscal year pursuant
 19 to Section 9.1 or Section 9.2 of S.L. 2016-94.
 - 20 b. The longevity that the principal would have received as provided for
 21 State employees under the North Carolina Human Resources Act for
 22 the 2016-2017 fiscal year based on the principal's current years of
 23 service.
- 24 (3) For principals who were not eligible for longevity in the 2016-2017 fiscal
 25 year, the salary the principal received in the 2016-2017 fiscal year pursuant to
 26 Section 9.1 or Section 9.2 of S.L. 2016-94.

27 **SECTION 7A.6.(f)** It is the intent of the General Assembly to implement the
 28 following annual salary schedule for principals for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, beginning July 1,
 29 2022:

2022-2023 Principal Annual Salary Schedule

Avg. Daily Membership	Base	Met Growth	Exceeded Growth
0-200	\$70,184	\$77,202	\$84,221
201-400	\$73,693	\$81,062	\$88,432
401-700	\$77,202	\$84,922	\$92,642
701-1,000	\$80,712	\$88,783	\$96,854
1,001-1,600	\$84,221	\$92,643	\$101,065
1,601+	\$87,730	\$96,503	\$105,276.

BONUSES FOR PRINCIPALS

39 **SECTION 7A.7.(a)** No later than October 31, 2021, the Department of Public
 40 Instruction shall administer a one-time, lump sum bonus of one thousand eight hundred dollars
 41 (\$1,800) to every principal in a public school unit whose salaries are supported from State funds
 42 and who, as of October 1, 2021, is employed as a principal in a public school unit.

43 **SECTION 7A.7.(b)** The bonuses awarded pursuant to this section shall be in
 44 addition to any regular wage or other bonuses the principal receives or is scheduled to receive.

45 **SECTION 7A.7.(c)** Notwithstanding G.S. 135-1(7a), the bonuses awarded pursuant
 46 to this section are not compensation under Article 1 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes,
 47 Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees.

48 **SECTION 7A.7.(d)** It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds provided
 49 pursuant to this section will supplement principal compensation and not supplant local funds.
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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SALARIES

SECTION 7A.8.(a) For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2021, assistant principals shall receive a monthly salary based on the salary schedule for teachers who are classified as "A" teachers plus nineteen percent (19%). An assistant principal shall be placed on the step on the salary schedule that reflects the total number of years of experience as a certified employee of the public schools. For purposes of this section, an administrator with a one-year provisional assistant principal's certificate shall be considered equivalent to an assistant principal.

SECTION 7A.8.(b) Assistant principals with certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall be paid a salary supplement of one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month and at the doctoral degree level shall be paid a salary supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month.

SECTION 7A.8.(c) Participants in an approved full-time master's in school administration program shall receive up to a 10-month stipend during the internship period of the master's program. The stipend shall be at the beginning salary of an assistant principal or, for a teacher who becomes an intern, at least as much as that person would earn as a teacher on the teacher salary schedule. The North Carolina Principal Fellows and Transforming Principal Preparation Program or the school of education where the intern participates in a full-time master's in school administration program shall supply the Department of Public Instruction with certification of eligible full-time interns.

SECTION 7A.8.(d) Beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year, in lieu of providing annual longevity payments to assistant principals on the assistant principal salary schedule, the amounts of those longevity payments are included in the monthly amounts provided to assistant principals pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 7A.8.(e) An assistant principal compensated in accordance with this section for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall receive an amount equal to the greater of the following:

- (1) The applicable amount on the salary schedule for the applicable year.
- (2) For assistant principals who were eligible for longevity in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the sum of the following:
 - a. The salary the assistant principal received in the 2016-2017 fiscal year pursuant to Section 9.1 or Section 9.2 of S.L. 2016-94.
 - b. The longevity that the assistant principal would have received as provided for State employees under the North Carolina Human Resources Act for the 2016-2017 fiscal year based on the assistant principal's current years of service.
- (3) For assistant principals who were not eligible for longevity in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the salary the assistant principal received in the 2016-2017 fiscal year pursuant to Section 9.1 or Section 9.2 of S.L. 2016-94.

CENTRAL OFFICE SALARIES

SECTION 7A.9.(a) For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2021, the annual salary for superintendents, assistant superintendents, associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers, whose salaries are supported from State funds, shall be increased by one and one-half percent (1.5%).

SECTION 7A.9.(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to increase the annual salary for superintendents, assistant superintendents, associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers, whose salaries are supported from State funds, for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2022, by one and one-half percent (1.5%).

SECTION 7A.9.(c) The monthly salary maximums that follow apply to assistant superintendents, associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2021:

2021-2022 Fiscal Year

1		Maximum
2	School Administrator I	\$6,730
3	School Administrator II	\$7,131
4	School Administrator III	\$7,558
5	School Administrator IV	\$7,853
6	School Administrator V	\$8,166
7	School Administrator VI	\$8,651
8	School Administrator VII	\$8,995.

9 The local board of education shall determine the appropriate category and placement
 10 for each assistant superintendent, associate superintendent, director/coordinator, supervisor, or
 11 finance officer within the maximums and within funds appropriated by the General Assembly
 12 for central office administrators and superintendents. The category in which an employee is
 13 placed shall be included in the contract of any employee.

14 **SECTION 7A.9.(d)** The monthly salary maximums that follow apply to
 15 superintendents for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2021:

16		2021-2022 Fiscal Year
17		Maximum
18	Superintendent I	\$9,535
19	Superintendent II	\$10,103
20	Superintendent III	\$10,709
21	Superintendent IV	\$11,353
22	Superintendent V	\$12,037.

23 The local board of education shall determine the appropriate category and placement
 24 for the superintendent based on the average daily membership of the local school administrative
 25 unit and within funds appropriated by the General Assembly for central office administrators and
 26 superintendents.

27 **SECTION 7A.9.(e)** Longevity pay for superintendents, assistant superintendents,
 28 associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers shall be as
 29 provided for State employees under the North Carolina Human Resources Act.

30 **SECTION 7A.9.(f)** Superintendents, assistant superintendents, associate
 31 superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers with certification based
 32 on academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall receive a salary supplement of one
 33 hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided
 34 pursuant to this section. Superintendents, assistant superintendents, associate superintendents,
 35 directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers with certification based on academic
 36 preparation at the doctoral degree level shall receive a salary supplement of two hundred
 37 fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for under this
 38 section.

39 **SECTION 7A.9.(g)** The State Board of Education shall not permit local school
 40 administrative units to transfer State funds from other funding categories for salaries for public
 41 school central office administrators.

42 **SECTION 7A.9.(h)** It is the intent of the General Assembly that the monthly salary
 43 maximums that follow shall apply to assistant superintendents, associate superintendents,
 44 directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, beginning
 45 July 1, 2022:

46		2022-2023 Fiscal Year
47		Maximum
48	School Administrator I	\$6,831
49	School Administrator II	\$7,238
50	School Administrator III	\$7,671
51	School Administrator IV	\$7,971

1	School Administrator V	\$8,288
2	School Administrator VI	\$8,781
3	School Administrator VII	\$9,130.

4 **SECTION 7A.9.(i)** It is the intent of the General Assembly that the monthly salary
5 maximums that follow shall apply to superintendents for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, beginning
6 July 1, 2022:

	2022-2023 Fiscal Year	
	Maximum	
7		
8		
9	Superintendent I	\$9,678
10	Superintendent II	\$10,255
11	Superintendent III	\$10,870
12	Superintendent IV	\$11,523
13	Superintendent V	\$12,217.

14
15 **NONCERTIFIED PERSONNEL SALARIES**

16 **SECTION 7A.10.(a)** Beginning with the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the State Board of
17 Education shall increase the minimum of all salary grades and ranges it maintains for noncertified
18 public school employees, as necessary, to achieve a minimum hourly compensation rate of
19 thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per hour.

20 **SECTION 7A.10.(b)** For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2021, the
21 annual salary for noncertified public school employees whose salaries are supported from State
22 funds shall be increased as follows:

- 23 (1) For permanent, full-time employees on a 12-month contract, by the greater of
24 the following:
 - 25 a. One and one-half percent (1.5%).
 - 26 b. An amount necessary to increase the minimum hourly compensation
27 rate of the employee to thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per hour pursuant to
28 subsection (a) of this section.
- 29 (2) For the following employees, by an equitable amount based on the amounts
30 specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection:
 - 31 a. Permanent, full-time employees on a contract for fewer than 12
32 months.
 - 33 b. Permanent, part-time employees.
 - 34 c. Temporary and permanent hourly employees.

35 **SECTION 7A.10.(c)** It is the intent of the General Assembly to increase the annual
36 salary for noncertified public school employees whose salaries are supported from State funds in
37 the 2022-2023 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2022, by one and one-half percent (1.5%).
38

39 **PART VIII. THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM**

40
41 **UNC/ESCHEAT FUND FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS**

42 **SECTION 8.1.(a)** The funds appropriated by this act from the Escheat Fund for the
43 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for student financial aid shall be allocated in accordance with
44 G.S. 116B-7. Notwithstanding any other provision of Chapter 116B of the General Statutes, if
45 the interest income generated from the Escheat Fund is less than the amounts referenced in this
46 act, the difference may be taken from the Escheat Fund principal to reach the appropriations
47 referenced in this act; however, under no circumstances shall the Escheat Fund principal be
48 reduced below the sum required in G.S. 116B-6(f). If any funds appropriated from the Escheat
49 Fund by this act for student financial aid remain uncommitted aid as of the end of a fiscal year,
50 the funds shall be returned to the Escheat Fund, but only to the extent the funds exceed the amount
51 of the Escheat Fund income for that fiscal year.

1 **SECTION 8.1.(b)** The State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) shall
2 conduct periodic evaluations of expenditures of the student financial aid programs administered
3 by the Authority to determine if allocations are utilized to ensure access to institutions of higher
4 education and to meet the goals of the respective programs. The Authority may make
5 recommendations for redistribution of funds to the President of The University of North Carolina
6 and the President of the Community College System regarding their respective student financial
7 aid programs, who then may authorize redistribution of unutilized funds for a particular fiscal
8 year.

9
10 **IN-STATE TUITION/VETERANS/FEDERAL LAW COMPLIANCE**

11 **SECTION 8.2.(a)** G.S. 116-143.3A reads as rewritten:

12 "**§ 116-143.3A. Waiver of 12-month residency requirement for certain veterans and other**
13 **individuals.**

14 ...

15 (b) Waiver of 12-month residency requirement for certain veterans and other Certain
16 Individuals. – Any veteran, dependent of a veteran, or other individual who qualifies for
17 admission to an institution of higher education as defined in G.S. 116-143.1(a)(3) is eligible to
18 be charged the in-State tuition rate and applicable mandatory fees for enrollment, to the extent
19 required by ~~Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, as~~
20 ~~amended,~~ 38 U.S.C. § 3679, without satisfying the 12-month residency requirement under
21 G.S. 116-143.1, provided the individual meets all of the following criteria:

22 ...

23 ~~(d) After the expiration of the three year period following discharge as described in 38~~
24 ~~U.S.C. § 3679(e), any enrolled individual who is eligible for in-State tuition under this section~~
25 ~~shall continue to be eligible for the in-State tuition rate so long as the covered individual remains~~
26 ~~continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, quarters,~~
27 ~~terms, or semesters) at that institution of higher education.~~

28 "

29 **SECTION 8.2.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

30
31 **PATRIOT STAR FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

32 **SECTION 8.3.(a)** Program Established. – Of the funds appropriated by this act for
33 the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina
34 for the North Carolina Patriot Star Family Scholarship Program (Program), the Board of
35 Governors shall make funds available to (i) the Patriot Foundation, a nonprofit corporation, and
36 (ii) the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of
37 establishing and administering scholarships under the Program, originally established pursuant
38 to Section 3.4 of S.L. 2020-97, in accordance with the requirements of this section.

39 **SECTION 8.3.(b)** Purpose of the Program. – The Patriot Foundation and the Marine
40 Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., respectively, shall provide for scholarships to eligible
41 children and eligible spouses of certain veterans and eligible children of certain currently serving
42 members of the Armed Forces to attend eligible postsecondary institutions in accordance with
43 the requirements of this section.

44 **SECTION 8.3.(c)** Definitions. – For the purposes of this section, the following
45 definitions apply:

- 46 (1) Armed Forces. – A component of the United States Army, Navy, Marine
47 Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, including their reserve components.
- 48 (2) Eligible child or eligible children. – Any person (i) who is attending or has
49 been accepted to enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution, (ii) who is a
50 legal resident of North Carolina when scholarship documentation is
51 completed, provided that if a child is claimed as a dependent by the child's

1 parent, residency may be established based on a parent meeting
2 sub-sub-subdivision 4. of sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision, (iii) who has
3 complied with the requirements of the Selective Service System, if applicable,
4 and (iv) whose parent is a veteran or a currently serving member of the Armed
5 Forces that meets the following:

6 a. Meets one of the following residency conditions:

- 7 1. Is a resident of North Carolina at the time of scholarship
8 documentation completion.
- 9 2. Was a resident of North Carolina at the time of entrance into
10 service in the Armed Forces.
- 11 3. Was permanently stationed in North Carolina at the time of his
12 or her death.
- 13 4. Is an active duty service member permanently stationed in
14 North Carolina at the time of documentation completion.

15 b. Meets one of the following service conditions:

- 16 1. Was a member of the Armed Forces who was killed in action
17 or in the line of duty, or died of wounds or other causes not due
18 to the service member's willful misconduct during a period of
19 war or national emergency.
- 20 2. Was a member of the Armed Forces who died of
21 service-connected injuries, wounds, illness, or other causes
22 incurred or aggravated while a member of the Armed Forces
23 during a period of war or national emergency. Standard
24 documentation of the parent's death, wounds, injury, or illness
25 must be supplied by a scholarship recipient at the time of
26 scholarship request.
- 27 3. Is a veteran of the Armed Forces who incurred traumatic
28 injuries or wounds or sustained a major illness while a member
29 of the Armed Forces during a period of war or national
30 emergency and is receiving compensation for a wartime
31 service-connected disability of at least fifty percent (50%) as
32 rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 33 4. Is a current member of the Armed Forces who incurred
34 traumatic injuries or wounds or sustained a major illness while
35 a member of the Armed Forces during a period of war or
36 national emergency. The parent's traumatic wounds, injury, or
37 major illness must be documented by the U.S. Department of
38 Defense.

39 (3) Eligible postsecondary institution. – A school that is any of the following:

- 40 a. A constituent institution of The University of North Carolina.
- 41 b. A community college under the jurisdiction of the State Board of
42 Community Colleges.
- 43 c. A private educational institution as defined in G.S. 143B-1224.
- 44 d. An accredited, private vocational institution.

45 (4) Eligible spouse. – Any person (i) who is attending or has been accepted to
46 enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution, (ii) who is a legal resident of
47 North Carolina when scholarship documentation is completed, (iii) who has
48 complied with the requirements of the Selective Service System, if applicable,
49 and (iv) whose spouse was a member of the Armed Forces who was killed in
50 action or in the line of duty, or died of wounds or other causes not due to the

1 service member's willful misconduct during a period of war or national
2 emergency.

- 3 (5) Veteran. – An individual who has served and is no longer serving in the Armed
4 Forces of the United States. For the purposes of this section, the veteran must
5 have separated from the Armed Forces under honorable conditions or whose
6 death or disability of at least fifty percent (50%) or more was incurred as a
7 direct result of service in the line of duty.

8 **SECTION 8.3.(d)** Administration; Awards. – Within the funds made available for
9 the Program, the Patriot Foundation and the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation shall each
10 separately administer and award scholarships to eligible children and eligible spouses in
11 accordance with the requirements of the North Carolina Patriot Star Family Scholarship Program.
12 In administering the Program, each nonprofit corporation shall be responsible for Program
13 oversight for the scholarships awarded through its organization to ensure compliance with the
14 provisions of this section.

15 Each nonprofit corporation shall, at a minimum, establish criteria and procedures
16 related to scholarship documentation completion, the amount of individual scholarships, the
17 permissible uses of scholarship funds, the period of eligibility for award of a scholarship, the
18 conditions for a revocation of a scholarship, and any other procedures it deems necessary for its
19 administration of the Program. A scholarship awarded to an eligible child or eligible spouse shall
20 not exceed the cost of attendance at the eligible postsecondary institution.

21 If an eligible child or eligible spouse receives a scholarship or other grant covering
22 the cost of attendance at an eligible postsecondary institution for which the scholarship is
23 awarded, then the amount of a scholarship awarded under this section shall be reduced so that
24 the sum of all grants and scholarships covering the cost of attendance received by the eligible
25 child or eligible spouse does not exceed the cost of attendance for the institution. For the purposes
26 of this section, cost of attendance shall be deemed to include monies for tuition, fees, books,
27 supplies, and equipment required for study at an eligible postsecondary institution, as well as
28 room and board as long as the scholarship recipient is enrolled as at least a half-time student at
29 the institution. Off-campus housing costs for room and board are also included to the extent the
30 eligible postsecondary institution includes it in its cost of attendance.

31 **SECTION 8.3.(e)** Reporting. – The Patriot Foundation shall submit a report by April
32 1 of each year in which the Patriot Foundation spends State funds made available for the Program
33 to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division on the
34 activities related to the Program and the use of the State funds.

35 The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., shall submit a report by April 1 of
36 each year in which the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation spends State funds made available
37 for the Program to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research
38 Division on the activities related to the Program and the use of the State funds.

39 **REPORT ON SCIENCE OF READING EPP COURSEWORK IMPLEMENTATION**

40 **SECTION 8.4.(a)** The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall
41 contract with an outside consultant for an evaluation on the progress of the implementation of
42 the changes in requirements for approval or renewal of approval of educator preparation
43 programs (EPPs) for training of (i) elementary education teachers in coursework in the Science
44 of Reading and (ii) elementary and special education general curriculum teachers in early literacy
45 intervention strategies and practices that are aligned with the Science of Reading pursuant to
46 Section 4 of S.L. 2021-8. The State Board of Community Colleges, the North Carolina
47 Independent Colleges and Universities, the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of
48 Public Instruction, and the Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Commission
49 (PEPSC) shall provide the outside consultant with all information necessary to determine at least
50 the following:
51

- 1 (1) A baseline of the current coursework in literacy training and intervention
- 2 strategies and practices at EPPs.
- 3 (2) The plan for implementation of the requirements at approved EPPs and any
- 4 recommendations for implementation by the State Board of Education, the
- 5 Superintendent, and PEPSC.
- 6 (3) The timeline for EPPs to incorporate the training into their programs by the
- 7 anticipated academic semesters.
- 8 (4) Any EPPs that have already incorporated training into their programs and their
- 9 best practices to share with other programs.

10 **SECTION 8.4.(b)** The Board of Governors shall submit an interim report by
11 December 15, 2021, and a final report by May 15, 2022, to the Joint Legislative Education
12 Oversight Committee on the progress of implementation of required changes and the results of
13 the overall evaluation from the outside consultant required under subsection (a) of this section.
14 The interim report submitted by December 15, 2021, shall also include the baseline of current
15 coursework in literacy training and intervention strategies and practices at EPPs.

16 17 **FALLS LAKE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT STUDY/FUNDS**

18 **SECTION 8.5.** Of the funds appropriated by this act to the Board of Governors for
19 the 2022-2023 fiscal year for the study of Falls Lake, any unexpended funds remaining at the end
20 of the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund but shall remain available for
21 expenditure for the purposes of studying and analyzing nutrient management strategies and
22 compiling existing water quality data of Falls Lake pursuant to Section 14.13(c) of S.L. 2016-94,
23 as amended by Section 13.18(a) of S.L. 2018-5, until December 31, 2023.

24 25 **NEW EDUCATION FACILITY/UNCW/PLANNING FUNDS**

26 **SECTION 8.6.(a)** Of the funds appropriated by this act to the Board of Governors
27 of The University of North Carolina for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the sum of nine hundred
28 ninety-four thousand dollars (\$994,000) in nonrecurring funds shall be held in reserve for the
29 purpose of providing funds for the planning of a new facility for Isaac Bear Early College High
30 School on the University of North Carolina at Wilmington's campus as the partner institution of
31 higher education for the cooperative innovative high school.

32 The Board of Governors shall allocate the funds to the University of North Carolina
33 at Wilmington (UNC-Wilmington) upon the signing of a memorandum of agreement between
34 New Hanover County Schools and UNC-Wilmington on the specifics of the facility project,
35 including the site location for the new facility and the sources of funds for the project.

36 **SECTION 8.6.(b)** If a memorandum of agreement is not signed between New
37 Hanover County Schools and UNC-Wilmington as required by subsection (a) of this section by
38 June 30, 2022, the funds held in reserve by the Board of Governors pursuant to this section shall
39 revert to the General Fund.

40 **SECTION 8.6.(c)** The allocation of funds by the Board of Governors to
41 UNC-Wilmington pursuant to this section shall not be deemed to constitute a financial obligation
42 of the State to provide any additional State funds in subsequent fiscal years for the purpose of
43 planning or constructing a new facility for Isaac Bear Early College High School.

44 45 **ALLOW IN-STATE TUITION/ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

46 **SECTION 8.7.(a)** G.S. 116-143.6 reads as rewritten:

47 "**§ 116-143.6. Full scholarship students attending constituent institutions.**

48 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the Board of Trustees of a constituent
49 institution of The University of North Carolina elects to do so, it may by resolution adopted
50 consider as residents of North Carolina all persons who receive full ~~scholarships, unless the~~
51 ~~scholarship is for athletics, scholarships~~ to the institution from entities recognized by the

1 institution and attend the institution as undergraduate students. The aforesaid persons shall be
2 considered residents of North Carolina for all purposes by The University of North Carolina.

3 (b) The following definitions apply in this section:

4 (1) "Full cost" means an amount calculated by the constituent institution that is
5 no less than the sum of tuition, required fees, and on-campus room and board.

6 (2) "Full scholarship" means a grant that meets the full cost for a student to attend
7 the constituent institution for an academic year.

8 (c) This section shall not be applied in any manner that violates federal law.

9 ~~(d) This section shall be administered by the electing constituent institution so as to have
10 no fiscal impact.~~

11 (e) In administering this section, the electing constituent institution shall maintain at least
12 the current number of North Carolina residents admitted to that constituent institution.

13 (f) A change in residency status under this section shall not impact the financial aid
14 amount a student is able to receive as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student
15 Aid."

16 **SECTION 8.7.(b)** This section applies beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year.
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18 CODIFY NC COLLABORATORY

19 **SECTION 8.8.(a)** Section 11.8 of S.L. 2016-94, as amended by Section 8(c) of S.L.
20 2020-74, reads as rewritten:

21 "SECTION 11.8. ~~The Beginning with the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the one million dollars~~
22 (\$1,000,000) in recurring funds appropriated in this act to the Board of Governors of The
23 University of North Carolina for the 2016-2017 fiscal year to establish and operate a North
24 Carolina Policy Collaboratory at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall be used
25 used, in addition to any other funds appropriated for this purpose, to establish a Collaboratory
26 that facilitates the dissemination of the policy and research expertise of The University of North
27 Carolina and other institutions of higher learning within North Carolina for practical use by State
28 and local government, although, wherever possible, funding preference may be given to
29 campuses within The University of North Carolina System. Any funds appropriated by the
30 General Assembly for use by the Collaboratory may not be used for indirect overhead costs. The
31 Collaboratory, at a minimum, shall conduct research on natural resources management,
32 including, but not limited to, research related to the environmental and economic components of
33 the management of the natural resources within the State of North Carolina and of new
34 technologies for habitat, environmental, and water quality improvement. The Collaboratory shall
35 develop and disseminate relevant best practices to interested parties, may lead or participate in
36 projects across the State related to natural resource management, and may make
37 recommendations to the General Assembly from time to time and operate the North Carolina
38 Collaboratory pursuant to Article 31A of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes."

39 **SECTION 8.8.(b)** Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
40 Article to read:

41 "Article 31A.

42 "The North Carolina Collaboratory.

43 **"§ 116-255. The North Carolina Collaboratory established.**

44 (a) Collaboratory Established. – There is established the North Carolina Collaboratory
45 (Collaboratory) to facilitate the dissemination of the policy and research expertise of The
46 University of North Carolina and other institutions of higher education within North Carolina for
47 practical use by State and local governments. The Collaboratory shall be housed at the University
48 of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

49 (b) Duties and Powers. – The Collaboratory shall do at least the following within the
50 funds available:

- 1 (1) Conduct, manage, or participate in research on natural resources management,
2 including, but not limited to, research related to the environmental and
3 economic components of the management of the natural resources within the
4 State of North Carolina and of new technologies for habitat, environmental,
5 and water quality improvements.
- 6 (2) Conduct, manage, or participate in other projects and opportunities, including,
7 but not limited to, research that may be of interest to citizens and policymakers
8 within the State.
- 9 (3) Support research programs at institutions of higher education, particularly
10 institutions identified as historically minority-serving institutions, within the
11 Collaboratory's areas of focus and expertise.
- 12 (4) Identify, pursue, and support research and development opportunities through
13 technology research and development, including, but not limited to, funding
14 opportunities and partnerships between institutions of higher education,
15 government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and both private and public
16 businesses.
- 17 (5) Develop and disseminate relevant best practices to interested parties, lead or
18 participate in projects across the State, and make policy, research, funding,
19 and other recommendations to the General Assembly.
- 20 (6) Maintain an online reporting portal, in partnership with the Office of State
21 Fire Marshal, on the storage and deployment of Aqueous Film-Forming
22 Foams (AFFF) as required by G.S. 58-82B-10.

23 (c) Funding Conditions and Restrictions. – The following applies to funding received by
24 the Collaboratory:

- 25 (1) In disseminating State funds, the Collaboratory may give funding preference
26 to constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina, wherever
27 possible.
- 28 (2) Funds appropriated by the General Assembly for use by the Collaboratory
29 may not be used for indirect overhead costs at an institution partnering with
30 the Collaboratory.
- 31 (3) For research or investigations that need to be carried out expeditiously in
32 response to a project, opportunity, or a legislative mandate, the provisions of
33 Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, G.S. 143-129, and
34 G.S. 116-131.10 shall not apply to the Collaboratory for the purchase of
35 apparatus, supplies, material, or equipment in projects addressing an emerging
36 or immediate threat to public health, safety, or welfare. For each project that
37 utilizes this exemption, the Collaboratory shall provide a justification in
38 writing and make this document available on its website for the duration of
39 the project.

40 "**§ 116-256. Annual report.**

41 By December 1 of each year, the Collaboratory shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight
42 Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, the Joint Legislative Oversight
43 Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight
44 Committee on its activities in the prior fiscal year and any legislative recommendations."

45
46 **COLLABORATORY/RESEARCH GRANTS HMSI**

47 **SECTION 8.9.(a)** The North Carolina Collaboratory (Collaboratory), established
48 pursuant to Article 31A of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes, shall establish a research grant
49 program for the following constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina identified
50 as Historically Minority-Serving Institutions (HMSIs): Elizabeth City State University,
51 Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, North

1 Carolina Central University, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and Winston-Salem
2 State University. The Collaboratory shall establish an application process and criteria for research
3 grants that include a focus on areas within the Collaboratory's mission of facilitating research
4 related to the environmental and economic components of the management of the natural
5 resources within the State and of new technologies for habitat, environmental, and water quality
6 improvements and other areas of public health.

7 The Collaboratory may award one or more research grants each fiscal year to each of
8 the six HMSI constituent institutions to be used to expand their research capacity while being in
9 service to the needs of the State. Of the funds appropriated by this act for the research grant
10 program, the Collaboratory shall determine the amount of the research grant for each HMSI
11 constituent institution in a fiscal year.

12 **SECTION 8.9.(b)** Funds allocated to the Collaboratory for the research grant
13 program shall not be used to cover the administrative costs for the Collaboratory. Any
14 unexpended funds appropriated for the research grant program at the end of a fiscal year shall
15 not revert to the General Fund but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes of this
16 section.

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18 **COLLABORATORY/2021 WATER SAFETY ACT/FIREFIGHTING FOAM**
19 **REGISTRY**

20 **SECTION 8.10.(a)** The North Carolina Collaboratory (Collaboratory) shall continue
21 to identify faculty expertise, technology, and instrumentation located within institutions of higher
22 education in the State, including East Carolina University, the University of North Carolina at
23 Chapel Hill, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the University of North Carolina at
24 Wilmington, North Carolina State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State
25 University, Duke University, and other public and private institutions within the State and
26 coordinate these faculty, technology, instrumentation, and other resources to do the following:

- 27 (1) Conduct both targeted and nontargeted analysis for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl
28 substances (PFAS), including the chemical known as "GenX," through a
29 continuation of the North Carolina PFAS Testing Network (Network).
- 30 (2) With respect to PFAS, including GenX, conduct (i) statewide water sampling,
31 testing, and monitoring, (ii) statewide air sampling, testing, and monitoring,
32 (iii) toxicology work in cellular and mammalian models, as well as monitoring
33 levels and health effects of the citizens of North Carolina, and (iv) data
34 management, analysis, and dissemination.
- 35 (3) Develop and deploy technologies to mitigate exposure to PFAS, including
36 GenX, and health impacts from such exposure.
- 37 (4) Evaluate and pursue other research opportunities with respect to PFAS,
38 including GenX, using relevant faculty expertise, technology, and
39 instrumentation.

40 The Collaboratory shall utilize the faculty and staff at the University of North
41 Carolina at Wilmington for assisting with project management of the requirements set forth in
42 subsections (a) through (e) of this section.

43 **SECTION 8.10.(b)** The Collaboratory shall continue to report the results of
44 sampling conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the Environmental Review
45 Commission, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Health and Human
46 Services, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the public through the
47 Network's website.

48 **SECTION 8.10.(c)** Of the funds appropriated by this act to the Board of Governors
49 of The University of North Carolina to be allocated to the University of North Carolina at Chapel
50 Hill for the Collaboratory, the sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in nonrecurring funds
51 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall be used by the Collaboratory to manage and implement the

1 requirements of subsections (a) through (e) of this section, which shall include distribution to the
2 Collaboratory (i) to cover costs incurred as a result of these activities, (ii) for acquisition or
3 modification of essential scientific instrumentation and maintenance, and (iii) for payments of
4 costs for sample collection and analysis, training or hiring of research staff and other personnel,
5 method development activities, and data management, including dissemination of relevant data
6 to stakeholders. Participating institutions receiving any funds under this subsection may not use
7 any of the funds for overhead or other indirect costs. Funds allocated under this subsection shall
8 not revert but shall remain available for nonrecurring expenditures. The provisions of Article 3
9 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, G.S. 116-31.10, G.S. 143-129, and other relevant policies
10 and guidelines related to those provisions shall not apply to the purchase of apparatus, supplies,
11 material, personnel, contract, or equipment with any of the funds allocated under this section.

12 **SECTION 8.10.(d)** Of the funds allocated under subsection (c) of this section, a
13 minimum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) shall be directed to development within The
14 University of North Carolina of a technology, or technologies, that utilizes water filtration or
15 other chemical or physical technologies to remove or mitigate the presence of PFAS, including
16 GenX, from water supplies where it is present. The technology shall be developed so that it can
17 be deployed at three separate water supply locations at which analytical data demonstrates that
18 PFAS contamination exists in order to test the efficacy of the technology, or technologies, as
19 follows: (i) a publicly owned water treatment plant that provides drinking water from the Cape
20 Fear River, (ii) a publicly owned wastewater treatment plant that discharges into the Cape Fear
21 River, or a surface water body that flows into the Cape Fear River, and (iii) a location in either
22 the Castle Hayne or the PeeDee aquifer that is utilized for drinking water. Each of these three
23 sites shall be selected by the Collaboratory in consultation with faculty and staff from institutions
24 of higher education in the State identified by the Collaboratory pursuant to subsection (a) of this
25 section. All units of State and local government shall cooperate and assist with the placement,
26 integration, operation, testing, and assessment of technology, or technologies, developed and
27 deployed for the duration of any pilot testing authorized and funded under subsection (a) of this
28 section.

29 **SECTION 8.10.(e)** The Collaboratory should continue to pursue relevant public and
30 private funding opportunities that may be available to address the impacts of PFAS, including
31 GenX, on surface water, groundwater, and air quality in order to leverage funds allocated under
32 subsection (a) of this section or any other funds provided to the Collaboratory.

33 **SECTION 8.10.(f)** It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds appropriated
34 in this act to the Department of Environmental Quality for personnel to map emerging
35 compounds and to establish an Emerging Compounds unit within the Department will be
36 expended synergistically with the funds allocated under subsection (a) of this section to
37 comprehensively address the impacts of PFAS contamination on citizens of the State.

38 **SECTION 8.10.(g)** The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall apportion
39 all gross revenue associated with any intellectual property, including licensing fees and patenting
40 revenue, related to ionic fluorogel water filtration or other chemical or physical technologies
41 developed utilizing research funds that are provided by the Collaboratory, which were allocated
42 pursuant to this section, under the following formula:

- 43 (1) Ten percent (10%) to the General Fund.
- 44 (2) Forty percent (40%) to the inventor or inventors of such technologies.
- 45 (3) Fifty percent (50%) to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to be
46 divided as follows: (i) two-fifths into a general patent/licensure fund to be
47 used at the constituent institution's discretion, (ii) two-fifths to the home
48 academic department or department of the inventor or inventors of such
49 technologies, and (iii) one-fifth to the Collaboratory to fund ongoing
50 PFAS-related research and technology development.

1 **SECTION 8.10.(h)** Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
2 Article to read:

3 "Article 82B.

4 "Management of Aqueous Film-Forming Foams.

5 **"§ 58-82B-1. Findings.**

6 The General Assembly finds that certain firefighting foams used to fight Class B fires, often
7 referred to as Aqueous Film-Forming Foams (AFFF), are critical for fire suppression and public
8 safety. However, because many AFFF could contain per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances,
9 certain foams may require additional research, oversight, and management. The General
10 Assembly further finds that accurate and comprehensive reporting of the use of AFFF by fire
11 departments throughout the State is essential in order to appropriately manage the potential
12 impacts of AFFF on the environment and public health.

13 **"§ 58-82B-5. Reporting requirement.**

14 Fire departments operated, regulated, or managed by one or more units of State and local
15 government, including those located at or serving public airports, in partnership with the Office
16 of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), shall, no later than July 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, do
17 all of the following:

- 18 (1) Provide an inventory of all AFFF at each department.
- 19 (2) Identify all AFFF no longer utilized at each department that should be
20 properly disposed of.
- 21 (3) Report annually in summary form and within 15 days individually every
22 incident where AFFF were deployed. Both the annual summary report and the
23 individual incident reports shall utilize the online portal created as directed by
24 G.S. 58-82B-10.

25 **"§ 58-82B-10. Duties of Office of the State Fire Marshal.**

26 The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) shall do all of the following:

- 27 (1) Educate and inform every fire department it regulates of the reporting
28 requirements imposed by this Article.
- 29 (2) Assist the North Carolina Collaboratory, established under G.S. 116-255, in
30 the development of an online reporting portal for fire departments operated,
31 regulated, or managed by one or more units of State and local government,
32 including those located at or serving public airports, with the requirements of
33 this Article.
- 34 (3) Adopt rules to implement the requirements of this Article. OSFM may adopt
35 temporary rules and shall adopt permanent rules no later than July 1, 2022.

36 **"§ 58-82B-15. Report.**

37 The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) shall report annually to the Environmental
38 Review Commission no later than September 1 of each year on the utilization and inventory of
39 AFFF by fire departments across the State during the previous fiscal year based on the reporting
40 requirements of this Article."

41 **SECTION 8.10.(i)** The Collaboratory, in partnership with the Office of the State Fire
42 Marshal (OSFM) and any unit of State and local government deemed relevant by the
43 Collaboratory, shall develop and maintain the online reporting portal as required by
44 G.S. 58-82B-10, as enacted by subsection (h) of this section, and G.S. 116-255(b)(6), as enacted
45 by Section 8.8 of this act. The portal shall consist of an online reporting tool and related database
46 that captures the storage and deployment of Aqueous Film-Forming Foams (AFFF) by fire
47 departments in the State that are operated, managed, or overseen by units of local government,
48 including those located at or serving public airports. The reporting tool shall be easily accessible
49 to firefighters and fire department personnel to upload the data. The required inventory data shall
50 include, at a minimum, the following:

- 1 (1) The number of trucks at each department that carry AFFF and the volume,
2 trade name, and Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) number of the AFFF on
3 each truck.
- 4 (2) The fire station, including street address, where each truck is located.
- 5 (3) The volume, trade name, and CAS number of AFFF stored by each fire
6 department or unit of local government at a station or other location, as well
7 as the address of each location where AFFF are stored.
- 8 (4) The volume, trade name, and CAS number of AFFF products that are no
9 longer utilized and could be removed from inventory for disposal.
- 10 (5) The volume of AFFF used by each fire department annually, including all of
11 the following:
 - 12 a. The date, time, and location, including street address and GPS
13 coordinates, where AFFF was deployed, and the trade name and CAS
14 number of the AFFF used.
 - 15 b. The total volume of AFFF deployed, including gallons of foam and
16 gallons of water and total concentration of foam.
 - 17 c. The reason for the deployment of AFFF, such as firefighting, fire
18 prevention, other emergency response actions intended to protect
19 property or public safety, training, or an accidental spill.
- 20 (6) A photograph of the label and the container of the foam. For the purpose of
21 this subdivision, a photograph includes an electronic image produced by the
22 camera of an electronic device.
- 23 (7) Any other data deemed relevant by the Collaboratory to establish a statewide
24 inventory of AFFF used for fighting fires or firefighter training.

25 OSFM and all units of local government shall provide any information or assistance
26 requested by the Collaboratory to acquire, compile, manage, interpret, and maintain the data
27 required by this section. The tool and database required by this section shall be online and
28 operational no later than June 1, 2022.

30 **COLLABORATORY/STUDY OF THE COASTAL AND MARINE FISHERIES OF THE** 31 **STATE**

32 **SECTION 8.11.** In advance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of North Carolina's
33 Fisheries Reform Act of 1997 and the fiftieth anniversary of North Carolina's Coastal Area
34 Management Act, the North Carolina Collaboratory (Collaboratory) shall conduct a study on the
35 overall status of the coastal and marine fisheries regulated by the State. The study shall focus on
36 the following regulated species, including the health and extent of the habitats required by these
37 species:

- 38 (1) Bay Scallop.
- 39 (2) Blue Crab.
- 40 (3) Eastern Oyster.
- 41 (4) Estuarine Striped Bass.
- 42 (5) Hard Clam.
- 43 (6) Kingfishes.
- 44 (7) Red Drum.
- 45 (8) River Herring.
- 46 (9) Sheepshead.
- 47 (10) Shrimp.
- 48 (11) Southern Flounder.
- 49 (12) Spotted Seatrout.
- 50 (13) Striped Mullet.

1 The Collaboratory shall analyze trends through time spanning the last few decades or
2 longer to assess and develop policy recommendations to better manage the overall health and
3 viability of the State's fisheries and fisheries' habitats. The Department of Environmental Quality,
4 the Wildlife Resources Commission, other agencies of the State, and units of local government
5 shall provide any assistance requested by the Collaboratory to acquire and compile data and
6 complete the study required by this section. The Collaboratory shall provide the results of this
7 study to the Environmental Review Commission no later than December 31, 2022.

9 COLLABORATORY/COVID-19 RESEARCH INITIATIVES

10 **SECTION 8.12.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal
11 Recovery Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to be allocated to
12 the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the North Carolina Collaboratory
13 (Collaboratory), the Collaboratory shall facilitate among various entities research and activities
14 related to monitoring, assessing, and addressing the public health and economic impacts of
15 COVID-19, including best practices and strategies to maximize resources and achieve a
16 comprehensive research response to COVID-19. Up to eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) of
17 these funds may be used for the Rapidly Emerging Antiviral Drug Development Initiative
18 (READDI) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to advance development of
19 therapeutics for COVID-19 and other viruses that pose a pandemic threat.

20 **SECTION 8.12.(b)** The Collaboratory may assemble an advisory panel of
21 representatives from various entities as necessary to discuss, review, and analyze progress toward
22 meeting research goals and the use of available federal funds. The Collaboratory shall report on
23 the progress of the development of research and activities related to monitoring, assessing, and
24 addressing the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19 and the use of the appropriated
25 funds received pursuant to this act to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and
26 Human Services no later than September 1, 2024.

28 PART VIII-A. UNIVERSITY/STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY

30 TUITION GRANTS FOR NCSSM GRADUATES

31 **SECTION 8A.1.(a)** Article 23 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by
32 adding a new Part to read:

33 "Part 6. Tuition Grant for Graduates of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.
34 "**§ 116-209.90. Tuition grants for graduates to attend a constituent institution.**

35 (a) Program Established. – There is established the Tuition Grant for Graduates of the
36 North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics Program (Program). Within the funds made
37 available for the Program, a resident for tuition purposes under G.S. 116-143.1 who graduates
38 from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) in each school year and
39 who enrolls as a full-time student in a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina
40 in the next academic year after graduation shall be eligible for a tuition grant awarded in
41 accordance with this Part.

42 (b) Continuing Grants. – Students who receive initial tuition grants as a cohort of a
43 graduating class of NCSSM, beginning with students graduating in the 2020-2021 school year,
44 shall also be eligible to apply for tuition grants for subsequent academic years for up to a total of
45 four academic years. A student shall be continuously enrolled in a constituent institution of The
46 University of North Carolina after the award of the initial tuition grant to be eligible for tuition
47 grants in subsequent academic years. The Authority shall have the discretion to waive this
48 requirement if the student is able to demonstrate that any of the following have substantially
49 disrupted or interrupted the student's pursuit of a degree: (i) a military service obligation, (ii)
50 serious medical debilitation, (iii) a short-term or long-term disability, or (iv) other extraordinary
51 hardship.

1 (c) Administration of Grants. – The Authority shall administer the tuition grants provided
2 for in this Part pursuant to guidelines and procedures established by the Authority consistent with
3 its practices for administering State-funded financial aid. The guidelines and procedures shall
4 include an application process and schedule, notification and disbursement procedures, standards
5 for reporting, and standards for return of tuition grants when a student withdraws. The Authority
6 shall not approve any grant until it receives proper certification from the appropriate constituent
7 institution that the student applying for the grant is an eligible student. Upon receipt of the
8 certification, the Authority shall remit, at the times it prescribes, the tuition grant to the
9 constituent institution on behalf, and to the credit, of the student. In the event a student on whose
10 behalf a tuition grant has been paid is not enrolled and carrying a minimum academic load as of
11 the tenth classroom day following the beginning of the school term for which the tuition grant
12 was paid, the constituent institution shall refund the full amount of the tuition grant to the
13 Authority.

14 (d) Award of Grants. – Except as provided in subsections (e) and (f) of this section, the
15 amount of the grant awarded to a student shall be the full tuition cost at the constituent institution
16 in which the student is enrolled. No tuition grant awarded to a student under this section shall
17 exceed the cost of attendance at the constituent institution for which the student is enrolled.

18 (e) Reduction of an Award Due to Other Aid. – If a student who is eligible for a tuition
19 grant under this section also receives a scholarship or other grant covering the cost of attendance
20 at the constituent institution for which the tuition grant is awarded, then the amount of the tuition
21 grant shall be reduced by an appropriate amount determined by the Authority so that the total
22 amount of scholarships and grants received by the student does not exceed the cost of attendance
23 for the institution. The cost of attendance shall be determined by the Authority for each
24 constituent institution.

25 (f) Pro Rata Amount. – In the event there are not sufficient funds available for the
26 Program to provide each eligible student with a full tuition grant as provided for by this Part,
27 each eligible student shall receive a pro rata share of funds available for that academic year.

28 **"§ 116-209.91. North Carolina Tuition Grant Fund Reserve.**

29 The North Carolina Tuition Grant Fund Reserve is established as a reserve to be administered
30 by the Authority. All funds appropriated to or otherwise received by the Authority to provide
31 tuition grants under this Part, all returned tuition grant monies, and all interest earned on these
32 funds shall be placed in the Fund. The Fund shall be used for (i) tuition grants for the academic
33 year that begins in the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made to
34 the Reserve and (ii) the administrative costs of the Authority, provided that no more than five
35 percent (5%) of the funds appropriated each fiscal year for tuition grants is expended for
36 administrative purposes."

37 **SECTION 8A.1.(b)** It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate from the
38 General Fund to the North Carolina Tuition Grant Fund Reserve the following additional funds
39 for the purpose of awarding tuition grants for future graduating classes of the North Carolina
40 School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM), including students graduating from the
41 Morganton campus of NCSSM:

- 42 (1) For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sum of one million seven hundred
43 ninety-one thousand one hundred twenty-three dollars (\$1,791,123) in
44 recurring funds.
 - 45 (2) For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of five hundred forty-eight thousand
46 three hundred three dollars (\$548,303) in recurring funds.
 - 47 (3) For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the sum of five hundred forty-eight thousand
48 three hundred three dollars (\$548,303) in recurring funds.
 - 49 (4) For the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the sum of five hundred forty-eight thousand
50 three hundred three dollars (\$548,303) in recurring funds.
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1 **PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID**
2 **CONSOLIDATION**

3 **SECTION 8A.2.(a)** Article 23 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by
4 adding a new Part to read:

5 "Part 5. The North Carolina Need-Based Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities.

6 **"§ 116-209.80. Definitions.**

7 The following definitions apply to this Part:

- 8 (1) Eligible postsecondary institution. – A school that is:
9 a. A constituent institution of The University of North Carolina as
10 defined in G.S. 116-2(4).
11 b. A community college as defined in G.S. 115D-2(2).
12 (2) Matriculated status. – Being recognized as a student in a defined program of
13 study leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate at an eligible postsecondary
14 institution.
15 (3) Program. – The North Carolina Need-Based Scholarship Program for Public
16 Colleges and Universities.
17 (4) Reserve Fund. – Scholarship Reserve Fund for Public Colleges and
18 Universities.
19 (5) Scholarship. – A scholarship for education awarded under this Part.
20 (6) Title IV. – Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20
21 U.S.C. § 1070, et seq.

22 **"§ 116-209.81. Eligibility requirements for a scholarship.**

23 (a) In order to be eligible to receive a scholarship under this Part, a student seeking a
24 degree, diploma, or certificate at an eligible postsecondary institution must meet all of the
25 following requirements:

- 26 (1) Qualify as a resident for tuition purposes under the criteria set forth in
27 G.S. 116-143.1 and in accordance with the coordinated and centralized
28 residency determination process administered by the Authority.
29 (2) Meet enrollment standards by being admitted, enrolled, and classified as an
30 undergraduate student in a matriculated status at an eligible postsecondary
31 institution. The President of The University of North Carolina and the
32 President of the North Carolina Community College System may jointly agree
33 to additional enrollment standards for the Program.
34 (3) Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and demonstrate
35 need according to federal methodology in Title IV of the Higher Education
36 Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1070, et seq.

37 (b) In addition to the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this section, in order for a
38 student to continue to be eligible for a scholarship for the student's second and subsequent
39 academic years, the student must meet achievement standards by maintaining satisfactory
40 academic progress in a course of study in accordance with the standards and practices used for
41 federal Title IV programs by the eligible postsecondary institution in which the student is
42 enrolled.

43 **"§ 116-209.82. Semester limitation on eligibility for scholarship.**

44 (a) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (c) of this section, a student matriculating
45 at a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina shall not receive a scholarship for
46 more than 10 full-time academic semesters, or its equivalent if enrolled part-time, unless the
47 student is enrolled in a program officially designated by the Board of Governors of The
48 University of North Carolina as a five-year degree program. If a student is enrolled in such a
49 five-year degree program, then the student shall not receive a scholarship for more than 12
50 full-time academic semesters or the equivalent if enrolled part-time.

1 (b) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (c) of this section, a student shall not
2 receive a scholarship for more than six full-time academic semesters, or the equivalent if enrolled
3 part-time, while matriculating at a community college.

4 (c) Upon application by a student, the applicable eligible postsecondary institution may
5 grant a waiver to the student who may then receive a scholarship for the equivalent of one
6 additional full-time academic semester if the student demonstrates that any of the following have
7 substantially disrupted or interrupted the student's pursuit of a degree, diploma, or certificate: (i)
8 a military service obligation, (ii) serious medical debilitation, (iii) a short-term or long-term
9 disability, or (iv) other extraordinary hardship. The Board of Governors of The University of
10 North Carolina or the State Board of Community Colleges, as appropriate, shall establish policies
11 and procedures to implement the waiver provided by this subsection.

12 **"§ 116-209.83. Scholarship amounts; adjustment of scholarship amounts.**

13 (a) Scholarship Amounts. – Subject to the availability of funds in the Scholarship Reserve
14 Fund for Public Colleges and Universities, as provided in G.S. 116-209.85, a scholarship
15 awarded under this Part to a student at an eligible postsecondary institution shall be based upon
16 a consolidated payment schedule established jointly by the President of The University of North
17 Carolina and the President of the North Carolina Community College System, in consultation
18 with the Authority. The payment schedule shall clearly define award amounts by type of eligible
19 postsecondary institution and student financial need as defined by federal methodology. The
20 Authority shall publish the payment schedule for the Program in an easily accessible and
21 understandable format. Once published, a payment schedule shall remain in effect unless
22 otherwise agreed by the President of The University of North Carolina and the President of the
23 North Carolina Community College System.

24 (b) Availability of Scholarships. – Subject to the payment schedule described in
25 subsection (a) of this section, the Authority shall have the power to determine the actual
26 scholarship amounts disbursed to students in any given year based on the amount of funds
27 available in the Scholarship Reserve Fund for Public Colleges and Universities created pursuant
28 to G.S. 116-209.85. If the funds available are not sufficient to fully fund the scholarships as set
29 forth in the payment schedule established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Authority,
30 in consultation with the President of The University of North Carolina and the President of the
31 North Carolina Community College System, shall adjust the distribution of the funds as
32 necessary.

33 **"§ 116-209.84. Scholarship administration; reporting requirements.**

34 (a) The scholarships provided for in this Part shall be administered by the Authority under
35 rules adopted by the Authority in accordance with the provisions of this Part.

36 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Authority shall
37 conduct periodic evaluations of expenditures under the Program administered by the Authority
38 to determine if allocations are utilized to ensure access to eligible postsecondary institutions and
39 to meet the goals of respective programs. The authority may make recommendations of the
40 redistribution of funds to the President of The University of North Carolina and the President of
41 the North Carolina Community College System, who then may jointly authorize redistribution
42 of funds for a particular fiscal year.

43 (c) The Authority shall report no later than December 1, 2024, and annually thereafter to
44 the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. The report shall contain, for the previous
45 academic year, the dollar amount of awards disbursed, the number of eligible students receiving
46 funds, and a breakdown of the eligible postsecondary institutions that received the funds.

47 (d) Scholarship funds unexpended shall remain available for future scholarships to be
48 awarded under this Part.

49 **"§ 116-209.85. Scholarship Reserve Fund for Public Colleges and Universities.**

50 (a) There is established the Scholarship Reserve Fund for Public Colleges and
51 Universities as a reserve consisting of the following monies:

- 1 (1) Funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the Program from the
2 Education Lottery Fund in the Current Operations Appropriations Act for a
3 fiscal year for education-related purposes in accordance with G.S. 18C-164.
- 4 (2) Funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the Program from the
5 Escheat Fund in the Current Operations Appropriations Act for a fiscal year
6 that is distributed annually on or before August 15 to the Authority pursuant
7 to G.S. 116B-7(a).
- 8 (3) Funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the Program from the
9 General Fund in the Current Operations Appropriations Act for a fiscal year.
- 10 (4) All returned scholarship funds from the Program.
- 11 (5) All interest earned on these funds.

12 (b) The Authority shall create two reserves within the Reserve Fund as follows: The
13 University of North Carolina (UNC Reserve) and the North Carolina Community College System
14 (CC Reserve) from monies in the Reserve Fund. The funds in the reserves shall be used for
15 scholarships for the academic year that begins in the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which
16 the allocations are made to the reserves. Allocations shall be made from the reserves for the
17 amounts determined for the payment schedules for eligible postsecondary institutions pursuant
18 to G.S. 116-209.83.

19 Beginning with the 2023-2024 fiscal year and for each subsequent fiscal year, within the
20 funds available, the Authority shall allocate an amount equal to the amount from the prior fiscal
21 year for the UNC Reserve and the CC Reserve to each reserve, respectively, unless otherwise
22 agreed to by the President of The University of North Carolina and the President of the North
23 Carolina Community College System. Additional funds may be directed to the reserves from a
24 Current Operations Appropriations Act in a fiscal year. The reserves established for the
25 2022-2023 fiscal year shall consist of the following funds:

- 26 (1) For the UNC Reserve, the monies shall consist of the following:
 - 27 a. An amount equal to the amount appropriated to the Board of
28 Governors of The University of North Carolina for The University of
29 North Carolina Need-Based Financial Aid Program for the 2021-2022
30 fiscal year.
 - 31 b. An amount equal to the proportionate share of the appropriation for
32 the Education Lottery Scholarship Program based on awards of
33 financial assistance to students enrolled in The University of North
34 Carolina from the Education Lottery Scholarship Program for the
35 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 fiscal years.
- 36 (2) For the CC Reserve, the monies shall consist of the following:
 - 37 a. An amount equal to the amount appropriated to the Community
38 Colleges System Office for the North Carolina Community College
39 Grant Program, except for funds set aside for the targeted assistance
40 program pursuant to G.S. 115D-40.1, for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
 - 41 b. An amount equal to the proportionate share of the appropriation for
42 the Education Lottery Scholarship based on awards of financial
43 assistance to students enrolled in North Carolina community colleges
44 from the Education Lottery Scholarship Program for the 2017-2018,
45 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 fiscal years.

46 (c) Monies in the Reserve Fund shall not revert at the end of each fiscal year but shall
47 remain available until expended for the purposes of this Part.

48 (d) The Authority may use up to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the funds available
49 in the Reserve Fund each fiscal year for administrative costs related to the Program. Upon a
50 determination by the Authority that funds in excess of one percent (1%) are necessary to
51 administer the Program, including funds necessary for one-time or recurring costs, the Authority

1 shall consult with the President of The University of North Carolina and the President of the
2 North Carolina Community College System at the same time the consolidated payment schedule
3 is set pursuant to G.S. 116-209.83. The Authority shall also report the amount of the increase and
4 the purpose for which the additional funds will be used to the Joint Legislative Education
5 Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly within 30 days
6 of the increase. In no event shall the cost of administering the Program in a fiscal year exceed
7 one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the funds available in the Reserve Fund."

8 **SECTION 8A.2.(b)** G.S. 116B-7 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 116B-7. Distribution of fund.**

10 (a) The income derived from the investment or deposit of the Escheat Fund shall be
11 distributed annually on or before August 15 to the State Education Assistance Authority for
12 grants and loans to aid worthy and needy students who are residents of this State and are enrolled
13 in public institutions of higher education in this State. Such grants and loans shall be made upon
14 terms, consistent with the provisions of this Chapter, pursuant to which the State Education
15 Assistance Authority makes grants and loans to other students under G.S. 116-201 to 116-209.23,
16 Article 23 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes, policies of the Board of Governors of The
17 University of North Carolina regarding need-based grants for students of The University of North
18 Carolina, and policies of the State Board of Community Colleges regarding need-based grants
19 for students of the community colleges. The Authority shall deposit an amount specified in the
20 Current Operations Appropriations Act from the Escheat Fund into the Scholarship Reserve Fund
21 for Public Colleges and Universities pursuant to G.S. 116-209.85 each fiscal year to fund the
22 North Carolina Need-Based Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities pursuant to Part 5
23 of Article 23 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes.

24 (b) An amount specified in the Current Operations Appropriations Act shall be
25 transferred annually from the Escheat Fund to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
26 to partially fund the program of Scholarships for Children of War Veterans established by Part 2
27 of Article 14 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes. Those funds may be used only for residents
28 of this State who (i) are worthy and needy as determined by the Department of Military and
29 Veterans Affairs and (ii) are enrolled in public institutions of higher education of this State."

30 **SECTION 8A.2.(c)** By May 1, 2022, the President of The University of North
31 Carolina and the President of the North Carolina Community College System shall report to the
32 Fiscal Research Division, the House Appropriations Education Committee, and the Senate
33 Appropriations on Education/Higher Education Committee on the following regarding the
34 consolidation of student financial assistance for constituent institutions of The University of
35 North Carolina and the community colleges:

- 36 (1) The payment schedule required by G.S. 116-209.83, as enacted by this
37 section.
- 38 (2) Potential ways to include students with intellectual and developmental
39 disabilities as eligible for scholarships through the North Carolina
40 Need-Based Scholarship Program for Public Colleges and Universities or
41 other student financial assistance recommendations, including grants or other
42 funding sources for students enrolled in Comprehensive Transition Programs.
- 43 (3) Any recommended legislative changes, including for the North Carolina
44 Need-Based Scholarship Program for Public Colleges and Universities.

45 **SECTION 8A.2.(d)** By October 15, 2022, the Authority shall transfer any
46 unexpended balances remaining in the reserves for The University of North Carolina Need-Based
47 Financial Aid Program and the Education Lottery Scholarship to the Scholarship Reserve Fund
48 for Public Colleges and Universities under G.S. 116-209.85, as enacted by this section.

49 **SECTION 8A.2.(e)** Article 35A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is repealed.

50 **SECTION 8A.2.(f)** G.S. 116-209.19A reads as rewritten:

51 **"§ 116-209.19A. Limit semesters eligible for need-based grants and scholarships.**

1 The Authority administers the following need-based grant and scholarship programs: the
 2 ~~Education Lottery Scholarships, North Carolina Community College Grant Program, The~~
 3 ~~University of North Carolina Need-Based Financial Aid Program, North Carolina Need-Based~~
 4 ~~Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities~~ and Need-Based Scholarships for Students
 5 Attending Private Institutions of Higher Education. ~~G.S. 115C-499.2A, 115D-40.2, 116-25.1,~~
 6 ~~G.S. 116-209.82 and 116-281.1~~ G.S. 116-281.1 limit the number of semesters that a student may
 7 receive a grant or scholarship from ~~any of those~~ these programs and also provide the
 8 circumstances in which a waiver to those limits may be granted by the appropriate postsecondary
 9 institution. The Authority shall enforce these limitations in administering these programs so that
 10 unless a waiver is granted by the appropriate postsecondary institution, no student shall receive
 11 a grant or scholarship from any of those programs or any combination of those financial aid
 12 programs while pursuing a degree, diploma, or certificate for more than any of the following time
 13 periods: (i) 10 full-time academic semesters or its equivalent if enrolled part-time or (ii) 12
 14 full-time academic semesters or its equivalent if the student is enrolled in a program officially
 15 designated as a five-year degree program.

16 A postsecondary institution that grants a waiver under ~~G.S. 115C-499.2A, 115D-40.2,~~
 17 ~~116-25.1, G.S. 116-209.82 or 116-281.1~~ G.S. 116-281.1 shall certify the granting of the waiver
 18 in a manner acceptable to the Authority and shall also maintain documentation substantiating the
 19 reason for the waiver."

20 **SECTION 8A.2.(g)** G.S. 115D-40.1 reads as rewritten:

21 "**§ 115D-40.1. Targeted Financial Assistance for Community College Students.**Students;
 22 participation in federal programs.

23 ~~(a) Need Based Assistance Program. — It is the intent of the General Assembly that the~~
 24 ~~Community College System make these financial aid funds available to the neediest students~~
 25 ~~who are not eligible for other financial aid programs that fully cover the required educational~~
 26 ~~expenses of these students. The State Board may use some of these funds as short-term loans to~~
 27 ~~students who anticipate receiving the federal HOPE or Lifetime Learning Tax Credits.~~

28 ~~(b) Targeted Financial Assistance. — Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the~~
 29 ~~Within the funds available, the State Board may allocate up to ten percent (10%) of the funds~~
 30 ~~appropriated for Financial Assistance for Community College Students provide financial~~
 31 ~~assistance to the following students:~~

- 32 (1) Students who enroll in low-enrollment programs that prepare students for
 33 high-demand occupations.
- 34 (2) Students with disabilities who have been referred by the Department of Health
 35 and Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and are enrolled
 36 in a community college.
- 37 (3) Students enrolled in fewer than six credit hours per semester who otherwise
 38 qualify for need-based financial aid programs.

39 ~~(c) Administration of Program.~~ Targeted Financial Assistance. — The State Board shall
 40 adopt rules and policies for the disbursement of the targeted financial assistance provided in
 41 subsections (a) and subsection (b) of this section. Degree, diploma, and certificate students must
 42 complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be eligible for financial
 43 assistance. The State Board may contract with the State Education Assistance Authority for
 44 administration of these targeted financial assistance funds. ~~These funds shall not revert at the end~~
 45 ~~of each fiscal year but shall remain available until expended for need-based financial assistance.~~
 46 ~~The interest earned on the funds provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this section may be used~~
 47 ~~to support the costs of administering the Community College Grant Program. If the interest~~
 48 ~~earnings are not adequate to support the administrative costs, up to one percent (1%) of funds~~
 49 ~~provided in subsection (a) of this section may be used to support the costs of administering the~~
 50 ~~Community College Grant Program.~~

1 (d) Participation in Federal Loan Programs. – All community colleges shall participate
 2 in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, unless the board of trustees of an institution
 3 adopts a resolution declining to participate in the Program. The State Board shall ensure that at
 4 least one counselor is available at each college to inform students about federal programs and
 5 funds available to assist community college students, including, but not limited to, Pell Grants,
 6 HOPE and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits, and, for participating colleges, the William D. Ford
 7 Federal Direct Loan Program, and to actively encourage students to utilize these federal programs
 8 and funds. The board of trustees of any institution that has declined to participate in the William
 9 D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program through the adoption of a resolution may rescind the
 10 resolution and participate in the Program but shall not have the authority to again decline
 11 participation in the Program."

12 **SECTION 8A.2.(h)** G.S. 115D-40.2 is repealed.

13 **SECTION 8A.2.(i)** G.S. 116-25.1 is repealed.

14 **SECTION 8A.2.(j)** Section 10.1 of S.L. 2000-67 is repealed.

15 **SECTION 8A.2.(k)** Subsections (a) through (d) of this section become effective
 16 January 1, 2022, and apply to scholarships awarded beginning with the 2023-2024 academic
 17 year. Subsections (e) through (j) of this section become effective July 1, 2023. The remainder of
 18 this section is effective on the date that this act becomes law.

19 **K-12 SCHOLARSHIP CHANGES**

20 **SECTION 8A.3.(a)** Opportunity Scholarship Grant Program. – G.S. 115C-562.1(3)
 21 reads as rewritten:
 22

23 "(3) Eligible students. – A student residing in North Carolina who has not yet
 24 received a high school diploma and who meets all of the following
 25 requirements:

26 a. Meets one of the following criteria:

- 27 1. Was a full-time student (i) assigned to and attending a public
 28 school pursuant to G.S. 115C-366 or (ii) enrolled in a
 29 Department of Defense Elementary and Secondary School,
 30 established pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2164 and located in North
 31 Carolina, during the spring semester prior to the school year
 32 for which the student is applying.
- 33 2. Received a scholarship grant for the school year prior to the
 34 school year for which the student is applying.
- 35 3. Is entering-eligible to enter either kindergarten or the first
 36 grade-grade pursuant to Article 25 of this Chapter. A child who
 37 is the age of four on or before April 16 is eligible to attend the
 38 following school year if the principal, or equivalent, of the
 39 school in which the child seeks to enroll finds that the student
 40 meets the requirements of G.S. 115C-364(d) and those
 41 findings are submitted to the Authority with the child's
 42 application.
- 43 4. Is a child in foster care as defined in G.S. 131D-10.2(9).
- 44 5. Is a child whose adoption decree was entered not more than
 45 one year prior to submission of the scholarship grant
 46 application.
- 47 6. Is a child whose parent or legal guardian is on full-time duty
 48 status in the active uniformed service of the United States,
 49 including members of the National Guard and Reserve on
 50 active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 12301, et seq., and
 51 10 U.S.C. § 12401, et seq.

7. Is a child who meets both of the following:
 - I. Was enrolled in a nonpublic school that meets the requirements of Part 1 and Part 2 of this Article during the spring semester prior to the school year for which the student is applying.
 - II. Was enrolled for the entire school year immediately prior to the school year in which the student enrolled in the nonpublic school in one of the following:
 - A. A North Carolina public school.
 - B. A Department of Defense Elementary and Secondary School, established pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2164 and located in North Carolina.
- a1. Has not enrolled in a postsecondary institution in a matriculated status eligible for enrollment for 12 hours of academic credit.
- b. Meets one of the following criteria:
 1. Resides in a household with an income level not in excess of one hundred ~~fifty-seventy-five percent (150%)-(175%)~~ of the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program. The Authority shall not count any distribution from the estate of a decedent in calculating the income level of the applicant's household for the purposes of determining eligibility for a scholarship under this ~~sub-subdivision-sub-sub-subdivision~~.
 2. Is a child in foster care as defined in G.S. 131D-10.2. The Authority shall not consider the household income of the foster parent, as defined in G.S. 131D-10.2, in determining the eligibility of a foster care child."

SECTION 8A.3.(b) G.S. 115C-562.2(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Scholarship grants awarded to eligible students residing in households with an income level not in excess of the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program shall ~~be for amounts of up to four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200) per year.~~ be, per year per eligible student, in an amount of up to ninety percent (90%) of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year. Scholarship grants awarded to eligible students residing in households with an income level in excess of the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program shall be for amounts of not more than ninety percent (90%) of the required tuition and fees for the nonpublic school the eligible child will attend. Tuition and fees for a nonpublic school may include tuition and fees for books, transportation, equipment, or other items required by the nonpublic school. No scholarship grant shall ~~exceed four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200) exceed,~~ per year per eligible student, an amount equal to ninety percent (90%) of the average State per pupil allocation for average daily membership in the prior fiscal year and no scholarship grant shall exceed the required tuition and fees for the nonpublic school the eligible student will attend."

SECTION 8A.3.(c) G.S. 115C-562.2(b1) is repealed.

SECTION 8A.3.(d) G.S. 115C-562.3 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-562.3. Verification of ~~eligibility-eligibility;~~ information from other State agencies.

...

(b) Household members of applicants for scholarship grants shall authorize the Authority to access information needed for verification efforts held by other State agencies, including the Department of Revenue, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Public Instruction. The Department of Public Instruction shall provide the Authority with public

1 school enrollment information to establish eligibility pursuant to G.S. 115C-562.1(3)a. as
2 needed.

3 (c) By December 1 of each year, the Department of Public Instruction shall provide the
4 Authority the average State per pupil allocation for that fiscal year to determine the maximum
5 scholarship amount for eligible students to be awarded in the following fiscal year in accordance
6 with G.S. 115C-562.2(b)."

7 **SECTION 8A.3.(e)** Any student who meets the following requirements shall qualify
8 as an eligible student and shall be eligible to receive a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year
9 pursuant to Part 2A of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes:

10 (1) Was enrolled in a North Carolina public school or a Department of Defense
11 Elementary and Secondary School located in North Carolina for the fall
12 semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

13 (2) Was enrolled in a nonpublic school that meets the requirements of Part 1, 2,
14 or 3 of Article 39 of this Chapter for the spring semester of the 2019-2020
15 school year and the entire 2020-2021 school year.

16 (3) Meets the eligibility requirements of G.S. 115C-562.1(3)a1. and b.

17 (4) Submits a scholarship application for the 2021-2022 school year.

18 A student who becomes eligible for a scholarship in the 2021-2022 school year solely
19 due to this subsection shall receive first priority in award of scholarships in the same manner as
20 those previously awarded scholarships.

21 **SECTION 8A.3.(f)** G.S. 115C-562.8 reads as rewritten:

22 "**§ 115C-562.8. The Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve.**

23 (a) The Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve is established as a reserve to be
24 administered by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina for the purpose of
25 allocating funds to the Authority for the award of scholarship grants in accordance with this Part.
26 The Reserve shall consist of monies appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve by the
27 General Assembly and any interest accrued to it thereon. These funds shall be used to award
28 scholarship grants to eligible students for the school year that begins in the fiscal year following
29 the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made to the Reserve. The Board of Governors shall
30 only use monies in the Reserve in accordance with the purposes set forth in this section. Funds
31 appropriated in a particular fiscal year to be used for the award of scholarships in the following
32 fiscal year that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the funds
33 were appropriated shall be first used for the purpose set forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (d)
34 of this section, if applicable. After funds are used for this purpose, any unexpended funds from
35 the funds appropriated in a particular fiscal year to be used for the award of scholarships in the
36 following fiscal year shall be carried forward for one fiscal year and may be used for the purposes
37 set forth in this section. Funds carried forward pursuant to this section that have not been spent
38 within one fiscal year shall revert to the General Fund.

39 ...

40 (d) Any unexpended funds at the end of a fiscal year from the funds appropriated in a
41 particular fiscal year to be used for the award of scholarships in the following fiscal year shall be
42 used as follows:

43 (1) Up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) may be used by the Authority
44 to contract with a nonprofit corporation representing parents and families for
45 marketing, outreach, and scholarship application assistance for parents and
46 students pursuant to Part 4A of this Article.

47 (2) Any remaining funds shall be carried forward for one fiscal year pursuant to
48 subsection (a) of this section."

49 **SECTION 8A.3.(g)** Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended
50 by adding a new Part to read:

51 "Part 4A. Information for Parents and Students on Nonpublic School Scholarship Programs.

"§ 115C-567.1. Outreach and assistance for parents and students.

(a) The State Education Assistance Authority, in its administration of scholarship programs for eligible students pursuant to Part 2A of this Article, Article 41 of this Chapter, and Part 1H of Article 9 of this Chapter, may contract with a nonprofit corporation representing parents and families for marketing, outreach, and scholarship application assistance for parents and students. The Authority shall issue a request for proposals in order to enter into a contract with a nonprofit corporation that meets the following requirements during the term of the contract:

- (1) Be a nonprofit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 55A of the General Statutes and comply at all times with the provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (2) Employ sufficient staff who have demonstrated a capacity to market and implement a scholarship grant program, including by doing the following:
 - a. Direct mail marketing.
 - b. Radio advertising.
 - c. Targeted digital advertising.
 - d. One-on-one parent and family engagement.
- (3) Comply with the limitations on lobbying set forth in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (4) Have no State officer or employee serving on the board of the nonprofit.
- (5) Conduct at least quarterly meetings of the board of directors of the nonprofit at the call of its chair.

(b) The terms of the contract between the Authority and a nonprofit corporation shall require that the nonprofit (i) maintain the confidentiality of any information provided by the Authority for parents and students as directed by the Authority and (ii) not disseminate information to third parties without written parental consent. During the term of the contract provided for in this section, the Authority shall include on scholarship applications a statement for parents to indicate nonconsent for sharing information with a nonprofit corporation.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the term of the contract provided for in this section, the Authority may share the name, address, email, and telephone number of the parent of any student applicant, unless the parent indicates that the information should not be shared."

SECTION 8A.3.(h) G.S. 115C-562.8(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Of the funds allocated to the Authority to award scholarship grants under this Part, the Authority may retain the lesser of ~~up to~~ four percent (4%) of the funds appropriated or ~~one two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000)~~ (\$2,000,000) each fiscal year for administrative costs associated with the scholarship grant program."

SECTION 8A.3.(i) G.S. 115C-562.8(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The General Assembly finds that, due to the critical need in this State to provide opportunity for school choice for North Carolina students, it is imperative that the State provide an increase of funds of ~~at least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000)~~ each fiscal year for ~~10-15~~ years to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve. Therefore, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Reserve the following amounts for each fiscal year to be used for the purposes set forth in this section:

Fiscal Year	Appropriation
...	...
2023-2024	\$104,840,000\$150,540,000
2024-2025	\$114,840,000\$165,540,000
2025-2026	\$124,840,000\$180,540,000
2026-2027	\$134,840,000\$195,540,000
2027-2028	\$210,540,000

1	<u>2028-2029</u>	<u>\$225,540,000</u>
2	<u>2029-2030</u>	<u>\$240,540,000</u>
3	<u>2030-2031</u>	<u>\$255,540,000</u>
4	<u>2031-2032</u>	<u>\$270,540,000</u>

5 For the ~~2027-2028-2032-2033~~ fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated
 6 from the General Fund to the Reserve the sum of ~~one hundred forty four million eight hundred~~
 7 ~~forty thousand dollars (\$144,840,000)~~ two hundred eighty-five million five hundred forty
 8 thousand dollars (\$285,540,000) to be used for the purposes set forth in this section. When
 9 developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year specified in this
 10 subsection, the Director of the Budget shall include the appropriated amount specified in this
 11 subsection for that fiscal year."

12 **SECTION 8A.3.(j)** Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with
 13 Disabilities. – Article 41 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

14 "Article 41.

15 "Personal Education ~~Savings Accounts~~ Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities.

16 "**§ 115C-590. North Carolina Personal Education ~~Savings Account~~ Student Accounts for**
 17 **Children with Disabilities Program established.**

18 There is established the North Carolina Personal Education ~~Savings~~ Student Accounts for
 19 Children with Disabilities Program to provide the option for a parent to better meet the individual
 20 educational needs of the parent's child.

21 "**§ 115C-591. Definitions.**

22 The following definitions apply in this Article:

- 23 (1) Authority. – Defined in G.S. 116-201.
- 24 (2) Division. – The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of
 25 Administration.
- 26 (2a) Educational technology. – As defined annually by the Authority, an item,
 27 piece of equipment, material, product, or system which may be purchased
 28 commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized and that is used primarily
 29 for educational purposes for a child with a disability.
- 30 (3) Eligible student. – A student residing in North Carolina who has not yet
 31 received a high school diploma and who meets all of the following
 32 requirements:
 - 33 a. Is eligible to attend a North Carolina public school pursuant to
 34 G.S. 115C-366 Article 25 of this Chapter. A child who is the age of 4
 35 on or before April 16 is eligible to attend the following school year if
 36 the principal, or equivalent, of the school in which the child seeks to
 37 enroll finds that the student meets the requirements of
 38 G.S. 115C-364(d) and those findings are submitted to the Authority
 39 with the child's application.
 - 40 b. Has not been enrolled in a postsecondary institution ~~in a matriculated~~
 41 ~~status eligible for enrollment for~~ as a full-time student taking at least
 42 12 hours of academic credit.
 - 43 c. Is a child with a disability, as defined in ~~G.S. 115C-106.3(1),~~
 44 ~~including, for example, intellectual disability, hearing impairment,~~
 45 ~~speech or language impairment, visual impairment, serious emotional~~
 46 ~~disturbance, orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury,~~
 47 ~~other health impairments, specific learning disability, or disability as~~
 48 ~~may be required to be included under IDEA.~~ G.S. 115C-106.3(1).
 - 49 d. Has not been placed in a nonpublic school or facility by a public
 50 agency at public expense.

- 1 (3a) G.S. 115C-562.5 compliant school. – A Part 1 or Part 2 nonpublic school that
 2 consents to comply with the requirements of G.S. 115C-562.5.
 3 (4) Nonpublic school. – A school that meets the requirements of Part 1, 2, or 3 of
 4 Article 39 of this Chapter, as identified by the Division.
 5 (5) Parent. – A parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian of an eligible student.
 6 (5a) Part 1 or Part 2 nonpublic school. – A nonpublic school that meets the
 7 requirements of Part 1 or Part 2 of Article 39 of this Chapter, as identified by
 8 and deemed eligible by the Division.
 9 ~~(5a)~~(5b) Part-time student. – A child enrolled part time in a public school and part
 10 time in a nonpublic school that exclusively provides services for children with
 11 disabilities.
 12 (6) Personal Education Savings–Student Account or PESA. – ~~A bank–An~~
 13 electronic account provided to a parent for the purpose of holding scholarship
 14 funds awarded by the Authority for an eligible student to be used for
 15 qualifying education expenses under G.S. 115C-595.

16 **"§ 115C-592. Award of scholarship funds for a personal education ~~savings student account.~~**

17 (a) Application Selection. – The Authority shall make available no later than February 1
 18 of each year applications to eligible students for the award of scholarship funds for a personal
 19 education ~~savings–student~~ account to be used for qualifying education expenses to attend a
 20 nonpublic school. Information about scholarship funds and the application process shall be made
 21 available on the Authority's Web site. Applications shall be submitted electronically. ~~Beginning~~
 22 ~~March 15, the~~ The Authority shall begin selecting recipients for award scholarships according to
 23 the following ~~criteria:~~ criteria for applications received by March 1 of each year:

- 24 (1) First priority shall be given to eligible students who were awarded scholarship
 25 funds for a PESA during the previous school year ~~if those students have~~
 26 ~~applied by March 1, year.~~
 27 (2) After funds have been awarded to prior recipients as provided in subdivision
 28 (1) of this subsection, any remaining funds shall be used to award scholarship
 29 funds for a PESA for all other eligible students.

30 (b) Scholarship Awards. – ~~Scholarships–~~ Except for eligible students who qualify for
 31 scholarship funds pursuant to subsection (b1) of this section, scholarships shall be awarded each
 32 year for an amount not to exceed (i) nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) per eligible student for the
 33 ~~fiscal–school year in for which the application is received, except received or (ii) for eligible~~
 34 ~~part-time students, who shall be awarded scholarships each year for an amount not to exceed~~
 35 ~~students, four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) per eligible student for the fiscal–school~~
 36 ~~year in for which the application is received. Any funds remaining in an electronic account~~
 37 ~~provided under subsection (b2) of this section at the end of a school year for eligible students~~
 38 who qualify only under this subsection shall be returned to the Authority.

39 (b1) Scholarship Awards for Students with Certain Disabilities. – An eligible student may
 40 be awarded scholarship funds in an amount of up to seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) for
 41 each school year only if the student has been determined to have one or more of the following
 42 disabilities as a primary or secondary disability at the time of application for scholarship funds:

- 43 (1) Autism.
 44 (2) Hearing impairment.
 45 (3) Moderate or severe intellectual or developmental disability.
 46 (4) Multiple, permanent orthopedic impairments.
 47 (5) Visual impairment.

48 For eligible students who qualify for scholarship funds under this subsection, no more than
 49 four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) of funds remaining in an electronic account at the
 50 end of a school year shall be carried forward until expended for each school year upon renewal
 51 of the account under subsection (b2) of this section. In no event shall the total amount of funds

1 carried forward for an eligible student in a personal education student account exceed thirty
 2 thousand dollars (\$30,000). Any funds remaining in the electronic account if an agreement is not
 3 renewed under G.S. 115C-595 shall be returned to the Authority.

4 (b2) Disbursement and Deposit of Awards. – Scholarship funds shall be used only for
 5 tuition and qualifying education expenses as provided in G.S. 115C-595. Recipients shall receive
 6 the scholarship funds deposited in two equal amounts to a PESA in amounts, one half in each
 7 quarter semester of the fiscal school year. The first deposit of funds to a PESA shall be subject
 8 to the execution of the parental agreement required by G.S. 115C-595. The parent shall then
 9 receive a debit card or an electronic account with the prepaid funds loaded on the card or in the
 10 electronic account at the beginning of the fiscal school year. After the initial disbursement of
 11 funds, each subsequent, quarterly semester disbursement of funds shall be subject to the
 12 submission by the parent of an expense report. The expense report shall be submitted
 13 electronically and shall include documentation that the student received an education, as
 14 described in G.S. 115C-595(a)(1), for no less than 35-70 days of the applicable quarter semester.
 15 The debit card or the electronic account shall be renewed upon the receipt of the parental
 16 agreement under G.S. 115C-595 for recipients awarded scholarship funds in subsequent fiscal
 17 school years. Any funds remaining on the card or in the electronic account at the end of the fiscal
 18 year may be carried forward to the next fiscal year if the card or electronic account is renewed.
 19 Any funds remaining on the card or in the electronic account if an agreement is not renewed shall
 20 be returned to the Authority.

21 (c) Eligibility for the other scholarship programs is provided for as follows: Eligibility for
 22 Other Scholarship Programs. –

23 (1) An eligible student under this Article may receive, in addition to a PESA, a
 24 scholarship under Part 2A of Article 39 of this Chapter.

25 (2) An eligible student under this Article may receive, in addition to a PESA and
 26 a scholarship under Part 2A of Article 39 of this Chapter, a scholarship under
 27 the special education scholarship program for children with disabilities
 28 pursuant to Part 1H of Article 9 of this Chapter, only if that student has one or
 29 more of the following disabilities:

30 a. Autism.

31 b. Developmental disability.

32 c. Hearing impairment.

33 d. Moderate or severe intellectual disability.

34 e. Multiple, permanent orthopedic impairments.

35 f. Visual impairment.

36 (d) Applications Not Public Records. – Applications for scholarship funds and personally
 37 identifiable information related to eligible students receiving funds shall not be a public record
 38 under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. For the purposes of this section, personally
 39 identifiable information means any information directly related to a student or members of a
 40 student's household, including the name, birthdate, address, Social Security number, telephone
 41 number, e-mail address, or any other information or identification number that would provide
 42 information about a specific student or members of a specific student's household.

43 (e) Establishment of Initial Eligibility. – An applicant may demonstrate for initial
 44 eligibility that the applicant is a child with a disability, as required by G.S. 115C-591(3)c., in
 45 either of the following ways:

46 (1) The by having the child has been assessed by a local education agency and
 47 determined the local education agency determining the child to be a child with
 48 a disability and with that outcome is verified by the local education agency on
 49 a form provided to the Authority.

50 (2) The child was initially assessed by a local education agency and determined
 51 to be a child with a disability and, following receipt of a scholarship awarded

1 pursuant to Part 1H of Article 9 of this Chapter, was determined to have
2 continuing eligibility, as provided in G.S. 115C-112.6(e)(2), by the assessing
3 psychologist or psychiatrist. Both the initial verification from the local
4 education agency and the continuing verification by the assessing
5 psychologist or psychiatrist shall be provided on a form to the Authority.

6 **"§ 115C-593. Student continuing eligibility.**

7 After the initial disbursement of funds, the Authority shall ensure that the student's continuing
8 eligibility is assessed at least every three years by one of the following:

- 9 (1) The local education agency. – The local education agency shall assess if the
10 student continues to be a child with a disability and verify the outcome on a
11 form to be provided to the Authority.
- 12 (2) A licensed psychologist with a school psychology focus or a psychiatrist. –
13 The psychologist or psychiatrist shall assess, after review of appropriate
14 medical and educational records, if the education and related services received
15 by the student in the nonpublic school setting have improved the child's
16 educational performance and if the student would continue to benefit from
17 placement in the nonpublic school setting. The psychologist or psychiatrist
18 shall verify the outcome of the assessment on a form to be provided to the
19 Authority.

20 **"§ 115C-594. Verification of eligibility.**

21 (a) Verification of Information. – The Authority may seek verification of information on
22 any application for the award of scholarship funds for a personal education ~~savings-student~~
23 ~~account. The Authority shall select and verify six percent (6%) of applications annually,~~
24 ~~including those with apparent errors on the face of the application.~~ The Authority shall establish
25 rules for the verification process. If a household fails to cooperate with verification efforts, the
26 Authority shall revoke the award of scholarship funds for a PESA for the eligible student.

27 (b) Access to Information. – ~~Household members of applicants~~ Applicants for the award
28 of scholarship funds for a PESA shall authorize the Authority to access information needed for
29 verification efforts held by other State agencies, including the Department of Health and Human
30 Services and the Department of Public Instruction.

31 **"§ 115C-595. Parental agreement; use of funds.**

32 (a) Parental Agreement. – The Authority shall provide the parent of a scholarship
33 recipient with a written agreement, applicable for each year the eligible student receives
34 scholarship funds under this Article, to be signed and returned to the Authority prior to receiving
35 the scholarship funds. The agreement shall be submitted to the Authority electronically. The
36 parent shall not designate any entity or individual to execute the agreement on the parent's behalf.
37 A parent or eligible student's failure to comply with this section shall result in a forfeit of
38 scholarship funds and those funds may be awarded to another eligible student. The parent shall
39 agree to the following conditions in order to receive scholarship funds under this Article:

- 40 (1) Use at least a portion of the scholarship funds to provide an education to the
41 eligible student in, at a minimum, the subjects of English language arts,
42 mathematics, social studies, and science.
- 43 (2) Unless the student is a part-time eligible student, release a local education
44 agency in which the student is eligible to attend under G.S. 115C-366 of all
45 obligations to educate the eligible student while the eligible student is
46 receiving scholarship funds under this Article. A parent of a student, other
47 than a part-time eligible student, who decides to enroll the student into the
48 local education agency or other North Carolina public school during the term
49 of the agreement shall notify the Authority to request a release from the
50 agreement and shall return any unexpended funds to the Authority.

- 1 (3) Use the scholarship funds deposited into a personal education ~~savings~~-student
 2 account only for the following qualifying education expenses of the eligible
 3 student:
 4 a. Tuition and fees for a ~~nonpublic school that meets the requirements of~~
 5 ~~Part 1 or Part 2 of Article 39 of this Chapter and is subject to the~~
 6 ~~requirements of G.S. 115C-562.5-G.S. 115C-562.5 compliant school,~~
 7 ~~disbursed as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (a1) of this~~
 8 ~~section.~~
 9 b. Textbooks required by a nonpublic school.
 10 c. Tutoring and teaching services provided by an individual or facility
 11 accredited by a State, regional, or national accrediting organization.
 12 d. Curricula.
 13 e. Fees for nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement tests,
 14 advanced placement tests, or nationally recognized college entrance
 15 exams.
 16 f. Fees charged to the account holder for the management of the PESA.
 17 g. Fees for services provided by a public school, including individual
 18 classes and extracurricular programs.
 19 h. Premiums charged to the account holder for any insurance or surety
 20 bonds required by the Authority.
 21 i. Educational therapies from a licensed or accredited practitioner or
 22 provider.
 23 j. Educational technology defined by the Authority as approved for use
 24 pursuant to ~~Part 1H of Article 9 of this Chapter.~~G.S. 115C-591(2a).
 25 k. Student transportation, pursuant to a contract with an entity that
 26 regularly provides student transportation, to and from (i) a provider of
 27 education or related services or (ii) an education activity.
- 28 (3a) Use of scholarship funds for reimbursement of tuition. – Notwithstanding
 29 sub-subdivision a. of subdivision (3) of this subsection, a parent of an eligible
 30 student may pay tuition to Part 1 or Part 2 nonpublic schools that are not
 31 G.S. 115C-562.5 compliant schools with funds other than funds available in
 32 the personal education student account and then request reimbursement from
 33 the Authority from scholarship funds if the parent complies with the
 34 provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (a1) of this section.
- 35 (4) Not use scholarship funds for any of the following purposes:
 36 a. Computer hardware or other technological devices not defined by the
 37 Authority as educational technology approved for use pursuant to ~~Part~~
 38 ~~1H of Article 9 of this Chapter.~~G.S. 115C-591(2a).
 39 b. Consumable educational supplies, including paper, pen, or markers.
 40 c. Tuition and fees at an institution of higher education, as defined in
 41 G.S. 116-143.1, or a private postsecondary institution.
 42 d. Tuition and fees for a nonpublic school that meets the requirements of
 43 Part 3 of Article 39 of this Chapter.
- 44 (a1) Disbursement of Funds for Tuition. – The method by which the Authority shall
 45 disburse scholarship funds awarded to eligible students for tuition at a nonpublic school shall be
 46 based upon whether the nonpublic school is a G.S. 115C-562.5 compliant school. Scholarship
 47 funds for tuition shall be disbursed as follows:
- 48 (1) Scholarship endorsement for tuition. – The Authority shall remit, at least two
 49 times each school year, scholarship funds from the personal education student
 50 account for eligible students who attend G.S. 115C-562.5 compliant schools.
 51 The funds shall be remitted to the G.S. 115C-562.5 compliant school for

1 endorsement by at least one of the student's parents. The parent shall
2 restrictively endorse the scholarship funds awarded to the eligible student for
3 deposit into the account of the G.S. 115C-562.5 compliant school to the credit
4 of the eligible student. The parent shall not designate any entity or individual
5 associated with the school as the parent's attorney-in-fact to endorse the
6 scholarship funds. A parent's failure to comply with this subdivision shall
7 result in forfeiture of the scholarship funds for tuition. Scholarship funds
8 forfeited for failure to comply with this subdivision shall be returned to the
9 Authority to be awarded to another student.

10 (2) Reimbursement for tuition. – The parent of an eligible student who enrolls in
11 a school that is (i) a North Carolina public school other than the public school
12 to which that student would have been assigned as provided in G.S. 115C-366
13 or (ii) a Part 1 or Part 2 nonpublic school that is not a G.S. 115C-562.5
14 compliant school may pay tuition directly to the school with funds other than
15 scholarship funds and request reimbursement with funds available in the
16 personal education student account under subdivision (3a) of subsection (a) of
17 this section. However, the Authority shall not reimburse the parent prior to the
18 midpoint of each semester. A parent may only receive reimbursement for
19 tuition if the parent provides documentation to the Authority that the student
20 is enrolled in the school.

21 (b) No Refunds to an Account Holder. – A nonpublic school or a provider of services
22 purchased under subsection (a) of this section shall not refund or rebate any scholarship funds to
23 a parent or eligible student in any manner. The parent shall notify the Authority if such a refund
24 is required.

25 (c) Repealed by Session Laws 2018-5, s. 38.10(m), effective for taxable years beginning
26 on or after January 1, 2018.

27 **"§ 115C-596. Identification of nonpublic schools and distribution of personal education**
28 **savings-student account information.**

29 (a) List of Nonpublic Schools. – The Division shall provide annually by February 1 to
30 the Authority a list of all nonpublic schools operating in the State that meet the requirements of
31 Part 1, 2, or 3 of Article 39 of this Chapter.

32 (b) Information on PESAs to the Division. – The Authority shall provide information
33 about personal education ~~savings-student~~ accounts to the Division. The Division shall provide
34 information about PESAs to all qualified nonpublic schools on an annual basis.

35 **"§ 115C-597. Administration.**

36 (a) Rules and Regulations. – The Authority shall establish rules and regulations for the
37 administration of the program, including the following:

- 38 (1) The administration and awarding of scholarship funds, including a lottery
39 process for the selection of recipients within the criteria established by
40 G.S. 115C-592(a), if necessary.
- 41 (2) Requiring a surety bond or insurance to be held by account holders.
- 42 (3) Use of the funds and the reporting of expenditures.
- 43 (4) Monitoring and control of spending scholarship funds deposited in a personal
44 education savings account.

45 The Authority shall provide recipients of scholarship funds with the annual list of defined
46 educational technology for which scholarship funds may be used.

47 (b) Contract for Management of PESAs. – The Authority may contract with a private
48 financial management firm or institution to manage PESAs in accordance with this Article.

49 (c) Annual Audits. – The Authority shall conduct annual audits of PESAs and may audit
50 a random sampling of PESAs as needed to ensure compliance with the requirements of this
51 Article. The Authority may contract with an independent entity to conduct these audits. The

1 Authority may remove a parent or eligible student from the program and close a personal
2 education ~~savings-student~~ account for failure to comply with the terms of the parental agreement,
3 for failure to comply with applicable laws, or because the student is no longer an eligible student.

4 (d) Administration Costs. – Of the funds allocated to the Authority to award scholarship
5 funds under this Article, the Authority may retain ~~up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars~~
6 ~~(\$250,000) the lesser of four percent (4%) of the funds appropriated or two million dollars~~
7 ~~(\$2,000,000) each fiscal year for administrative costs associated with the program, including~~
8 ~~contracting with non-State entities for administration of certain components of the program.~~

9 **"§ 115C-598. Reporting requirements.**

10 The Authority shall report annually, no later than October 15, to the Joint Legislative
11 Education Oversight Committee on the following information from the prior school year:

- 12 (1) Total number, grade level, race, ethnicity, and sex of eligible students
13 receiving scholarship funds.
- 14 (2) Total amount of scholarship funding awarded.
- 15 (3) Number of students previously enrolled in public schools in the prior semester
16 by the previously attended local education agency.
- 17 (4) Nonpublic schools in which scholarship recipients are enrolled, including
18 numbers of scholarship recipients at each nonpublic school.
- 19 (5) The number of substantiated cases of fraud by recipients and the number of
20 parents or students removed from the program for noncompliance with the
21 provisions of this Article.

22 **"§ 115C-599. Duties of State agencies.**

23 (a) The State Board, as part of its duty to monitor all local education agencies to
24 determine compliance with this Article and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
25 (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. § 1400, et seq., (2004), as amended, and federal regulations adopted under
26 that act, as provided in G.S. 115C-107.4, shall ensure that local education agencies do the
27 following:

- 28 (1) Conduct evaluations requested by a child's parent of suspected children with
29 disabilities, as defined in G.S. 115C-107.3, in a timely manner as required by
30 IDEA.
- 31 (2) Provide assessments for continuing eligibility to identified children with
32 disabilities receiving scholarship funds at the request of the parent to ensure
33 compliance with G.S. 115C-593.

34 (b) The Authority shall analyze, in conjunction with the Department of Public Instruction,
35 past trends in scholarship data on an annual basis to ensure that the amount of funds transferred
36 each fiscal year by the Authority to the Department for reevaluations by local school
37 administrative units of eligible students under G.S. 115C-593 are sufficient and based on actual
38 annual cost requirements."

39 **SECTION 8A.3.(k)** Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-592, as amended by this section, a
40 student who was awarded scholarship funds for a Personal Education Savings Account (PESA)
41 pursuant to Article 41 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes for the 2021-2022 school year or
42 a student who received a scholarship pursuant to Part 1H of Article 9 of Chapter 115C of the
43 General Statutes for the 2021-2022 school year shall receive priority in the award of scholarship
44 funds under G.S. 115C-592 for a personal education student account for the 2022-2023 school
45 year if the student applies by March 1, 2022.

46 **SECTION 8A.3.(l)** Part 1H of Article 9 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is
47 repealed.

48 **SECTION 8A.3.(m)** G.S. 115C-555(4) reads as rewritten:

- 49 "(4) It receives no funding from the State of North Carolina. For the purposes of
50 this Article, scholarship funds awarded pursuant to Part 2A of this Article,
51 ~~Article or Article 41 of this Chapter, or Part 1H of Article 9 of this Chapter to~~

1 eligible students attending a nonpublic school shall not be considered funding
2 from the State of North Carolina."

3 **SECTION 8A.3.(n)** G.S. 115C-567.1(a), as enacted by subsection (g) of this section,
4 reads as rewritten:

5 "(a) The State Education Assistance Authority, in its administration of scholarship
6 programs for eligible students pursuant to Part 2A of this ~~Article, Article and Article~~ 41 of this
7 ~~Chapter, and Part 1H of Article 9 of this Chapter, Chapter~~ may contract with a nonprofit
8 corporation representing parents and families, for marketing, outreach, and scholarship
9 application assistance for parents and students. The Authority shall issue a request for proposals
10 in order to enter into a contract with a nonprofit corporation that meets the following
11 requirements during the term of the contract:

- 12 (1) Be a nonprofit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 55A of the General
13 Statutes and comply at all times with the provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the
14 Internal Revenue Code.
- 15 (2) Employ sufficient staff who have demonstrated a capacity to market and
16 implement a scholarship grant program, including by doing the following:
 - 17 a. Direct mail marketing.
 - 18 b. Radio advertising.
 - 19 c. Targeted digital advertising.
 - 20 d. One-on-one parent and family engagement.
- 21 (3) Comply with the limitations on lobbying set forth in section 501(c)(3) of the
22 Internal Revenue Code.
- 23 (4) Have no State officer or employee serving on the board of the nonprofit.
- 24 (5) Conduct at least quarterly meetings of the board of directors of the nonprofit
25 at the call of its chair."

26 **SECTION 8A.3.(o)** Section 5(b) of S.L. 2013-364, as rewritten by Section 3.2 of
27 S.L. 2013-363 and as amended by Section 11.18 of S.L. 2015-241, is repealed.

28 **SECTION 8A.3.(p)** G.S. 105-153.5(b)(12) reads as rewritten:

29 "(12) The amount deposited during the taxable year to a personal education ~~savings~~
30 student account under Article 41 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes."

31 **SECTION 8A.3.(q)** Subsection (p) of this section does not affect the rights or
32 liabilities of the State, a taxpayer, or another person arising under a statute amended by this
33 section before the effective date of its amendment, nor does it affect the right to any refund or
34 credit of a tax that accrued under the amended statute before the effective date of its amendment.

35 **SECTION 8A.3.(r)** Subsections (a) through (d) of this section apply beginning with
36 applications for scholarship funds for the 2022-2023 school year. Subsection (f) of this section
37 becomes effective June 30, 2021. Subsection (i) of this section applies beginning with the
38 2023-2024 fiscal year. Subsections (j) and (k) of this section become effective July 1, 2021, and
39 apply to applications for scholarship funds beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.
40 Subsections (l) through (o) of this section become effective July 1, 2022. Subsection (p) of this
41 section applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022. The remainder of the
42 section is effective the date this act becomes law.

43 SEAA GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE MODIFICATIONS

44 **SECTION 8A.4.(a)** G.S. 116-203 reads as rewritten:

45 "**§ 116-203. Authority created as subdivision of State; appointment, terms and removal of**
46 **board of directors; officers; quorum; expenses and compensation of directors.**

47 (a) Authority Created. – There is created and constituted a political subdivision of the
48 State to be known as the "State Education Assistance ~~Authority."~~ Authority" (Authority) to be
49 housed administratively within The University of North Carolina System Office for
50 organizational, staffing, and budgetary purposes. The exercise by the Authority of the powers
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1 conferred by this Article shall be deemed and held to be the performance of an essential
2 governmental ~~function.~~function in administering a system of financial assistance to qualified
3 students of the State. The Authority shall exercise its statutory powers independently from the
4 System Office and the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina.

5 (b) Membership. – The Authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of
6 nine members, seven of whom shall be appointed ~~by the Governor~~ and two of whom shall be ex
7 ~~officio. The members shall be officio~~ as follows:

8 (1) Seven members appointed ~~by the Governor, three of whom~~ according to the
9 following:

10 a. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall
11 appoint the following members:

12 1. Two members who shall have expertise in secondary or higher
13 education, two of whom ~~education.~~

14 2. One member who shall be a chief financial officer or chief
15 administrative officer from a nonpublic school that enrolls
16 students receiving scholarship funds pursuant to Part 2A of
17 Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes.

18 3. One member who shall have expertise in finance, one of whom
19 finance.

20 b. The Governor shall appoint the following members:

21 1. One member who shall have expertise in finance.

22 2. One member who shall be a member of the public at large with
23 an interest in higher education, and one of whom ~~education.~~

24 3. One member who shall be a chief financial officer from a
25 college or university that is a member of North Carolina
26 Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc., appointed upon
27 the recommendation of North Carolina Independent Colleges
28 and Universities, Inc.

29 (2) The chief financial officer of The University of North Carolina shall serve as
30 an ex officio member.

31 (3) The chief financial officer of the North Carolina Community College System
32 shall serve as an ex officio member.

33 (c) Terms. – Members appointed ~~by the Governor pursuant to subdivision (1) of~~
34 subsection (b) of this section shall serve for a term of four years and until their successors are
35 appointed and duly qualified. Immediately after appointment, the directors shall enter upon the
36 performance of their duties.

37 (d) Vacancies. – A vacancy in an appointment ~~made by the Governor~~ shall be filled by
38 ~~the Governor~~ appointing authority in the same manner as the original appointment for the
39 remainder of the unexpired term.

40 (e) Removal. – ~~The Governor~~ appointing authority may remove any member of the board
41 of directors appointed by ~~the Governor~~ that authority for misfeasance, malfeasance, or
42 nonfeasance.

43 (f) Officers. – The board shall annually elect one of its members as chair and another as
44 ~~vice chair and shall also elect annually a secretary, or a secretary-treasurer, who may or may not~~
45 ~~be a member of the board.~~ vice-chair. The chair, or in the chair's absence, the vice-chair, shall
46 preside at all meetings of the board. In the absence of both the chair and vice-chair, the board
47 shall appoint a chair pro tempore, who shall preside at such meetings.

48 (f1) Executive Director. – The President of The University of North Carolina shall appoint
49 the Executive Director of the Authority, who shall be the Authority's principal executive officer,
50 and the Executive Director shall be responsible to the President. The Executive Director shall
51 serve as secretary to the board of directors.

1 (g) Quorum. – Five directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business
 2 of the Authority, and no vacancy in the membership of the board shall impair the right of a
 3 quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the Authority. The favorable vote
 4 of at least a majority of the members of the board present at any meeting is required for the
 5 adoption of any resolution or motion or for other official action.

6 (h) Expenses. – The members of the board shall receive per diem and allowances as
 7 provided in G.S. 138-5 and G.S. 138-6. These expenses and compensation shall be paid from
 8 funds provided under this Article, or as otherwise provided."

9 **SECTION 8A.4.(b)** G.S. 116-204 reads as rewritten:

10 **"§ 116-204. Powers of Authority.**

11 The Authority is hereby authorized and empowered:

- 12 (1) To fix and revise from time to time and charge and collect fees for its acts and
 13 ~~undertakings;undertakings.~~
- 14 (2) To establish rules and regulations concerning its acts and
 15 ~~undertakings;undertakings.~~
- 16 (3) To acquire, hold and dispose of personal property in the exercise of its powers
 17 and the performance of its ~~duties;duties.~~
- 18 (4) To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental
 19 to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under this
 20 ~~Article;Article.~~
- 21 (5) To employ, ~~in its discretion,~~ upon approval by the President of The University
 22 of North Carolina or his or her designee, consultants, attorneys, ~~accountants,~~
 23 ~~and financial experts, superintendents, managers financial professionals,~~
 24 liaison personnel, clerical staff, and such other employees and agents as may
 25 be necessary in its judgment, and to fix their compensation ~~to be payable from~~
 26 ~~funds made available to the Authority by law;~~ from any funds made available
 27 to the Authority through appropriations by the General Assembly, the
 28 availability of receipts, or both.
- 29 (6) To receive and accept from any federal or private agency, corporation,
 30 association or person grants to be expended in accomplishing the objectives
 31 of the Authority, and to receive and accept from the State, from any
 32 municipality, county or other political subdivision thereof and from any other
 33 source aid or contributions of either money, property, or other things of value,
 34 to be held, used and applied only for the purposes for which such grants and
 35 contributions may be ~~made;made.~~
- 36 (7) To sue and to be sued; to have a seal and to alter the same at its pleasure; and
 37 to make and from time to time amend and repeal bylaws, rules and regulations
 38 not inconsistent with law to carry into effect the powers and purposes of the
 39 ~~Authority;Authority.~~
- 40 (8) To do all other acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers
 41 expressly granted in this Article; provided, however, that nothing in this
 42 Article shall be construed to empower the Authority to engage in the business
 43 of banking or insurance.
- 44 (9) To collect loan repayments for loans awarded under the Teaching Fellows
 45 Program pursuant to G.S. 115C-363.23A if the loan repayment is outstanding
 46 for more than 30 days.
- 47 (10) To collect loan repayments for loans awarded from the Scholarship Loan Fund
 48 for Prospective Teachers pursuant to Article 32A of Chapter 115C of the
 49 General Statutes if the loan repayment is outstanding for more than 30 days.

1 (11) To administer the awarding of scholarship grants to students attending
2 nonpublic schools as provided in Part 2A of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the
3 General Statutes.

4 (12) To administer the coordinated and centralized process for determining
5 residency for tuition and State-funded financial aid purposes that is jointly
6 developed and implemented by The University of North Carolina, the North
7 Carolina Community College System, and the Authority, in consultation with
8 the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities.

9 (13) To collect loan repayments for scholarship loans awarded under the former
10 Principal Fellows Program pursuant to Article 5C of this Chapter if the loan
11 repayment is outstanding for more than 30 days."

12 **SECTION 8A.4.(c)** G.S. 116-205 reads as rewritten:

13 **"§ 116-205. Title to property; use of State lands; offices.**

14 (a) Title to any property acquired by the Authority shall be taken in the name of the
15 Authority.

16 (b) The State hereby consents, subject to the approval of the ~~Governor~~Governor, the
17 Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, and Council of State, to the use of any
18 other lands or property owned by the State, which are deemed by the Authority to be necessary
19 for its purposes.

20 (c) ~~The~~Upon approval by The University of North Carolina System Office, the Authority
21 may establish such offices in state-owned or rented structures as it deems appropriate for its
22 purposes."

23 **SECTION 8A.4.(d)** G.S. 116-209.14 reads as rewritten:

24 **"§ 116-209.14. Annual reports.**

25 The Authority shall, following the close of each fiscal year, publish an annual report of its
26 activities for the preceding year to the ~~Governor~~Board of Governors of The University of North
27 Carolina, the Governor, and the General Assembly. Each report shall set forth a complete
28 operating and financial statement covering the operations of the Authority during the year. The
29 operations of the Authority shall be subject to the oversight of the State Auditor pursuant to
30 Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes."

31 **SECTION 8A.4.(e)** G.S. 116-209.21 is repealed.

32 **SECTION 8A.4.(f)** For the board of directors of the State Education Assistance
33 Authority, subsection (a) of this section applies to the appointment of seats expiring or the
34 appointment to fill vacancies in seats occurring on or after the date this act becomes law.
35 Notwithstanding G.S. 116-203, as amended by this act, upon the next vacancy of a seat for a
36 member who has expertise in finance, the Board of Governors of The University of North
37 Carolina shall appoint the member who has expertise in finance to fill that vacant seat in
38 accordance with G.S. 116-203(b)(1)a.

39 **SECTION 8A.4.(g)** This section is effective the date this act becomes law.

40 **LONGLEAF COMMITMENT COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT**

41 **SECTION 8A.5.(a)** Program Established. – Of the funds appropriated in this act to
42 the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to be allocated to the State Education
43 Assistance Authority from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund, the Authority shall administer the
44 Longleaf Commitment Grant Program (Program) to award grants to eligible students graduating
45 from high school at the end of the 2021-2022 school year to cover tuition and fees at a community
46 college for up to two years. The goal of the Longleaf Commitment Grant Program is to help
47 students who graduated from a North Carolina high school during the COVID-19 pandemic
48 recover learning and persist through to degree attainment.
49

1 **SECTION 8A.5.(b)** Eligible Students. – A student shall be considered an eligible
2 student to receive a grant under the Program if the student meets all of the following
3 requirements:

- 4 (1) Has graduated or is expected to graduate in 2022 from a high school located
5 in this State.
- 6 (2) Qualifies as a resident for tuition purposes under the criteria set forth in
7 G.S. 116-143.1 and in accordance with the coordinated and centralized
8 residency determination process administered by the Authority.
- 9 (3) Completes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the
10 2022-2023 academic year and, if applicable, renews the FAFSA for the
11 2023-2024 academic year.
- 12 (4) Has an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) below fifteen thousand dollars
13 (\$15,000).
- 14 (5) Enrolls in the Fall 2022 semester and maintains enrollment in at least six credit
15 hours per semester in curriculum courses at a community college.

16 **SECTION 8A.5.(c)** Award Amounts; Administration. – Grants awarded under the
17 Program shall be for a minimum amount of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) per eligible student
18 with a maximum grant of up to two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2,800) per eligible student
19 per year for up to two years, which includes cost of tuition and a fee allowance. The Authority
20 shall reduce the amount of a grant for any student by the amount of grants or scholarships
21 received by that student from other State or federal sources.

22 The Authority may adopt rules for the administration of the Program. The Authority
23 may use up to one percent (1%) of the funds appropriated for the Program for administrative
24 costs.

25 **SECTION 8A.5.(d)** Support Services from Community Colleges. – The Community
26 Colleges System Office shall administer a matching grant program for community colleges to
27 provide student support services under the Program in accordance with Section 6.11 of this act.

28 **SECTION 8A.5.(e)** Report. – The Authority shall submit an initial report by
29 September 1, 2023, and a final report by September 1, 2024, to the Joint Legislative Education
30 Oversight Committee on the implementation of the Program. The report shall contain, for each
31 academic year, the amount of grant funds disbursed and the number of eligible students receiving
32 funds.

33 34 **PART IX. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

35 36 **PART IX-A. AGING AND ADULT SERVICES**

37 38 **STATE-COUNTY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE RATES**

39 **SECTION 9A.1.(a)** For each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the maximum
40 monthly rate for residents in adult care home facilities shall be one thousand one hundred
41 eighty-two dollars (\$1,182) per month per resident.

42 **SECTION 9A.1.(b)** For each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the maximum
43 monthly rate for residents in Alzheimer's/Dementia special care units shall be one thousand five
44 hundred fifteen dollars (\$1,515) per month per resident.

45 46 **INCREASE IN STATE-COUNTY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PERSONAL NEEDS** 47 **ALLOWANCE**

48 **SECTION 9A.2.(a)** Effective October 1, 2021, the Department of Health and Human
49 Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, shall increase the personal needs allowance
50 under the State-County Special Assistance program from forty-six dollars (\$46.00) per month
51 per recipient to seventy dollars (\$70.00) per month per recipient.

1 **SECTION 9A.2.(b)** Effective October 1, 2021, and notwithstanding the increase in
2 the personal needs allowance authorized by subsection (a) of this section or any other provision
3 of law to the contrary, the following limits are applicable for determining financial eligibility for
4 State-County Special Assistance:

- 5 (1) The total countable monthly income for individuals residing in adult care
6 home facilities shall not exceed one thousand two hundred twenty-eight
7 dollars (\$1,228) per month.
8 (2) The total countable monthly income for individuals residing in
9 Alzheimer's/Dementia special care units shall not exceed one thousand five
10 hundred sixty-one dollars (\$1,561) per month.
11

12 **REMOVAL OF THE CAP ON THE NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE STATE-COUNTY**
13 **SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN-HOME PAYMENTS**

14 **SECTION 9A.3.** G.S. 108A-47.1(a) reads as rewritten:

15 "(a) The Department of Health and Human Services may use funds from the existing
16 State-County Special Assistance budget to provide Special Assistance payments to eligible
17 individuals 18 years of age or older in in-home living arrangements. ~~These payments may be~~
18 ~~made for up to fifteen percent (15%) of the caseload for all State-County Special Assistance.~~ The
19 standard monthly payment to individuals enrolled in the Special Assistance in-home program
20 shall be one hundred percent (100%) of the monthly payment the individual would receive if the
21 individual resided in an adult care home and qualified for Special Assistance, except if a lesser
22 payment amount is appropriate for the individual as determined by the local case manager. The
23 Department shall implement Special Assistance in-home eligibility policies and procedures to
24 assure that in-home program participants are those individuals who need and, but for the in-home
25 program, would seek placement in an adult care home facility. The Department's policies and
26 procedures shall include the use of a functional assessment."
27

28 **RAPID REHOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AT RISK OF**
29 **HOMELESSNESS**

30 **SECTION 9A.4.** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery
31 Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services,
32 the sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal
33 year shall be allocated for rapid rehousing services to assist individuals and families at risk of
34 homelessness due to the COVID-19 public health emergency with obtaining safe housing. These
35 funds shall be used to supplement and not supplant existing funds for homelessness prevention
36 activities and may be used to provide financial assistance to eligible individuals and families to
37 cover the cost of acute needs such as the following:

- 38 (1) Security deposits and rental assistance for a period not to exceed 12 months
39 per individual or family.
40 (2) Utility deposits and utility assistance for a period not to exceed 12 months per
41 individual or family.
42 (3) Temporary hotel stays while awaiting more permanent housing.
43 (4) Housing navigation services.
44 (5) Case management services related to the rapid attainment of safe housing.
45

46 **PART IX-B. CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT**

47
48 **REPORTS BY NON-STATE ENTITIES ON THE USE OF DIRECTED GRANT FUNDS**

49 **SECTION 9B.1.** Any non-State entity, as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1, that is a
50 recipient of nonrecurring funds allocated in Part IX of this act as a directed grant shall report to

1 the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal
2 Research Division as follows:

- 3 (1) By July 1, 2022, on the use of directed grant funds received under Part IX of
4 this act for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- 5 (2) By July 1, 2023, on the use of directed grant funds received under Part IX of
6 this act for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

7
8 **FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA FAMILIES ACCESSING SERVICES**
9 **THROUGH TECHNOLOGY (NC FAST) SYSTEM**

10 **SECTION 9B.2.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
11 and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support, the sum of nineteen million
12 nine hundred ninety-four thousand four hundred forty-seven dollars (\$19,994,447) in recurring
13 funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of nineteen million nine hundred ninety-four
14 thousand four hundred forty-seven dollars (\$19,994,447) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023
15 fiscal year shall be used to fund operations and maintenance of the NC FAST system, including
16 matching federal funds for this purpose. In addition, the sum of thirty-six million six hundred
17 eight thousand eight hundred seventeen dollars (\$36,608,817) in nonrecurring funds for the
18 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of thirty-four million eight hundred ten thousand nine hundred
19 ninety dollars (\$34,810,990) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be
20 allocated for the following purposes:

- 21 (1) The sum of twenty-three million two hundred sixty-five thousand dollars
22 (\$23,265,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum
23 of twenty-three million seven hundred seventy-eight thousand twenty-five
24 dollars (\$23,778,025) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year
25 shall be used to fund deployment of the child welfare case management
26 component of the NC FAST system, as provided in Section 9I.15 of this act,
27 and to match federal funds to expedite deployment of this functionality.
- 28 (2) The sum of thirteen million three hundred forty-three thousand eight hundred
29 seventeen dollars (\$13,343,817) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022
30 fiscal year and the sum of eleven million thirty-two thousand nine hundred
31 sixty-five dollars (\$11,032,965) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023
32 fiscal year shall be used to match federal funds to expedite development and
33 implementation of the following within the NC FAST system: (i) updates and
34 changes with respect to Medicaid Transformation, (ii) infrastructure
35 modernization, (iii) document management, and (iv) independent verification
36 and validation support.

37 The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and
38 Support, shall report any changes in approved federal funding or federal match rates for NC
39 FAST within 30 days after the change to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health
40 and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology,
41 and the Fiscal Research Division.

42 **SECTION 9B.2.(b)** Departmental receipts appropriated in this act in the sum of
43 seventy-eight million eight hundred twenty-seven thousand six hundred twelve dollars
44 (\$78,827,612) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of seventy-seven million two hundred
45 ninety-one thousand nine hundred thirty-four dollars (\$77,291,934) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year
46 shall be used for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this section.

47
48 **COMMUNITY HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM**

49 **SECTION 9B.3.(a)** Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and
50 Human Services, Division of Central Management, Office of Rural Health, for each year of the
51 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for the Community Health Grant Program shall be used to continue

1 to administer the Community Health Grant Program as modified by Section 11A.8 of S.L.
2 2017-57.

3 **SECTION 9B.3.(b)** The Office of Rural Health shall make the final decision about
4 awarding grants under this Program, but no single grant award shall exceed one hundred fifty
5 thousand dollars (\$150,000) during the fiscal year. In awarding grants, the Office of Rural Health
6 shall consider the availability of other funds for the applicant; the incidence of poverty in the area
7 served by the applicant or the number of indigent clients served by the applicant; the availability
8 of, or arrangements for, after-hours care; and collaboration between the applicant and a
9 community hospital or other safety net organizations.

10 **SECTION 9B.3.(c)** Grant recipients shall not use these funds to do any of the
11 following:

- 12 (1) Enhance or increase compensation or other benefits of personnel,
13 administrators, directors, consultants, or any other persons receiving funds for
14 program administration; provided, however, funds may be used to hire or
15 retain health care providers. The use of grant funds for this purpose does not
16 obligate the Department of Health and Human Services to continue to fund
17 compensation beyond the grant period.
- 18 (2) Supplant existing funds, including federal funds traditionally received by
19 federally qualified community health centers. However, grant funds may be
20 used to supplement existing programs that serve the purposes described in
21 subsection (a) of this section.
- 22 (3) Finance or satisfy any existing debt.

23 **SECTION 9B.3.(d)** The Office of Rural Health may use up to two hundred thousand
24 dollars (\$200,000) in recurring funds for each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for
25 administrative purposes.

26 **SECTION 9B.3.(e)** By September 1 of each year, the Office of Rural Health shall
27 submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on
28 community health grants that includes at least all of the following information:

- 29 (1) The identity and a brief description of each grantee and each program or
30 service offered by the grantee.
- 31 (2) The amount of funding awarded to each grantee.
- 32 (3) The number of individuals served by each grantee, and for the individuals
33 served, the types of services provided to each.
- 34 (4) Any other information requested by the Office of Rural Health as necessary
35 for evaluating the success of the Community Health Grant Program.

36 **SECTION 9B.3.(f)** By November 1, 2021, the Office of Rural Health shall report to
37 the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on the implementation
38 status of the following Community Health Grant Program requirements enacted by Section 11A.8
39 of S.L. 2017-57:

- 40 (1) Establishment of a Primary Care Advisory Committee and that Committee's
41 development of an objective and equitable process for grading applications
42 for grants funded under the Community Health Grant Program.
- 43 (2) Development of a standardized method for grant recipients to report objective,
44 measurable quality health outcomes.

45 46 **ELIMINATION OF OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION REPORTING AND** 47 **ACCOUNTABILITY**

48 **SECTION 9B.4.(a)** The Office of Program Evaluation Reporting and Accountability
49 within the Department of Health and Human Services is eliminated.

50 **SECTION 9B.4.(b)** Part 31A of Article 3 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes
51 is repealed.

VETERANS HEALTH CARE PILOT PROGRAM

SECTION 9B.5.(a) Pilot Program. – Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support, Office of Rural Health, the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be used to support the development and implementation of a two-year pilot program to provide health care services to veterans. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, in coordination with Community Care of North Carolina and Maxim Healthcare Services, shall develop and implement the pilot program in Cumberland County. The pilot program shall consist of the following initiatives:

- (1) A health care initiative to provide to veterans increased access to health care resources through the care coordination efforts of community health workers.
- (2) A workforce initiative to recruit and train unemployed and underemployed veterans as community health workers for the health care initiative described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

SECTION 9B.5.(b) Administrative Costs. – No more than fifteen percent (15%) of the funds allocated for the purposes of this section shall be used for administrative purposes.

SECTION 9B.5.(c) Termination. – The pilot program authorized by this section shall terminate on June 30, 2023.

SECTION 9B.5.(d) Evaluation. – By February 1, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct and submit to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services a comprehensive evaluation of the pilot program authorized by this section. The comprehensive evaluation shall include at least all of the following:

- (1) A detailed breakdown of expenditures for the pilot program.
- (2) The specific ways in which the health care initiative provided to veterans increased access to health care resources.
- (3) The total number of unemployed and underemployed veterans who were recruited and trained as community health workers under the pilot program's workforce initiative.

FUNDS FOR NC DENTAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION'S MISSIONS OF MERCY DENTAL CLINICS

SECTION 9B.6. Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support, Office of Rural Health, for allocation to the NC Dental Society Foundation for its Missions of Mercy dental clinics shall not be spent for any purpose other than to provide direct services to patients and to purchase necessary dental supplies. None of these funds may be spent for administrative purposes.

FUNDS FOR LOCAL START DENTAL, INC.

SECTION 9B.7. Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support, Office of Rural Health, for allocation to the nonprofit corporation known as Local Start Dental, Inc., shall not be spent for any purpose other than to (i) provide direct services to patients and (ii) purchase necessary dental supplies, necessary dental equipment, or a combination of these. None of these funds may be spent for administrative purposes.

FUNDS FOR THE STATEWIDE TELEPSYCHIATRY PROGRAM

SECTION 9B.8.(a) Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central

1 Management and Support, Office of Rural Health, the sum of one million five hundred thousand
2 dollars (\$1,500,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall be allocated as a
3 grant to the East Carolina University Center for Telepsychiatry and e-Behavioral Health for the
4 statewide telepsychiatry program established under G.S. 143B-139.4B, known as NC-STeP.
5 These grant funds shall be used to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency by
6 providing virtual psychiatric assessments and consultations to patients utilizing telepsychiatry,
7 as defined in G.S. 143B-139.4B.

8 **SECTION 9B.8.(b)** By July 1, 2022, the East Carolina University Center for
9 Telepsychiatry and e-Behavioral Health shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
10 on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on the use of the grant funds
11 allocated by subsection (a) of this section.
12

13 **COMPETITIVE GRANT/NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

14 **SECTION 9B.9.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
15 and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support, for each year of the
16 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the following amounts shall be used to allocate funds for nonprofit
17 organizations:

- 18 (1) Ten million six hundred fifty-three thousand nine hundred eleven dollars
19 (\$10,653,911) in recurring funds for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal
20 biennium.
- 21 (2) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in nonrecurring funds for each
22 year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to assist with funding for purposes
23 described in subdivision (e)(4) of this section.
- 24 (3) Four million seven hundred seventy-four thousand five hundred twenty-five
25 dollars (\$4,774,525) for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium
26 appropriated in Section 9L.1 of this act in Social Services Block Grant funds.
- 27 (4) One million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) for each year of the
28 2021-2023 fiscal biennium appropriated in Section 9L.1 of this act in
29 Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funds.

30 **SECTION 9B.9.(b)** The Department shall continue administering a competitive
31 grants process for nonprofit funding. The Department shall administer a plan that, at a minimum,
32 includes each of the following:

- 33 (1) A request for application (RFA) process to allow nonprofits to apply for and
34 receive State funds on a competitive basis. The Department shall require
35 nonprofits to include in the application a plan to evaluate the effectiveness,
36 including measurable impact or outcomes, of the activities, services, and
37 programs for which the funds are being requested.
- 38 (2) A requirement that nonprofits match a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of
39 the total amount of the grant award.
- 40 (3) A requirement that the Secretary prioritize grant awards to those nonprofits
41 that are able to leverage non-State funds in addition to the grant award.
- 42 (4) A process that awards grants to nonprofits that have the capacity to provide
43 services on a statewide basis and that support any of the following State health
44 and wellness initiatives:
 - 45 a. A program targeting advocacy, support, education, or residential
46 services for persons diagnosed with autism.
 - 47 b. A system of residential supports for those afflicted with substance
48 abuse addiction.
 - 49 c. A program of advocacy and supports for individuals with intellectual
50 and developmental disabilities or severe and persistent mental illness,
51 substance abusers, or the elderly.

- 1 d. Supports and services to children and adults with developmental
2 disabilities or mental health diagnoses.
3 e. A food distribution system for needy individuals.
4 f. The provision and coordination of services for the homeless.
5 g. The provision of services for individuals aging out of foster care.
6 h. Programs promoting wellness, physical activity, and health education
7 programming for North Carolinians.
8 i. The provision of services and screening for blindness.
9 j. A provision for the delivery of after-school services for
10 apprenticeships or mentoring at-risk youth.
11 k. The provision of direct services for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
12 (ALS) and those diagnosed with the disease.
13 l. A comprehensive smoking prevention and cessation program that
14 screens and treats tobacco use in pregnant women and postpartum
15 mothers.
16 m. A program providing short-term or long-term residential substance
17 abuse services. For purposes of this sub-subdivision, "long-term"
18 means a minimum of 12 months.
19 n. A program that provides year-round sports training and athletic
20 competition for children and adults with disabilities.

21 It is the intent of the General Assembly that annually the Secretary evaluate
22 and prioritize the categories of health and wellness initiatives described under
23 this subdivision to determine the best use of these funds in making grant
24 awards, exclusive of direct allocations made by the General Assembly.

- 25 (5) A process that ensures that funds received by the Department to implement
26 the plan supplement and do not supplant existing funds for health and wellness
27 programs and initiatives.
28 (6) A process that allows grants to be awarded to nonprofits for up to two years.
29 (7) A requirement that initial disbursement of the grants be awarded no later than
30 30 days after certification of the State budget for the respective fiscal year.
31 (8) A requirement that nonprofits awarded grants use no more than fifteen percent
32 (15%) of their total proposed expenditures for administrative costs, unless
33 otherwise required by law.

34 **SECTION 9B.9.(c)** No later than July 1 of each year, as applicable, the Secretary
35 shall announce the recipients of the competitive grant awards and allocate funds to the grant
36 recipients for the respective grant period pursuant to the amounts designated under subsection
37 (a) of this section. After awards have been granted, by September 1 of each year, the Secretary
38 shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services
39 on the grant awards that includes at least all of the following:

- 40 (1) The identity and a brief description of each grantee and each program or
41 initiative offered by the grantee.
42 (2) The amount of funding awarded to each grantee.
43 (3) The number of persons served by each grantee, broken down by program or
44 initiative.

45 **SECTION 9B.9.(d)** No later than December 1 of each fiscal year, each nonprofit
46 organization receiving funding pursuant to this section in the respective fiscal year shall submit
47 to the Division of Central Management and Support a written report of all activities funded by
48 State appropriations. The report shall include the following information about the fiscal year
49 preceding the year in which the report is due:

- 50 (1) The entity's mission, purpose, and governance structure.

- 1 (2) A description of the types of programs, services, and activities funded by State
2 appropriations.
- 3 (3) Statistical and demographical information on the number of persons served by
4 these programs, services, and activities, including the counties in which
5 services are provided.
- 6 (4) Outcome measures that demonstrate the impact and effectiveness of the
7 programs, services, and activities.
- 8 (5) A detailed program budget and list of expenditures, including all positions
9 funded, matching expenditures, and funding sources.

10 **SECTION 9B.9.(e)** For the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium only, from the funds
11 identified in subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall make the following allocations,
12 provided that each nonprofit organization receiving funds pursuant to this subsection shall be
13 required to seek future funding through the competitive grants process in accordance with
14 subsection (b) of this section:

- 15 (1) Three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) in each year of the 2021-2023
16 fiscal biennium to provide grants to Big Brothers Big Sisters.
- 17 (2) One million six hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$1,625,000) for each
18 year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium and one million six hundred thousand
19 dollars (\$1,600,000) appropriated in Section 9L.1(a) of this act in Substance
20 Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funds in each year of the
21 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to Triangle Residential Options for Substance
22 Abusers, Inc., (TROSAs) for the purpose of assisting individuals with
23 substance abuse addiction.
- 24 (3) Two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000) in each year
25 of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to provide grants to Boys & Girls Clubs
26 across the State to implement (i) programs that improve the motivation,
27 performance, and self-esteem of youth and (ii) other initiatives that would be
28 expected to reduce gang participation, school dropout, and teen pregnancy
29 rates.
- 30 (4) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal
31 biennium to Cross Trail Outfitters for purposes of promoting wellness and
32 physical activity for youth 7 to 20 years of age.

34 **PART IX-C. CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY EDUCATION**

35 **NC PRE-K PROGRAMS/STANDARDS FOR FOUR- AND FIVE-STAR-RATED** 36 **FACILITIES**

37 **SECTION 9C.1.(a)** Eligibility. – The Department of Health and Human Services,
38 Division of Child Development and Early Education, shall continue implementing the
39 prekindergarten program (NC Pre-K). The NC Pre-K program shall serve children who are 4
40 years of age on or before August 31 of the program year. In determining eligibility, the Division
41 shall establish income eligibility requirements for the program not to exceed seventy-five percent
42 (75%) of the State median income. Up to twenty percent (20%) of children enrolled may have
43 family incomes in excess of seventy-five percent (75%) of median income if those children have
44 other designated risk factors. Furthermore, any age-eligible child who is a child of either of the
45 following shall be eligible for the program: (i) an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the
46 United States, including the North Carolina National Guard, State military forces, or a reserve
47 component of the Armed Forces who was ordered to active duty by the proper authority within
48 the last 18 months or is expected to be ordered within the next 18 months, or (ii) a member of the
49 Armed Forces of the United States, including the North Carolina National Guard, State military
50 forces, or a reserve component of the Armed Forces who was injured or killed while serving on
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1 active duty. Eligibility determinations for NC Pre-K participants may continue through local
2 education agencies and local North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., partnerships.

3 Other than developmental disabilities or other chronic health issues, the Division shall
4 not consider the health of a child as a factor in determining eligibility for participation in the NC
5 Pre-K program.

6 **SECTION 9C.1.(b) Multiyear Contracts.** – The Division of Child Development and
7 Early Education shall require the NC Pre-K contractor to issue multiyear contracts for licensed
8 private child care centers providing NC Pre-K classrooms.

9 **SECTION 9C.1.(c) Building Standards.** – Notwithstanding G.S. 110-91(4), private
10 child care facilities and public schools operating NC Pre-K classrooms shall meet the building
11 standards for preschool students as provided in G.S. 115C-521.1.

12 **SECTION 9C.1.(d) Programmatic Standards.** – Except as provided in subsection (c)
13 of this section, entities operating NC Pre-K classrooms shall adhere to all of the policies
14 prescribed by the Division of Child Development and Early Education regarding programmatic
15 standards and classroom requirements.

16 **SECTION 9C.1.(e) NC Pre-K Committees.** – Local NC Pre-K committees shall use
17 the standard decision-making process developed by the Division of Child Development and Early
18 Education in awarding NC Pre-K classroom slots and student selection.

19 **SECTION 9C.1.(f) Reporting.** – The Division of Child Development and Early
20 Education shall submit an annual report no later than March 15 of each year to the Joint
21 Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, the Office of State Budget and
22 Management, and the Fiscal Research Division. The report shall include the following:

- 23 (1) The number of children participating in the NC Pre-K program by county.
- 24 (2) The number of children participating in the NC Pre-K program who have
25 never been served in other early education programs such as child care, public
26 or private preschool, Head Start, Early Head Start, or early intervention
27 programs.
- 28 (3) The expected NC Pre-K expenditures for the programs and the source of the
29 local contributions.
- 30 (4) The results of an annual evaluation of the NC Pre-K program.

31 **SECTION 9C.1.(g) Audits.** – The administration of the NC Pre-K program by local
32 partnerships shall be subject to the financial and compliance audits authorized under
33 G.S. 143B-168.14(b).

34 35 **HOLD HARMLESS STAR RATINGS FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES** 36 **WHEN ERS ASSESSMENTS RESUME/REPORT**

37 **SECTION 9C.2.(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
38 when the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early
39 Education (Division), resumes environmental rating scale (ERS) (star rating) assessments, the
40 Division shall not require a licensed child care facility to undergo an ERS assessment if
41 conducting the assessment would cause the child care facility to lose a star rating due to (i) the
42 facility's loss in educators who enabled the facility to meet the star-rating requirements and (ii)
43 its inability to replace those educators, within a reasonable period of time, with individuals having
44 similar levels of education.

45 **SECTION 9C.2.(b)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
46 when ERS assessments resume and the Division of Child Development and Early Education
47 (Division) is awarding quality rating improvement system (QRIS) "education points" to a
48 licensed child care facility toward its star rating, if the percentage of lead teachers in the program
49 required to meet the "rated licensed education requirements" criteria is set at seventy-five percent
50 (75%) for the program to earn those "education points" toward the facility's star rating, the

1 Division shall lower the seventy-five percent (75%) threshold to fifty percent (50%) of lead
2 teachers through June 30, 2023.

3 **SECTION 9C.2.(c)** The Division of Child Development and Early Education shall
4 submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by
5 March 30, 2023, and the report shall include the following:

- 6 (1) Number of new high school Early Childhood Career and Technical Pathways
7 programs across the State between June 30, 2021, and January 31, 2023.
- 8 (2) New community college and university courses that award college credit
9 towards a degree in early childhood based on work experience between June
10 30, 2021, and January 31, 2023.
- 11 (3) New community college and university courses that allow college credits for
12 taking online health, safety, and nutrition training modules between June 30,
13 2021, and January 31, 2023.
- 14 (4) Number of enrollees in the Early Childhood and Infant-Toddler Certificate
15 Programs, number of graduates from the programs with certificates, and the
16 increase in the number of enrollees and graduates from the programs between
17 June 30, 2021, and January 31, 2023.
- 18 (5) Number of early childhood educators using T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to pay
19 for college tuition and the increase in the number of early childhood educators
20 using T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to pay for college tuition between June 30,
21 2021, and January 31, 2023.
- 22 (6) Availability of WAGE\$ salary supplement program by county, the number of
23 early childhood educators working toward degrees in early childhood
24 education who received salary supplements from WAGE\$, and the increase
25 in the number of early childhood educators receiving WAGE\$ salary
26 supplements between June 30, 2021, and January 31, 2023.
- 27 (7) The number and percentage increase of early childhood educators with
28 associate degrees in early childhood education between June 30, 2021, and
29 January 31, 2023.
- 30 (8) The number and percentage increase of early childhood educators with
31 associate degrees between June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2021.

32 **SECTION 9C.2.(d)** Subsection (a) of this section is effective when it becomes law
33 and expires six months after the date the Governor signs an executive order rescinding Executive
34 Order No. 116, Declaration of a State of Emergency to Coordinate Response and Protective
35 Actions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19. Subsection (b) of this section is effective when it
36 becomes law and expires June 30, 2023.
37

38 **RAISE BASE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR NC PRE-K CHILD CARE CENTERS**

39 **SECTION 9C.3.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
40 and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, funds shall be
41 allocated to raise the base reimbursement rates for child care centers participating in the North
42 Carolina Prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) program by two percent (2%) over 2020-2021 fiscal year
43 rates for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and by an additional two percent (2%) over the 2021-2022
44 rates for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds allocated
45 pursuant to this section be used to increase the salaries of teachers working in child care centers
46 as a means to address disparities in teacher salaries among teachers working in child care centers
47 versus those working in public schools or Head Start centers.
48

49 **CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES**

1 **SECTION 9C.4.(a)** The maximum gross annual income for initial eligibility,
2 adjusted annually, for subsidized child care services shall be determined based on a percentage
3 of the federal poverty level as follows:

4 AGE	INCOME PERCENTAGE LEVEL
5 0 – 5	200%
6 6 – 12	133%

7 The eligibility for any child with special needs, including a child who is 13 years of
8 age or older, shall be two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level.

9 **SECTION 9C.4.(b)** Fees for families who are required to share in the cost of care
10 are established based on ten percent (10%) of gross family income. When care is received at the
11 blended rate, the copayment shall be eighty-three percent (83%) of the full-time copayment.
12 Copayments for part-time care shall be seventy-five percent (75%) of the full-time copayment.

13 **SECTION 9C.4.(c)** Payments for the purchase of child care services for low-income
14 children shall be in accordance with the following requirements:

- 15 (1) Religious sponsored child care facilities operating pursuant to G.S. 110-106
16 and licensed child care centers and homes that meet the minimum licensing
17 standards that are participating in the subsidized child care program shall be
18 paid the one-star county market rate or the rate they charge privately paying
19 parents, whichever is lower, unless prohibited by subsection (f) of this section.
- 20 (2) Licensed child care centers and homes with two or more stars shall receive the
21 market rate for that rated license level for that age group or the rate they charge
22 privately paying parents, whichever is lower, unless prohibited by subsection
23 (g) of this section.
- 24 (3) No payments shall be made for transportation services charged by child care
25 facilities.
- 26 (4) Payments for subsidized child care services for postsecondary education shall
27 be limited to a maximum of 20 months of enrollment. This shall not be
28 determined before a family's annual recertification period.
- 29 (5) The Department of Health and Human Services shall implement necessary
30 rule changes to restructure services, including, but not limited to, targeting
31 benefits to employment.

32 **SECTION 9C.4.(d)** Provisions of payment rates for child care providers in counties
33 that do not have at least 50 children in each age group for center-based and home-based care are
34 as follows:

- 35 (1) Except as applicable in subdivision (2) of this subsection, payment rates shall
36 be set at the statewide or regional market rate for licensed child care centers
37 and homes.
- 38 (2) If it can be demonstrated that the application of the statewide or regional
39 market rate to a county with fewer than 50 children in each age group is lower
40 than the county market rate and would inhibit the ability of the county to
41 purchase child care for low-income children, then the county market rate may
42 be applied.

43 **SECTION 9C.4.(e)** A market rate shall be calculated for child care centers and
44 homes at each rated license level for each county and for each age group or age category of
45 enrollees and shall be representative of fees charged to parents for each age group of enrollees
46 within the county. The Division of Child Development and Early Education shall also calculate
47 a statewide rate and regional market rate for each rated license level for each age category.

48 **SECTION 9C.4.(f)** The Division of Child Development and Early Education shall
49 continue implementing policies that improve the quality of child care for subsidized children,
50 including a policy in which child care subsidies are paid, to the extent possible, for child care in
51 the higher quality centers and homes only. The Division shall define higher quality, and subsidy

1 funds shall not be paid for one- or two-star-rated facilities. For those counties with an inadequate
2 number of four- and five-star-rated facilities, the Division shall continue a transition period that
3 allows the facilities to continue to receive subsidy funds while the facilities work on the increased
4 star ratings. The Division may allow exemptions in counties where there is an inadequate number
5 of four- and five-star-rated facilities for non-star-rated programs, such as religious programs.

6 **SECTION 9C.4.(g)** Facilities licensed pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 110 of the
7 General Statutes and facilities operated pursuant to G.S. 110-106 may participate in the program
8 that provides for the purchase of care in child care facilities for minor children of needy families.
9 Except as authorized by subsection (f) of this section, no separate licensing requirements shall
10 be used to select facilities to participate. In addition, child care facilities shall be required to meet
11 any additional applicable requirements of federal law or regulations. Child care arrangements
12 exempt from State regulation pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 110 of the General Statutes shall
13 meet the requirements established by other State law and by the Social Services Commission.

14 County departments of social services or other local contracting agencies shall not
15 use a provider's failure to comply with requirements in addition to those specified in this
16 subsection as a condition for reducing the provider's subsidized child care rate.

17 **SECTION 9C.4.(h)** Payment for subsidized child care services provided with
18 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant funds shall comply with all regulations
19 and policies issued by the Division of Child Development and Early Education for the subsidized
20 child care program.

21 **SECTION 9C.4.(i)** Noncitizen families who reside in this State legally shall be
22 eligible for child care subsidies if all other conditions of eligibility are met. If all other conditions
23 of eligibility are met, noncitizen families who reside in this State illegally shall be eligible for
24 child care subsidies only if at least one of the following conditions is met:

- 25 (1) The child for whom a child care subsidy is sought is receiving child protective
26 services or foster care services.
- 27 (2) The child for whom a child care subsidy is sought is developmentally delayed
28 or at risk of being developmentally delayed.
- 29 (3) The child for whom a child care subsidy is sought is a citizen of the United
30 States.

31 **SECTION 9C.4.(j)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
32 Child Development and Early Education, shall require all county departments of social services
33 to include on any forms used to determine eligibility for child care subsidy whether the family
34 waiting for subsidy is receiving assistance through the NC Pre-K Program or Head Start.

35 **SECTION 9C.4.(k)** Department of Defense–certified child care facilities licensed
36 pursuant to G.S. 110-106.2 may participate in the State-subsidized child care program that
37 provides for the purchase of care in child care facilities for minor children in needy families,
38 provided that funds allocated from the State-subsidized child care program to Department of
39 Defense–certified child care facilities shall supplement and not supplant funds allocated in
40 accordance with G.S. 143B-168.15(g). Payment rates and fees for military families who choose
41 Department of Defense–certified child care facilities and who are eligible to receive subsidized
42 child care shall be as set forth in this section.

43 44 **CHILD CARE ALLOCATION FORMULA**

45 **SECTION 9C.5.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
46 Child Development and Early Education (Division), shall allocate child care subsidy voucher
47 funds to pay the costs of necessary child care for minor children of needy families. The
48 mandatory thirty percent (30%) North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., subsidy allocation
49 under G.S. 143B-168.15(g) shall constitute the base amount for each county's child care subsidy
50 allocation. The Department of Health and Human Services shall use the following method when

1 allocating federal and State child care funds, not including the aggregate mandatory thirty percent
2 (30%) North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., subsidy allocation:

- 3 (1) Funds shall be allocated to a county based upon the projected cost of serving
4 children under age 11 in families with all parents working who earn less than
5 the applicable federal poverty level percentage set forth in Section 9C.4(a) of
6 this act.
- 7 (2) The Division may withhold up to two percent (2%) of available funds from
8 the allocation formula for (i) preventing termination of services throughout
9 the fiscal year and (ii) repayment of any federal funds identified by counties
10 as overpayments, including overpayments due to fraud. The Division shall
11 allocate to counties any funds withheld before the end of the fiscal year when
12 the Division determines the funds are not needed for the purposes described
13 in this subdivision. The Division shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative
14 Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research
15 Division, which report shall include each of the following:
- 16 a. The amount of funds used for preventing termination of services and
17 the repayment of any federal funds.
- 18 b. The date the remaining funds were distributed to counties.
- 19 c. As a result of funds withheld under this subdivision and after funds
20 have been distributed, any counties that did not receive at least the
21 amount the counties received the previous year and the amount by
22 which funds were decreased.

23 The Division shall submit a report in each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal
24 biennium 30 days after the funds withheld pursuant to this subdivision are
25 distributed but no later than April 1 of each respective year.

- 26 (3) The Division shall set aside four percent (4%) of child care subsidy allocations
27 for vulnerable populations, which include a child identified as having special
28 needs and a child whose application for assistance indicates that the child and
29 the child's family is experiencing homelessness or is in a temporary living
30 situation. A child identified by this subdivision shall be given priority for
31 receiving services until such time as set-aside allocations for vulnerable
32 populations are exhausted.

33 **SECTION 9C.5.(b)** The Division may reallocate unused child care subsidy voucher
34 funds in order to meet the child care needs of low-income families. Any reallocation of funds
35 shall be based upon the expenditures of all child care subsidy voucher funding, including North
36 Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., funds within a county. Counties shall manage service
37 levels within the funds allocated to the counties. A county with a spending coefficient over one
38 hundred percent (100%) shall submit a plan to the Division for managing the county's allocation
39 before receiving any reallocated funds.

40 **SECTION 9C.5.(c)** When implementing the formula under subsection (a) of this
41 section, the Division shall include the market rate increase in the formula process rather than
42 calculating the increases outside of the formula process. Additionally, the Department shall do
43 the following:

- 44 (1) Deem a county's initial allocation as the county's expenditure in the previous
45 fiscal year or a prorated share of the county's previous fiscal year expenditures
46 if sufficient funds are not available.
- 47 (2) Effective immediately following the next new decennial census data release,
48 implement (i) one-third of the change in a county's allocation in the year
49 following the data release, (ii) an additional one-third of the change in a
50 county's allocation beginning two years after the initial change under this

1 subdivision, and (iii) the final one-third change in a county's allocation
2 beginning the following two years thereafter.

3 4 **SMART START INITIATIVES**

5 **SECTION 9C.6.(a) Policies.** – The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.,
6 and its Board shall ensure policies focus on the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.'s
7 mission of improving child care quality in North Carolina for children from birth to 5 years of
8 age. North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., funded activities shall include assisting child
9 care facilities with (i) improving quality, including helping one-, two-, and three-star-rated
10 facilities increase their star ratings, and (ii) implementing prekindergarten programs. State
11 funding for local partnerships shall also be used for evidence-based or evidence-informed
12 programs for children from birth to 5 years of age that do the following:

- 13 (1) Increase children's literacy.
- 14 (2) Increase the parents' ability to raise healthy, successful children.
- 15 (3) Improve children's health.
- 16 (4) Assist four- and five-star-rated facilities in improving and maintaining quality.

17 **SECTION 9C.6.(b) Administration.** – Administrative costs shall be equivalent to,
18 on an average statewide basis for all local partnerships, not more than eight percent (8%) of the
19 total statewide allocation to all local partnerships. For purposes of this subsection, administrative
20 costs shall include costs associated with partnership oversight, business and financial
21 management, general accounting, human resources, budgeting, purchasing, contracting, and
22 information systems management. The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., shall
23 continue using a single statewide contract management system that incorporates features of the
24 required standard fiscal accountability plan described in G.S. 143B-168.12(a)(4). All local
25 partnerships are required to participate in the contract management system and, directed by the
26 North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., to collaborate, to the fullest extent possible, with
27 other local partnerships to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

28 **SECTION 9C.6.(c) Salaries.** – The salary schedule developed and implemented by
29 the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., shall set the maximum amount of State funds
30 that may be used for the salary of the Executive Director of the North Carolina Partnership for
31 Children, Inc., and the directors of the local partnerships. The North Carolina Partnership for
32 Children, Inc., shall base the schedule on the following criteria:

- 33 (1) The population of the area serviced by a local partnership.
- 34 (2) The amount of State funds administered.
- 35 (3) The amount of total funds administered.
- 36 (4) The professional experience of the individual to be compensated.
- 37 (5) Any other relevant factors pertaining to salary, as determined by the North
38 Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.

39 The salary schedule shall be used only to determine the maximum amount of State
40 funds that may be used for compensation. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit
41 a local partnership from using non-State funds to supplement an individual's salary in excess of
42 the amount set by the salary schedule established under this subsection.

43 **SECTION 9C.6.(d) Match Requirements.** – The North Carolina Partnership for
44 Children, Inc., and all local partnerships shall, in the aggregate, be required to match one hundred
45 percent (100%) of the total amount budgeted for the program in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023
46 biennium. Of the funds that the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., and the local
47 partnerships are required to match, contributions of cash shall be equal to at least thirteen percent
48 (13%) and in-kind donated resources shall be equal to no more than six percent (6%) for a total
49 match requirement of nineteen percent (19%) for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.
50 The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., may carry forward any amount in excess of
51 the required match for a fiscal year in order to meet the match requirement of the succeeding

1 fiscal year. Only in-kind contributions that are quantifiable shall be applied to the in-kind match
2 requirement. Volunteer services may be treated as an in-kind contribution for the purpose of the
3 match requirement of this subsection. Volunteer services that qualify as professional services
4 shall be valued at the fair market value of those services. All other volunteer service hours shall
5 be valued at the statewide average wage rate as calculated from data compiled by the Division of
6 Employment Security of the Department of Commerce in the Employment and Wages in North
7 Carolina Annual Report for the most recent period for which data are available. Expenses,
8 including both those paid by cash and in-kind contributions, incurred by other participating
9 non-State entities contracting with the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., or the local
10 partnerships also may be considered resources available to meet the required private match. In
11 order to qualify to meet the required private match, the expenses shall:

- 12 (1) Be verifiable from the contractor's records.
- 13 (2) If in-kind, other than volunteer services, be quantifiable in accordance with
14 generally accepted accounting principles for nonprofit organizations.
- 15 (3) Not include expenses funded by State funds.
- 16 (4) Be supplemental to and not supplant preexisting resources for related program
17 activities.
- 18 (5) Be incurred as a direct result of the Early Childhood Initiatives Program and
19 be necessary and reasonable for the proper and efficient accomplishment of
20 the Program's objectives.
- 21 (6) Be otherwise allowable under federal or State law.
- 22 (7) Be required and described in the contractual agreements approved by the
23 North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., or the local partnership.
- 24 (8) Be reported to the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., or the local
25 partnership by the contractor in the same manner as reimbursable expenses.

26 Failure to obtain a nineteen-percent (19%) match by June 30 of each year of the
27 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall result in a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the appropriation for the
28 Program for a subsequent fiscal year. The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., shall be
29 responsible for compiling information on the private cash and in-kind contributions into a report,
30 to be included in its annual report as required under G.S. 143B-168.12(d), in a format that allows
31 verification by the Department of Revenue. The same match requirements shall apply to any
32 expansion funds appropriated by the General Assembly.

33 **SECTION 9C.6.(e) Bidding.** – The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.,
34 and all local partnerships shall use competitive bidding practices in contracting for goods and
35 services on contract amounts as follows:

- 36 (1) For amounts of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less, the procedures specified
37 by a written policy as developed by the Board of Directors of the North
38 Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.
- 39 (2) For amounts greater than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), but less than fifteen
40 thousand dollars (\$15,000), three written quotes.
- 41 (3) For amounts of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or more, but less than forty
42 thousand dollars (\$40,000), a request for proposal process.
- 43 (4) For amounts of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) or more, a request for
44 proposal process and advertising in a major newspaper.

45 **SECTION 9C.6.(f) Allocations.** – The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.,
46 shall not reduce the allocation for counties with less than 35,000 in population below the
47 2012-2013 funding level.

48 **SECTION 9C.6.(g) Performance-Based Evaluation.** – The Department of Health
49 and Human Services shall continue to implement the performance-based evaluation system.

50 **SECTION 9C.6.(h) Expenditure Restrictions.** – Except as provided in subsection (i)
51 of this section, the Department of Health and Human Services and the North Carolina Partnership

1 for Children, Inc., shall ensure that the allocation of funds for Early Childhood Education and
2 Development Initiatives for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be administered and distributed
3 in the following manner:

- 4 (1) Capital expenditures are prohibited for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium. For the
5 purposes of this section, "capital expenditures" means expenditures for capital
6 improvements as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1(d)(5).
- 7 (2) Expenditures of State funds for advertising and promotional activities are
8 prohibited for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.

9 For the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, local partnerships shall not spend any State funds
10 on marketing campaigns, advertising, or any associated materials. Local partnerships may spend
11 any private funds the local partnerships receive on those activities.

12 **SECTION 9C.6.(i)** Notwithstanding subsection (h) of this section, the North
13 Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., and local partnerships may use up to one percent (1%) of
14 State funds for fundraising activities. The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., shall
15 include in its annual report required under G.S. 143B-168.12(d) a report on the use of State funds
16 for fundraising. The report shall include the following:

- 17 (1) The amount of funds expended on fundraising.
- 18 (2) Any return on fundraising investments.
- 19 (3) Any other information deemed relevant.

20 21 **SMART START LITERACY INITIATIVE/DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION** 22 **LIBRARY**

23 **SECTION 9C.7.(a)** A portion of the funds allocated in this act to the North Carolina
24 Partnership for Children, Inc., from the Department of Health and Human Services, shall
25 continue to be used to increase access to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, an early literacy
26 program that mails age-appropriate books on a monthly basis to children registered for the
27 program.

28 **SECTION 9C.7.(b)** The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., may use up
29 to one percent (1%) of the funds for statewide program management and up to one percent (1%)
30 of the funds for program evaluation. Funds allocated under this section shall not be subject to
31 administrative costs requirements under Section 9C.6(b) of this act, nor shall these funds be
32 subject to the child care services funding requirements under G.S. 143B-168.15(b), child care
33 subsidy expansion requirements under G.S. 143B-168.15(g), or the match requirements under
34 Section 9C.6(d) of this act.

35 36 **EXEMPT ADDITIONAL SMART START FUNDS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS**

37 **SECTION 9C.8.** Additional nonrecurring funds allocated in this act to the North
38 Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., from the Department of Health and Human Services, in
39 each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for child care, family support, and health-related
40 activities are not subject to the administrative costs requirements under Section 9C.6(b) of this
41 act, child care services funding requirements under G.S. 143B-168.15(b), child care subsidy
42 expansion requirements under G.S. 143B-168.15(g), or match requirements under Section
43 9C.6(d) of this act.

44 45 **GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND NC PRE-K CLASSROOMS/ARPA** 46 **FUNDS**

47 **SECTION 9C.9.** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery
48 Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and
49 Early Education (Division), the sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) in nonrecurring
50 funds shall be used to provide grants for child care facilities and North Carolina prekindergarten
51 (NC Pre-K) classrooms in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly those located in

1 child care deserts and low-performing and high-poverty districts. The Division shall award grants
2 under this section pursuant to criteria established by the Division in accordance with federal law
3 and guidance. These grants shall be one-time awards to assist with new or expanded high-quality
4 child care initiatives as follows:

- 5 (1) Start-up costs associated with establishing a new NC Pre-K classroom or child
6 care facility.
- 7 (2) Quality improvements for existing NC Pre-K classrooms or child care
8 facilities that increase the classroom or facility's capacity or upgrade its star
9 rating.
- 10 (3) Capital improvements or renovations, including adding or upgrading outdoor
11 play and learning environments, or increasing a facility's total capacity.

12 **PART IX-D. HEALTH BENEFITS**

13 **CONTINUE MEDICAID ANNUAL REPORT**

14 **SECTION 9D.1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health
15 Benefits (DHB), shall continue the publication of the Medicaid Annual Report and
16 accompanying tables. DHB shall publish the report and tables on its website no later than
17 December 31 following each State fiscal year.

18 **ANNUAL ISSUANCE OF MEDICAID IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

19 **SECTION 9D.2.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall issue
20 Medicaid identification cards to recipients on an annual basis with updates as needed.

21 **SECTION 9D.2.(b)** This section expires on the effective date of amendment to rule
22 10A NCAC 23B .0102, notice of which was published in the North Carolina Register on June 1,
23 2021.

24 **VOLUME PURCHASE PLANS AND SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

25 **SECTION 9D.3.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health
26 Benefits, may, subject to the approval of a change in the State Medicaid Plan, contract for
27 services, medical equipment, supplies, and appliances by implementation of volume purchase
28 plans, single source procurement, or other contracting processes in order to improve cost
29 containment.

30 **DURATION OF MEDICAID AND NC HEALTH CHOICE PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS**

31 **SECTION 9D.4.** Except for statutory changes or where otherwise specified, the
32 Department of Health and Human Services shall not be required to maintain, after June 30, 2023,
33 any modifications to the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs required by this Subpart.

34 **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FUNDING**

35 **SECTION 9D.5.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
36 and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits, for administrative contracts and interagency
37 transfers, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall transfer the sum of one
38 million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of one million dollars
39 (\$1,000,000) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).
40 These funds shall be allocated by OAH for mediation services provided for Medicaid applicant
41 and recipient appeals and to contract for other services necessary to conduct the appeals process.
42 OAH shall continue the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DHHS for mediation services
43 provided for Medicaid recipient appeals and contracted services necessary to conduct the appeals
44 process. The MOA will facilitate DHHS's ability to draw down federal Medicaid funds to support
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1 this administrative function. Upon receipt of invoices from OAH for covered services rendered
 2 in accordance with the MOA, DHHS shall transfer the federal share of Medicaid funds drawn
 3 down for this purpose.

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 5 **ACCOUNTING FOR MEDICAID RECEIVABLES AS NONTAX REVENUE**

6 **SECTION 9D.6.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
 7 Health Benefits, receivables reserved at the end of the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years
 8 shall, when received, be accounted for as nontax revenue for each of those fiscal years. The
 9 treatment under this section of any revenue derived from federal programs shall be in accordance
 10 with the requirements specified in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 2, Part 225.

11 **SECTION 9D.6.(b)** For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the Department of Health and
 12 Human Services shall deposit from its revenues one hundred forty-six million seven hundred
 13 forty thousand dollars (\$146,740,000) with the Department of State Treasurer to be accounted
 14 for as nontax revenue. For the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Department of Health and Human
 15 Services shall deposit from its revenues one hundred forty-six million seven hundred forty
 16 thousand dollars (\$146,740,000) with the Department of State Treasurer to be accounted for as
 17 nontax revenue. These deposits shall represent the return of advanced General Fund
 18 appropriations, nonfederal revenue, fund balances, or other resources from State-owned and
 19 State-operated hospitals that are used to provide indigent and nonindigent care services. The
 20 return from State-owned and State-operated hospitals to the Department of Health and Human
 21 Services shall be made from nonfederal resources in the following manner:

- 22 (1) The University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill shall make the
 23 following deposits:
 24 a. For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the amount of thirty-one million three
 25 hundred five thousand five hundred eighty-four dollars (\$31,305,584).
 26 b. For the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the amount of thirty-one million three
 27 hundred five thousand five hundred eighty-four dollars (\$31,305,584).
 28 (2) All State-owned and State-operated hospitals, other than the University of
 29 North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill, that specialize in psychiatric care
 30 shall annually deposit an amount equal to the amount of the payments from
 31 the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits,
 32 for uncompensated care.
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34 **LME/MCO INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFERS**

35 **SECTION 9D.7.(a)** The local management entities/managed care organizations
 36 (LME/MCOs) shall make intergovernmental transfers to the Department of Health and Human
 37 Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB), in an aggregate amount of eighteen million
 38 twenty-eight thousand two hundred seventeen dollars (\$18,028,217) in the 2021-2022 fiscal year
 39 and in an aggregate amount of eighteen million twenty-eight thousand two hundred seventeen
 40 dollars (\$18,028,217) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The due date and frequency of the
 41 intergovernmental transfer required by this section shall be determined by DHB. The amount of
 42 the intergovernmental transfer that each individual LME/MCO is required to make in each fiscal
 43 year shall be as follows:

	2021-2022	2022-2023
44 Alliance Behavioral Healthcare	\$2,858,418	\$2,856,834
45 Cardinal Innovations Healthcare	\$4,751,262	\$4,645,652
46 Eastpointe	\$1,664,172	\$1,663,249
47 Partners Health Management	\$2,637,754	\$2,749,261
48 Sandhills Center	\$1,879,510	\$1,878,469
49 Trillium Health Resources	\$2,656,332	\$2,654,860
50 Vaya Health	\$1,580,769	\$1,579,892

1 **SECTION 9D.7.(b)** In the event that a county other than Cabarrus County or Union
2 County disengages from an LME/MCO and realigns with another LME/MCO during the
3 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, DHB shall have the authority to reallocate the amount of the
4 intergovernmental transfer that each affected LME/MCO is required to make under subsection
5 (a) of this section, taking into consideration the change in catchment area and covered population,
6 provided that the aggregate amount of the transfers received from all LME/MCOs in each year
7 of the fiscal biennium is achieved.

8 9 **DSH RECEIPTS FOR USE BY THE MEDICAID PROGRAM**

10 **SECTION 9D.8.** Of the federal disproportionate share adjustment receipts arising
11 from certified public expenditures for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the 2022-2023 fiscal year,
12 forty-three million dollars (\$43,000,000) in each fiscal year shall not be deposited into the
13 Hospital Uncompensated Care Fund under G.S. 143C-9-9 but rather shall be available to the
14 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits, to be used for the
15 Medicaid program.

16 17 **WAIVE MEDICAID PROVIDER ENROLLMENT AND REVALIDATION FEES**

18 **SECTION 9D.9.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 108C-2.1, providers revalidating
19 enrollment or enrolling in the North Carolina Medicaid program or the NC Health Choice
20 program shall not be charged the fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) above the federally
21 required fee for the enrollment or revalidation. Providers shall continue to be required to timely
22 submit all other required application and enrollment or revalidation materials.

23 **SECTION 9D.9.(b)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
24 and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits, the sum of one million six hundred thousand
25 dollars (\$1,600,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of two
26 million six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,650,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023
27 fiscal year shall be used to pay administrative costs related to Medicaid and NC Health Choice
28 provider enrollment and revalidation.

29 **SECTION 9D.9.(c)** Subsection (a) of this section is effective when it becomes law
30 and applies to enrollment applications or revalidations occurring on and after that date.

31 **SECTION 9D.9.(d)** Subsection (a) of this section expires June 30, 2023.

32 33 **COPAYMENTS FOR MEDICAID SERVICES**

34 **SECTION 9D.10.(a)** Beginning October 1, 2021, the copayments for Medicaid
35 services shall be increased to four dollars (\$4.00). This section does not apply to services
36 provided under sections 1905(a)(1) through 1905(a)(5) and under section 1905(a)(7) of the Social
37 Security Act or to recipients prohibited by federal law from cost-sharing requirements.

38 **SECTION 9D.10.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
39 Health Benefits, shall submit any necessary State Plan amendments to the Centers for Medicare
40 and Medicaid Services to implement this section.

41 42 **EXPAND COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR DISABLED ADULTS** 43 **(CAP/DA) WAIVER SLOTS**

44 **SECTION 9D.11.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
45 and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB), the sum of six hundred fifty thousand
46 dollars (\$650,000) in recurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of one million
47 dollars (\$1,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be used to increase the
48 number of Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA) waiver slots. A
49 minimum of 114 slots shall be made available October 1, 2021.

50 51 **EXPAND NORTH CAROLINA INNOVATIONS WAIVER SLOTS**

1 **SECTION 9D.12.(a)** Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and
2 Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB), in this act, the sum of seven million one
3 hundred ten thousand six hundred dollars (\$7,110,600) in recurring funds for the 2021-2022
4 fiscal year and the sum of twenty-five million eight hundred eighty thousand dollars
5 (\$25,880,000) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be used to increase the number
6 of North Carolina Innovations Waiver slots, as directed by this section.

7 **SECTION 9D.12.(b)** DHB shall amend the North Carolina Innovations Waiver to
8 increase the number of slots by 1,000 in the following manner:

- 9 (1) Three hundred twenty slots to be made available October 1, 2021, and to be
10 distributed using the allocation formula currently in place as of the effective
11 date of this section.
- 12 (2) One hundred slots to be distributed in accordance with subsection (c) of this
13 section and to be made available October 1, 2021, unless the distribution
14 method in subsection (c) of this section requires approval by the Centers for
15 Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). If CMS approval is required, then
16 these slots shall be made available October 1, 2021, or the date that CMS
17 grants or denies approval, whichever is later. If CMS approval is required and
18 CMS does not approve the distribution method in subsection (c) of this
19 section, then these slots shall be distributed using the allocation formula
20 currently in place as of the effective date of this section.
- 21 (3) Four hundred slots to be made available July 1, 2022, and to be distributed
22 using the allocation formula currently in place as of the effective date of this
23 section.
- 24 (4) One hundred eighty slots to be distributed in accordance with subsection (c)
25 of this section and to be made available July 1, 2022, unless the distribution
26 method in subsection (c) of this section requires approval by CMS. If CMS
27 approval is required, then these slots shall be made available July 1, 2022, or
28 the date that CMS grants or denies approval, whichever is later. If CMS
29 approval is required and CMS does not approve the distribution method in
30 subsection (c) of this section, then these slots shall be distributed using the
31 allocation formula currently in place as of the effective date of this section.

32 **SECTION 9D.12.(c)** DHB shall distribute the slots identified under subdivisions (2)
33 and (4) of subsection (b) of this section to the local management entities/managed care
34 organizations (LME/MCOs) based on a per capita basis calculated as the number of slots
35 multiplied by the population in each LME/MCO's catchment area divided by the population of
36 the State. Once distributed to each LME/MCO, the additional slots shall be made available to the
37 counties on a per capita basis calculated as the number of slots multiplied by the population of
38 the county divided by the population in the LME/MCO's catchment area. Within each county,
39 the slots shall be filled on a first-come, first-served basis determined by the length of time an
40 individual has been on the waiting list.

41 **SECTION 9D.12.(d)** In order to serve the maximum possible number of individuals
42 that are on the State's registry of unmet needs (registry) in the future, DHB is authorized to pursue
43 any amendment or change to the current North Carolina Innovations Waiver or any additional
44 1915(c) waivers. This includes pursuing a tiered waiver system in which individuals on the
45 registry with lower acuity needs are still served at an appropriate level but in a tier with a lower
46 spending cap than the one allowed by the current waiver. In designing these changes, DHB shall
47 make every effort to allow for a seamless transition between tiers, or between waivers, for
48 individuals whose level of need increases or decreases. DHB shall provide flexibility for
49 LME/MCOs to determine how to best distribute funding in order to serve a greater number of
50 individuals on the registry. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, DHB is authorized to

1 utilize any funds currently attributed to the North Carolina Innovations Waiver on any waiver
2 under this subsection approved by CMS, so long as the number of individuals served is increased.
3

4 **CONTINUE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN FOR TWELVE** 5 **MONTHS POSTPARTUM**

6 **SECTION 9D.13.(a)** G.S. 108A-54.3A(10) reads as rewritten:

7 "(10) Pregnant women with incomes equal to or less than one hundred ninety-six
8 percent (196%) of the federal poverty guidelines. ~~Coverage for pregnant~~
9 ~~women eligible under this subdivision include only services related to~~
10 ~~pregnancy and to other conditions determined by the Department as~~
11 ~~conditions that may complicate pregnancy.~~ Pregnant women shall remain
12 eligible for coverage for 12 months postpartum."

13 **SECTION 9D.13.(b)** If House Bill 383, 2021 Regular Session, becomes law, then
14 G.S. 108A-145.3, as enacted by Section 2 of that act, is amended by adding a new subdivision to
15 read:

16 "(12a) Medicare Economic Index. – The index published by the Medicare Economic
17 Index Technical Advisory Panel established by the Secretary of the United
18 States Department of Health and Human Services, under the authority in 42
19 U.S.C. § 217a, and in effect on March 1 of the previous State fiscal year."

20 **SECTION 9D.13.(c)** If House Bill 383, 2021 Regular Session, becomes law, then
21 G.S. 108A-146.5, as enacted by Section 2 of that act, reads as rewritten:

22 "**§ 108A-146.5. Aggregate assessment collection amount.**

23 The aggregate assessment collection amount is an amount of money that is calculated by
24 adding (i) the managed care component under G.S. 108A-146.7, (ii) the fee-for-service
25 component under G.S. 108A-146.9, (iii) the GME component under G.S. 108A-146.11, (iv) the
26 postpartum coverage component under G.S. 108A-146.12, and (iv)-(v) one-fourth of the State's
27 annual Medicaid payment, and then subtracting the intergovernmental transfer adjustment
28 component under G.S. 108A-146.13."

29 **SECTION 9D.13.(d)** If House Bill 383, 2021 Regular Session, becomes law, then
30 Part 2 of Article 7B of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes, as enacted by Section 2 of that act,
31 is amended by adding a new section to read:

32 "**§ 108A-146.12. Postpartum coverage component.**

33 The postpartum coverage component is twelve million five hundred thousand dollars
34 (\$12,500,000) for each quarter of the 2021-2022 State fiscal year. For each subsequent State
35 fiscal year, the postpartum coverage component shall be increased over the prior year's quarterly
36 payment by the Medicare Economic Index."

37 **SECTION 9D.13.(e)** This section becomes effective April 1, 2022, and subsections
38 (b), (c), and (d) of this section apply to modernized hospital assessments imposed under Part 2
39 of Article 7A of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes on or after that date.

40 **SECTION 9D.13.(f)** This section shall expire March 31, 2027.

41 42 **ALLOW A PARENT TO RETAIN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY WHILE A CHILD IS** 43 **TEMPORARILY SERVED BY THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM**

44 **SECTION 9D.14.(a)** Section 9A of S.L. 2015-245, as amended by Section 2(e1) of
45 S.L. 2016-121, reads as rewritten:

46 "**SECTION 9A. Eligibility for Parents of Children in Foster Care. – DHHS is authorized**
47 directed to seek approval from CMS through either the 1115 waiver required by subdivision (1)
48 of Section 5 of this act or another federal authority to allow parents-a parent to retain Medicaid
49 eligibility while their child is being served temporarily by the foster care program. It is the intent
50 of the General Assembly to expand Medicaid eligibility to cover this population upon
51 implementation of the 1115 waiver, if CMS approves this coverage in the waiver. when (i) the

1 parent has lost custody of a child pursuant to Subchapter I of Chapter 7B of the General Statutes,
2 (ii) the child is being served temporarily by the foster care system, regardless of the type of
3 out-of-home placement, and (iii) the parent is making reasonable efforts to comply with a
4 court-ordered plan of reunification, as determined by DHHS."

5 **SECTION 9D.14.(b)** G.S. 108A-54.3A is amended by adding a new subdivision to
6 read:

7 "(2a) A parent who has qualified under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section shall
8 retain eligibility for Medicaid under this section so long as all of the following
9 criteria are met:

10 a. The parent has lost legal custody of a child pursuant to Subchapter I
11 of Chapter 7B of the General Statutes.

12 b. A child of the parent is temporarily in the legal custody of
13 State-sponsored foster care or temporarily receiving foster care
14 assistance under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

15 c. The parent is making reasonable efforts to comply with a
16 court-ordered plan of reunification, as determined by the Department.

17 d. The parent continues to meet the family income requirements under
18 subdivision (1) or (2) of this section."

19 **SECTION 9D.14.(c)** Subsection (b) of this section is effective upon the approval by
20 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the request submitted in accordance
21 with Section 9A of S.L. 2015-245, as amended by Section 2(e1) of S.L. 2016-121 and subsection
22 (a) of this section, and on the effective date of the coverage allowed by CMS. The Secretary of
23 the Department of Health and Human Services shall notify the Revisor of Statutes of the effective
24 date allowed by CMS upon receipt of this approval. If the approval is not granted by CMS prior
25 to June 30, 2023, then this section shall expire on that date.

26 **INCREASE RATES TO ICFS FOR DIRECT CARE WORKER WAGE INCREASES**

27 **SECTION 9D.15.(a)** It is the intent of the General Assembly to assist in increasing
28 the hourly wages of direct care workers in this State to a minimum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per
29 hour. To that end, of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human
30 Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB), the sum of seventeen million five hundred thousand
31 dollars (\$17,500,000) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be used to provide a
32 rate increase to intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities
33 (ICF/IIDs), including ICF/IID-level group homes. This rate increase shall be effective July 1,
34 2022, and upon approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Any provider
35 receiving a rate increase under this section shall be required to use at least eighty percent (80%)
36 of the funding that results from that rate increase to increase the rate of pay paid to its direct care
37 employees. This wage increase shall be provided in addition to the rate of pay each employee
38 was receiving as of June 30, 2022. DHB shall determine the amount of the rate increase under
39 this section and the definition of direct care worker to be applied.

40 **SECTION 9D.15.(b)** Upon implementation of the rate increase under subsection (a)
41 of this section, DHB shall adjust the per member per month (PMPM) capitation amount paid to
42 local management entities/managed care organizations (LME/MCOs) and to prepaid health plans
43 (PHPs), as defined under G.S. 108D-1. These capitation rate adjustments shall include amounts
44 sufficient to implement the same rate increase for providers paid by the LME/MCO or PHP as
45 paid to providers under the Medicaid fee-for-service program, and all LME/MCOs and PHPs
46 shall be required to implement that rate increase. Providers receiving a rate increase under this
47 section shall be subject to the requirements of this section whether paid by an LME/MCO, PHP,
48 or DHB.

49 **SECTION 9D.15.(c)** Prior to receiving the rate increase under this section, all
50 ICF/IID providers shall attest and provide verification to DHB, or to the relevant LME/MCO or
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1 PHP, that at least eighty percent (80%) of the funding that results from that rate increase is being
2 used to increase the rate of pay paid to its direct care employees. DHB shall set the standards for
3 documentation that shall be required as verification that the provider used the rate increase in the
4 manner required by this section, and LME/MCOs and PHPs shall use these same standards at a
5 minimum. DHB, LME/MCOs, and PHPs may require verifiable methods of accounting, such as
6 payroll-based journals. Providers receiving a rate increase under this section shall keep
7 documentation of the use of that rate increase and make the documentation available upon request
8 by DHB or by the relevant LME/MCO or PHP.

9 **SECTION 9D.15.(d)** In addition to other allowable reasons for recoupment of funds,
10 DHB may recoup part or all of the funds related to the rate increase received by a provider
11 pursuant to this act if DHB determines that the provider did not use at least eighty percent (80%)
12 of the funding that results from that rate increase to increase the rate of pay paid to its direct care
13 employees.

14 **USE OF MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION FUND FOR MEDICAID** 15 **TRANSFORMATION NEEDS**

16 **SECTION 9D.16.(a)** Claims Run Out. – Funds from the Medicaid Transformation
17 Fund may be transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health
18 Benefits (DHB), for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, as needed, for the purpose of paying claims
19 related to services billed under the fee-for-service payment model for recipients who are being,
20 or have been, transitioned to managed care, otherwise known as "claims run out." Funds may be
21 transferred to DHB as the need to pay claims run out arises and need not be transferred in one
22 lump sum. To the extent that any funds are transferred under this subsection, the funds are
23 appropriated for the purpose set forth in this subsection.

24 **SECTION 9D.16.(b)** Non-Claims Run Out Medicaid Transformation Needs. –
25 Subject to the fulfillment of conditions specified in subsection (c) of this section, the sum of one
26 hundred thirty-three million seventy-eight thousand dollars (\$133,078,000) in nonrecurring
27 funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred nineteen million four thousand
28 dollars (\$119,004,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year from the Medicaid
29 Transformation Fund may be transferred to DHB for the sole purpose of providing the State share
30 for qualifying needs directly related to Medicaid transformation, as required by S.L. 2015-245,
31 as amended. Funds may be transferred to DHB as qualifying needs arise during the 2021-2023
32 fiscal biennium and need not be transferred in one lump sum.

33 For the purposes of this section, the term "qualifying need" shall be limited to the
34 following Medicaid transformation needs and may include contracts and temporary staffing:

- 35 (1) Program design.
- 36 (2) Beneficiary and provider experience.
- 37 (3) Information technology upgrades, operations, and maintenance.
- 38 (4) Data management tools.
- 39 (5) Program integrity.
- 40 (6) Quality review.
- 41 (7) Actuarial rate setting functions.
- 42 (8) Technical and operational integration.
- 43 (9) BH IDD tailored plan health homes.
- 44 (10) Legal fees.
- 45 (11) Expenses related to the Enhanced Case Management and Other Services Pilot
46 Program, commonly referred to as the "Healthy Opportunities Pilots."

47 **SECTION 9D.16.(c)** Requests for Transfer of Funds for Qualifying Need. – A
48 request by DHB for the transfer of funds pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be made
49 to OSBM and shall include the amount requested and the specific qualifying need for which the
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1 funds are to be used. None of the funds identified in subsection (b) of this section shall be
2 transferred to DHB until OSBM verifies the following information:

- 3 (1) The amount requested is to be used for a qualifying need in the 2021-2023
4 fiscal biennium.
- 5 (2) The amount requested provides a State share that will not result in total
6 requirements that exceed eight hundred million dollars (\$800,000,000) in
7 nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.

8 **SECTION 9D.16.(d)** Federal Fund Receipts. – Any federal funds received in any
9 fiscal year by DHB that represent a return of State share already expended on a qualifying need
10 related to the funds received by DHB under this section shall be deposited into the Medicaid
11 Transformation Fund.

12 13 **CHOICE IN ACCREDITATION FOR LME/MCOS OPERATING BH IDD TAILORED** 14 **PLANS**

15 **SECTION 9D.17.(a)** During the initial four-year contract term for Medicaid BH
16 IDD tailored plans, as defined under G.S. 108D-1, the Department of Health and Human
17 Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB), shall not require, by contract or otherwise, any
18 local management entity/managed care organization (LME/MCO) to be accredited by any one
19 specific accreditation organization. DHB shall require each LME/MCO awarded a BH IDD
20 tailored plan contract to be accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation organization that
21 has been selected by the LME/MCO and approved by DHB. DHB shall create a process by which
22 DHB approves the accreditation organization selected by the LME/MCO.

23 **SECTION 9D.17.(b)** No accreditation organization shall be approved by DHB for
24 use by an LME/MCO under this section unless the accreditation organization meets, at a
25 minimum, all of the following criteria:

- 26 (1) Prior experience conducting accreditation reviews for managed care
27 organizations in at least five other states within the United States or in at least
28 two regions that correspond to the areas covered by the regional office
29 locations of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- 30 (2) A review program that includes, at a minimum, standards for the following
31 aspects of operation of the LME/MCO:
 - 32 a. Quality assurance.
 - 33 b. Provider credentialing.
 - 34 c. Utilization review.
 - 35 d. Enrollee rights and responsibilities.
 - 36 e. Medical records.
 - 37 f. Governance of the LME/MCO.
 - 38 g. Preventative health services.
- 39 (3) Development of accreditation standards that include input from the medical,
40 managed care organization, and health care consumer communities.
- 41 (4) Reviews of, and updates to, the standards listed under subdivision (3) of this
42 subsection at regular intervals not exceeding two years.
- 43 (5) An internal quality assurance program that ensures the quality and continuity
44 of its review program.
- 45 (6) No current involvement in the operation of the LME/MCO or the delivery of
46 health services to any of its enrollees.
- 47 (7) No contract or consultations with the LME/MCO within the prior two years
48 for any services other than accreditation.

49 **SECTION 9D.17.(c)** All accreditation organizations approved for use by an
50 LME/MCO under this section shall be required to submit their standards for accreditation to DHB
51 every three years to maintain approval for use by the LME/MCO.

EVALUATE DHB NEEDS IN MANAGED CARE ENVIRONMENT

SECTION 9D.18.(a) Evaluation. – The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB), shall conduct a two-part evaluation of the current staffing and administrative functions for the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs and how those staffing needs and administrative functions will change as the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs move further into a managed care service delivery environment. In conducting this evaluation, DHB shall do all of the following:

- (1) Identify the changing administrative needs and required staff based upon the introduction of capitated contracts for standard benefit plans and BH IDD tailored benefit plans.
- (2) Determine whether any administrative or staffing functions are duplicative of any functions carried out through vendor contracts, by local management entities/managed care organizations (LME/MCOs), or prepaid health plans (PHPs).

SECTION 9D.18.(b) Initial Report. – No later than March 1, 2022, DHB shall report to the Joint Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice and the Fiscal Research Division on the evaluation required by subsection (a) of this section as it pertains to the implementation of capitated contracts for standard benefit plans for PHPs. The report shall include planned staffing and administrative changes, including any changes to contractual agreements with vendors, to align more appropriately with a managed care delivery environment for the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs. The report shall also include a detailed time line for making changes within DHB as managed care continues.

SECTION 9D.18.(c) Final Report. – No later than March 1, 2024, DHB shall report to the Joint Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice and the Fiscal Research Division on the evaluation required by subsection (a) of this section as it pertains to the implementation of capitated contracts for standard benefit plans operated by PHPs and the implementation of BH IDD tailored plans. The report shall include the staffing and administrative changes that have been made since the initial report required under subsection (b) of this section. The report shall also include any additional planned staffing and administrative changes and any planned changes to contractual agreements with vendors to continue to align DHB's functions more appropriately with a managed care delivery environment for the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs. The report shall also include an updated detailed time line for making these changes within DHB, as well as an assessment of whether the goals of the time line submitted in the initial report were met.

REIMBURSE DME PRESCRIBED BY PODIATRISTS

SECTION 9D.19. No later than January 1, 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits, shall update the following Medicaid clinical coverage policies to provide Medicaid and NC Health Choice coverage for orthotic devices, prosthetic devices, and other durable medical equipment when there is a documented medical necessity for the equipment and the equipment is prescribed by a beneficiary's treating podiatrist acting within that podiatrist's scope of practice:

- (1) Clinical Coverage Policy 5A-1: Physical Rehabilitation Equipment and Supplies.
- (2) Clinical Coverage Policy 5B: Orthotics and Prosthetics.

SEND NOTICE/MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATIONS DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

SECTION 9D.20.(a) Section 6(a) of S.L. 2020-88 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 6.(a) County departments of social services shall do all of the following:

- 1 (1) Resume Medicaid eligibility redeterminations for beneficiaries whose annual
2 or other periodic renewal of Medicaid eligibility is due on or after September
3 1, 2020.
- 4 (2) Resume requesting post-eligibility verification information for Medicaid
5 applications received on or after September 1, 2020.
- 6 (3) Make a good-faith effort to redetermine Medicaid eligibility for Medicaid
7 beneficiaries who were due for an annual or other periodic renewal of
8 Medicaid eligibility prior to September 1, 2020, but for whom recertification
9 did not occur.
- 10 (4) Make a good-faith effort to request post-eligibility verification information for
11 Medicaid applications received prior to September 1, 2020, for which
12 post-eligibility verifications have not been requested.
- 13 (5) For individuals determined to be ineligible for Medicaid during the period in
14 which the termination of benefits would result in the State being ineligible for
15 the increased Medicaid funding under Section 6008 of P.L. 116-127, at the
16 time of determination of ineligibility, provide the beneficiary with the
17 following information:
- 18 a. The results of the eligibility determination.
- 19 b. Notice that the individual's enrollment in Medicaid will end after the
20 month in which the public health emergency ends.
- 21 c. Notice that the individual may and should report any changes in
22 circumstances while that individual remains enrolled and that the
23 county department of social services shall redetermine that individual's
24 Medicaid eligibility based on the reported changes."

25 **SECTION 9D.20.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

26 **CHARTER SCHOOLS MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT**

27 **SECTION 9D.21.** G.S. 115C-218.105 is amended by adding a new subsection to
28 read:

29 "(g) Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-218.15(b) and solely with respect to the North Carolina
30 Medicaid program, a charter school that is approved by the State as a public school pursuant to
31 this Article shall be deemed a local government entity that is responsible, or assumes
32 responsibility, either directly or indirectly through an agency or other political subdivision, for
33 the payment of the nonfederal share for reimbursable medical services, if any, provided by the
34 charter school. The nonfederal share shall consist exclusively of public funds. For purposes of
35 this subsection, "reimbursable medical services" means services, including administrative
36 activities related to those services, that are medically necessary and for which federal payment is
37 available under the North Carolina Medicaid Program established under Part 6 of Article 2 of
38 Chapter 108A of the General Statutes. For the purposes of this subsection, "nonfederal share"
39 means the share of expenditures for the reimbursable medical services that draws down federal
40 financial participation."

41 **PART IX-E. HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION**

42 **MODIFICATION OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS**

43 **SECTION 9E.1.(a)** G.S. 131E-176 reads as rewritten:

44 **"§ 131E-176. Definitions.**

45 As used in this Article, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms
46 have the meanings specified:

47 ...

1 (7a) "Diagnostic center" means a freestanding facility, program, or provider,
2 including but not limited to, physicians' offices, clinical laboratories,
3 radiology centers, and mobile diagnostic programs, in which the total cost of
4 all the medical diagnostic equipment utilized by the facility which cost ten
5 thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more exceeds ~~five hundred thousand dollars~~
6 ~~(\$500,000)~~ one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000). In
7 determining whether the medical diagnostic equipment in a diagnostic center
8 costs more than ~~five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)~~, one million five
9 hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000), the costs of the equipment, studies,
10 surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifications, construction,
11 installation, and other activities essential to acquiring and making operational
12 the equipment shall be included. The capital expenditure for the equipment
13 shall be deemed to be the fair market value of the equipment or the cost of the
14 equipment, whichever is greater. Beginning September 30, 2022, and on
15 September 30 each year thereafter, the cost threshold amount in this
16 subdivision shall be adjusted using the Medical Care Index component of the
17 Consumer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor for the
18 12-month period preceding the previous September 1.

19 ...
20 (14o) "Major medical equipment" means a single unit or single system of
21 components with related functions which is used to provide medical and other
22 health services and which costs more than ~~seven hundred fifty thousand~~
23 ~~dollars (\$750,000)~~ two million dollars (\$2,000,000). In determining whether
24 the major medical equipment costs more than ~~seven hundred fifty thousand~~
25 ~~dollars (\$750,000)~~, two million dollars (\$2,000,000), the costs of the
26 equipment, studies, surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifications,
27 construction, installation, and other activities essential to acquiring and
28 making operational the major medical equipment shall be included. The
29 capital expenditure for the equipment shall be deemed to be the fair market
30 value of the equipment or the cost of the equipment, whichever is greater.
31 Major medical equipment does not include replacement equipment as defined
32 in this section. Beginning September 30, 2022, and on September 30 each year
33 thereafter, the cost threshold amount in this subdivision shall be adjusted using
34 the Medical Care Index component of the Consumer Price Index published by
35 the U.S. Department of Labor for the 12-month period preceding the previous
36 September 1.

37 ...
38 (16) "New institutional health services" means any of the following:

- 39 ...
40 b. Except as otherwise provided in G.S. 131E-184(e), the obligation by
41 any person of a capital expenditure exceeding ~~two four million dollars~~
42 ~~(\$2,000,000)~~ (\$4,000,000) to develop or expand a health service or a
43 health service facility, or which relates to the provision of a health
44 service. The cost of any studies, surveys, designs, plans, working
45 drawings, specifications, and other activities, including staff effort and
46 consulting and other services, essential to the acquisition,
47 improvement, expansion, or replacement of any plant or equipment
48 with respect to which an expenditure is made shall be included in
49 determining if the expenditure exceeds ~~two four million dollars~~
50 ~~(\$2,000,000)~~ (\$4,000,000). Beginning September 30, 2022, and on
51 September 30 each year thereafter, the amount in this sub-subdivision

1 shall be adjusted using the Medical Care Index component of the
2 Consumer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor for
3 the 12-month period preceding the previous September 1.

4 "

5 **SECTION 9E.1.(b)** G.S. 131E-189 is amended by adding the following new
6 subsections to read:

7 "(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section, a certificate of need issued
8 by the Department for the construction of a health service facility on or after October 1, 2021,
9 expires if the holder of the certificate of need fails to execute or commit to a contract for design
10 services for the project authorized by the certificate of need within the following time frames:

11 (1) For a project that costs over fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000), the holder of
12 the certificate of need shall execute or commit to a contract for design services
13 for the project authorized by the certificate of need within four years after the
14 date the Department's decision to approve the certificate of need for that
15 project becomes final.

16 (2) For a project that costs fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) or less, the holder
17 of the certificate of need shall execute or commit to a contract for design
18 services for the project authorized by the certificate of need within two years
19 after the date the Department's decision to approve the certificate of need for
20 that project becomes final.

21 (e) Notwithstanding subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section, a certificate of need issued
22 by the Department for the construction of a health service facility prior to October 1, 2021,
23 expires if the holder of the certificate of need fails to execute or commit to a contract for design
24 services for the project authorized by the certificate of need within the following time frames:

25 (1) For a project that costs over fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000), the holder of
26 the certificate of need shall execute or commit to a contract for design services
27 for the project authorized by the certificate of need by October 1, 2025.

28 (2) For a project that costs fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) or less, the holder
29 of the certificate of need shall execute or commit to a contract for design
30 services for the project authorized by the certificate of need by October 1,
31 2023.

32 (f) Notwithstanding subsections (d) and (e) of this section, certificates of need that (i) are
33 issued for the construction of a health service facility prior to October 1, 2021, and (ii) have a
34 specific deadline to execute or commit to a contract for design services for the project authorized
35 by the certificate of need will not expire unless the holder fails to execute or commit to a contract
36 for design services by the deadline specified in the certificate of need.

37 (g) In the event the holder of a certificate of need is unable to execute or commit to a
38 contract for design services for the project due to developments beyond the control of the holder
39 of the certificate of need or for other good cause, the time for performance shall be extended by
40 a period equal to the period during which performance of the obligation has been delayed or
41 failed to be performed."

42 **SECTION 9E.1.(c)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2021.

43 **IMPACT OF PRIOR VIOLATIONS ON ADULT CARE HOME LICENSURE**

44 **SECTION 9E.2.(a)** G.S. 131D-2.4(c) reads as rewritten:

45 "(c) Prior Violations. – No new license shall be issued for any adult care home to an
46 applicant for licensure under any of the following circumstances for the period of time indicated:
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48 ...

49 (3) Is the owner, principal, or affiliate of an adult care home and is responsible
50 for the operation of the facility that had its license downgraded to provisional
51 status or had its admissions suspended as a result of violations under this

1 Article, Chapter 122C, or Article 7 of Chapter 110 of the General Statutes
2 until ~~six~~ the earlier of the following:

- 3 a. Six months from the date of restoration from provisional to full
4 licensure, termination of the provisional license, or lifting or
5 termination of the suspension of admissions, as applicable.
6 b. Until the home has substantially complied with the correction plan
7 established pursuant to G.S. 131D-34 and substantial compliance has
8 been certified by the Department.

9 ...

10 An applicant for new licensure may appeal a denial of certification of substantial compliance
11 under ~~subdivision (2)~~ of this subsection by filing with the Department a request for review by the
12 Secretary within 10 days of the date of denial of the certification. Within 10 days of receipt of
13 the request for review, the Secretary shall issue to the applicant a written determination that either
14 denies certification of substantial compliance or certifies substantial compliance. ~~The decision of~~
15 ~~the Secretary is final.~~ Any applicant for licensure who wishes to contest a determination that
16 denies certification of substantial compliance is entitled to an administrative hearing, as provided
17 in Chapter 150B of the General Statutes."

18 **SECTION 9E.2.(b)** G.S. 131D-2.7(d)(1) reads as rewritten:

19 "(1) In addition to the administrative penalties described in this Article, the
20 Secretary may suspend the admission of any new residents to an adult care
21 home where the conditions of the adult care home are detrimental to the health
22 or safety of the residents. This suspension ~~shall be for the period determined~~
23 ~~by the Secretary and shall remain in effect until the Secretary is satisfied that~~
24 ~~conditions or circumstances merit removing the suspension.~~ home has
25 substantially complied with the correction plan established pursuant to
26 G.S. 131D-34 and substantial compliance has been certified by the
27 Department."

28 **SECTION 9E.2.(c)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to
29 adult care home licensure applications, licensure actions, and suspensions of admission that occur
30 on or after that date.

31 **ACCESS TO PATIENT DATA UNDER THE MEDICAL CARE DATA ACT**

32 **SECTION 9E.3.** G.S. 131E-214.3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

33 "(c1) The State shall make available, at no charge, to any person or organization under
34 contract with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) to provide medical
35 care quality improvement services the same reports of compiled patient data prepared for release
36 or dissemination by a statewide data processor to the Department. Any person or organization
37 that receives patient data pursuant to this subsection is prohibited from using the patient data for
38 any purpose other than to fulfill its performance under the contract with the Department."
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40 **PART IX-F. MENTAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES/SUBSTANCE** 41 **ABUSE SERVICES**

42 **USE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

43 **SECTION 9F.1.(a)** The Opioid Abatement Fund (Fund) is established as an
44 interest-bearing special fund. All funds received by the State as a beneficiary of the final consent
45 judgment resolving the case, State of North Carolina, ex rel. Joshua H. Stein, Plaintiff v.
46 McKinsey and Company, Inc., in the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, Wake
47 County, shall be deposited into the Fund pursuant to G.S. 114-2.4A. Moneys in the Fund shall
48 be used to (i) cover the costs incurred by the State in investigating and pursuing the claims in this
49 case and (ii) abate and remediate the harms caused to North Carolina and its citizens by the opioid
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1 epidemic, as specified in subdivisions (1) through (4) of this subsection and in accordance with
2 subsequent acts of the General Assembly appropriating these funds and specifying limitations
3 and directions for the use of these funds:

- 4 (1) To expand employment and transportation supports through innovative pilot
5 programs in industries in North Carolina that suffered the greatest job losses
6 during the COVID-19 pandemic and are most relied upon by individuals
7 recovering from opioid use disorders to reenter the workforce, such as the food
8 service industry, the hotel and lodging industry, and the entertainment
9 industry. These funds may be used to support all of the following:
- 10 a. Employment support services for individuals in recovery from opioid
11 use disorder, such as job application support and placement with
12 partnering employers, with emphasis on supporting innovative pilot
13 programs to develop a more robust workforce in rural areas of the
14 State.
 - 15 b. Training and development funds to encourage a consortium of public
16 and private employers, workforce development boards, and vocational
17 services providers to develop workplace recovery friendly ecosystems.
 - 18 c. Transportation support services to enable individuals recovering from
19 opioid use disorder to travel to their places of treatment and their
20 places of employment.
- 21 (2) To support individuals with opioid use disorder who are involved in the
22 criminal justice system through programs and initiatives designed to
23 accomplish any one or more of the following:
- 24 a. Establishment or expansion of existing prearrest and postarrest
25 diversion programs. This includes prearrest diversion, postarrest
26 diversion, and court-based diversion through treatment or recovery
27 courts.
 - 28 b. Establishment, expansion, or sustainment of medication-assisted
29 treatment programs that provide to individuals who are incarcerated
30 any medication approved by the United States Food and Drug
31 Administration for opioid use disorder. Programs authorized under
32 this sub-subdivision that are funded in whole or in part by the Opioid
33 Abatement Fund shall be made available to individuals who were
34 already participating in a medication-assisted treatment program prior
35 to being incarcerated, as well as to individuals who initiate
36 medication-assisted treatment during their incarceration to address an
37 opioid use disorder.
 - 38 c. Creation or expansion of reentry programs to connect individuals
39 exiting incarceration with harm reduction, treatment, and recovery
40 supports.
- 41 (3) To expand evidence-based treatment supports and to improve connections to
42 care, especially for individuals hospitalized for overdose who are uninsured
43 or underinsured, through the following activities or initiatives:
- 44 a. Evidence-based addiction treatment, including medication-assisted
45 treatment provided by inpatient or outpatient opioid treatment
46 programs.
 - 47 b. Expanded access to cost-effective, low-cost, or no-cost
48 medication-assisted treatment in community-based settings.
 - 49 c. Expanded care management services, including the use of peer support
50 specialists and care navigators in local health departments, detention
51 facilities, local departments of social services, and community-based

1 settings. Any funding provided pursuant to this sub-subdivision shall
2 be used to provide care management services involving outreach to,
3 engagement with, and coordination for individuals to assist them with
4 accessing opioid use disorder treatment.

- 5 (4) To develop evidence-based supportive housing services, such as Housing
6 First, that are inclusive of individuals with substance use disorders. Qualifying
7 services that may be funded under this subdivision include the following:
- 8 a. Providing a move-in deposit, rental or utility assistance, or all of these
9 for individuals with substance use disorders who are in recovery or
10 transitioning from residential treatment or incarceration.
 - 11 b. Providing community training sessions on tenancy rights and
12 responsibilities.
 - 13 c. Establishing relationships with landlords to encourage the elimination
14 of preconditions for housing and to reduce potential incidences of
15 evictions due to substance misuse.
 - 16 d. Providing other housing related supports such as tents, sleeping bags,
17 or other supplies for outdoor living.
 - 18 e. Funding or otherwise supporting recovery supported housing that
19 accepts individuals who are utilizing any medication approved by the
20 United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of
21 opioid use disorder.

22 **SECTION 9F.1.(b)** Funds deposited into the Opioid Abatement Fund do not
23 constitute an "appropriation made by law" as that phrase is used in Section 7(1) of Article V of
24 the North Carolina Constitution.

25 **SECTION 9F.1.(c)** All funds received by the State as a beneficiary of the final
26 consent judgment resolving the case, State of North Carolina, ex rel. Joshua H. Stein, Plaintiff v.
27 McKinsey and Company, Inc., in the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, Wake
28 County, and deposited into the Opioid Abatement Fund shall remain unspent until appropriated
29 by an act of the General Assembly.

30 **SECTION 9F.1.(d)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

31 32 **CONTRACT TO IMPLEMENT ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS AT STATE 33 PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS**

34 **SECTION 9F.2.** By October 1, 2021, the Department of Health and Human
35 Services, in coordination with the Department of Information Technology, is directed to execute
36 a contract that provides for the following:

- 37 (1) The implementation, by January 1, 2022, of a standard, uniform platform for
38 electronic health records that most closely resembles the electronic health
39 records platform utilized by The University of North Carolina System within
40 each of the State psychiatric hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Secretary
41 of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to G.S. 122C-181.
- 42 (2) Training of the State's psychiatric hospitals' staff on the use of the electronic
43 health records system.

44 45 **SINGLE-STREAM FUNDING FOR DMH/DD/SAS COMMUNITY SERVICES**

46 **SECTION 9F.3.(a)** For the purpose of mitigating cash flow problems that many
47 local management entities/managed care organizations (LME/MCOs) experience at the
48 beginning of each fiscal year relative to single-stream funding, the Department of Health and
49 Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse
50 Services (DMH/DD/SAS), shall distribute not less than one-twelfth of each LME/MCO's base
51 budget allocation at the beginning of the fiscal year and subtract the amount of that distribution

1 from the LME/MCO's total reimbursements for the fiscal year. For each month of the fiscal year
2 after July, the DMH/DD/SAS shall distribute, on the third working day of the month,
3 one-eleventh of the amount of each LME/MCO's single-stream allocation that remains after
4 subtracting the amount of the distribution that was made to the LME/MCO in July of the fiscal
5 year.

6 **SECTION 9F.3.(b)** During each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium,
7 DMH/DD/SAS shall ensure that LME/MCOs fund, in total, at least ninety percent (90%) of the
8 level of single-stream services provided across the State during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. No
9 LME/MCO shall reduce funding for home and community-based services or services paid for
10 with single-stream funding that support the 2012 settlement agreement entered into between the
11 United States Department of Justice and the State of North Carolina to ensure that the State will
12 willingly meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, section 504 of
13 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the United States Supreme Court decision in *Olmstead v.*
14 *L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999). This subsection shall not be construed to require a LME/MCO to
15 authorize or maintain the same level of services for any specific individual whose services were
16 paid for with single-stream funding. This subsection shall not be construed to create a private
17 right of action for any person or entity against the State of North Carolina or the Department of
18 Health and Human Services or any of its divisions, agents, or contractors and shall not be used
19 as authority in any contested case brought pursuant to Chapter 108C of the General Statutes or
20 Chapter 108D of the General Statutes.

21 **SECTION 9F.3.(c)** If, on or after June 1, 2021, the Office of State Budget and
22 Management (OSBM) certifies a Medicaid and NC Health Choice budget surplus and sufficient
23 cash in Budget Code 14445 to meet total obligations for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, then the
24 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB), may transfer to
25 the DMH/DD/SAS funds not to exceed the amount of the certified surplus or thirty million dollars
26 (\$30,000,000), whichever is less, to be used for single-stream funding.

27 **SECTION 9F.3.(d)** Subsection (c) of this section is effective when it becomes law
28 or on June 30, 2021, whichever is earlier.

29 **LOCAL INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC BEDS OR BED DAYS**

30 **SECTION 9F.4.(a)** Use of Funds. – Funds appropriated in this act to the Department
31 of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
32 Substance Abuse Services, shall continue to be used for the purchase of local inpatient psychiatric
33 beds or bed days. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall continue to
34 implement a two-tiered system of payment for purchasing these local inpatient psychiatric beds
35 or bed days based on acuity level with an enhanced rate of payment for inpatient psychiatric beds
36 or bed days for individuals with higher acuity levels, as defined by DHHS. The enhanced rate of
37 payment for inpatient psychiatric beds or bed days for individuals with higher acuity levels shall
38 not exceed the lowest average cost per patient bed day among the State psychiatric hospitals. In
39 addition, at the discretion of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, existing funds allocated
40 to LME/MCOs for community-based mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance
41 abuse services may be used to purchase additional local inpatient psychiatric beds or bed days.

42 **SECTION 9F.4.(b)** Distribution and Management of Beds or Bed Days. – DHHS
43 shall work to ensure that any local inpatient psychiatric beds or bed days purchased in accordance
44 with this section are utilized solely for individuals who are medically indigent, except that DHHS
45 may use up to ten percent (10%) of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
46 and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance
47 Abuse Services, for the purchase of local inpatient psychiatric beds or bed days to pay for
48 facility-based crisis services and nonhospital detoxification services for individuals in need of
49 these services, regardless of whether the individuals are medically indigent. For the purposes of
50 this subsection, "medically indigent" shall mean uninsured persons who (i) are financially unable
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1 to obtain private insurance coverage, as determined by DHHS, and (ii) are not eligible for
2 government-funded health coverage such as Medicare or Medicaid.

3 In addition, DHHS shall work to ensure that any local inpatient psychiatric beds or
4 bed days purchased in accordance with this section are distributed across the State and according
5 to need, as determined by DHHS. DHHS shall ensure that beds or bed days for individuals with
6 higher acuity levels are distributed across the State and according to greatest need based on
7 hospital bed utilization data. DHHS shall enter into contracts with LME/MCOs and local
8 hospitals for the management of these beds or bed days. DHHS shall work to ensure that these
9 contracts are awarded equitably around all regions of the State. LME/MCOs shall manage and
10 control these local inpatient psychiatric beds or bed days, including the determination of the
11 specific local hospital or State psychiatric hospital to which an individual should be admitted
12 pursuant to an involuntary commitment order.

13 **SECTION 9F.4.(c)** Funds to be Held in Statewide Reserve. – Funds appropriated in
14 this act to DHHS for the purchase of local inpatient psychiatric beds or bed days shall not be
15 allocated to LME/MCOs but shall be held in a statewide reserve at the Division of Mental Health,
16 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services to pay for services authorized by the
17 LME/MCOs and billed by the hospitals through the LME/MCOs. LME/MCOs shall remit claims
18 for payment to DHHS within 15 working days after receipt of a clean claim from the hospital
19 and shall pay the hospital within 30 working days after receipt of payment from DHHS.

20 **SECTION 9F.4.(d)** Ineffective LME/MCO Management of Beds or Bed Days. – If
21 DHHS determines that (i) an LME/MCO is not effectively managing the beds or bed days for
22 which it has responsibility, as evidenced by beds or bed days in the local hospital not being
23 utilized while demand for services at the State psychiatric hospitals has not decreased, or (ii) the
24 LME/MCO has failed to comply with the prompt payment provisions of this section, DHHS may
25 contract with another LME/MCO to manage the beds or bed days or, notwithstanding any other
26 provision of law to the contrary, may pay the hospital directly.

27 **SECTION 9F.4.(e)** Reporting by LME/MCOs. – LME/MCOs shall be required to
28 report to DHHS regarding the utilization of these beds or bed days.

29 **SECTION 9F.4.(f)** Reporting by DHHS. – By no later than December 1, 2022, and
30 by no later than December 1, 2023, DHHS shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight
31 Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on all of the
32 following:

- 33 (1) A uniform system for beds or bed days purchased during the preceding fiscal
34 year from (i) existing State appropriations and (ii) local funds.
- 35 (2) An explanation of the process used by DHHS to ensure that, except as
36 otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, local inpatient psychiatric
37 beds or bed days purchased in accordance with this section are utilized solely
38 for individuals who are medically indigent, along with the number of
39 medically indigent individuals served by the purchase of these beds or bed
40 days.
- 41 (3) The amount of funds used to pay for facility-based crisis services, along with
42 the number of individuals who received these services and the outcomes for
43 each individual.
- 44 (4) The amount of funds used to pay for nonhospital detoxification services, along
45 with the number of individuals who received these services and the outcomes
46 for each individual.
- 47 (5) Other DHHS initiatives funded by State appropriations to reduce State
48 psychiatric hospital use.

50 FUNDS FOR OVERDOSE MEDICATIONS

1 **SECTION 9F.5.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
2 and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance
3 Abuse Services, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in recurring funds for each
4 fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be used to purchase opioid antagonists, as
5 defined in G.S. 90-12.7, to reverse opioid-related drug overdoses as follows:

- 6 (1) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) in recurring funds for each year of
7 the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be used to purchase opioid antagonists to
8 be distributed at no charge to the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition
9 to serve individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose or
10 to the friends and family members of an at-risk individual.
11 (2) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in recurring funds for each year of the
12 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be used to purchase opioid antagonists to be
13 distributed at no charge to North Carolina law enforcement agencies.
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15 **YOUTH TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT FUNDING**

16 **SECTION 9F.6.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
17 and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance
18 Abuse Services, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in recurring funds for each
19 year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be transferred to the Alcohol Law Enforcement
20 Division of the Department of Public Safety. The Alcohol Law Enforcement Division shall
21 allocate these funds for the performance of statewide compliance checks to enforce G.S. 14-313,
22 the State's youth tobacco access law.
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24 **RESUME FUNDING FOR THE ADULT AND PEDIATRIC TRAUMATIC BRAIN** 25 **INJURY PILOT PROGRAM**

26 **SECTION 9F.7.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
27 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS),
28 shall resume the adult and pediatric traumatic brain injury pilot program (TBI pilot program)
29 authorized under Section 11F.9 of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 3.3 of S.L. 2017-212.
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31 **SECTION 9F.7.(b)** Of the funds appropriated to DMH/DD/SAS in this act, the sum
32 of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
33 to be used to pay the contracted vendor for currently unfunded costs accrued by that vendor's
34 continuation of the TBI pilot program during the 2019-2021 biennium. Of the funds appropriated
35 to DMH/DD/SAS in this act, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in
36 nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)
37 in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be used for the TBI pilot program.

38 **SECTION 9F.7.(c)** No later than April 1, 2022, DMH/DD/SAS shall submit a report
39 on the TBI pilot program to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human
40 Services and the Fiscal Research Division. At a minimum, the report shall include all of the
41 following:

- 42 (1) The number and outcome of patients served at each program site, broken down
43 by patient age and county of origin.
44 (2) A breakdown of expenditures at each program site by type of service.
45 (3) An estimate of the cost to expand the program incrementally and statewide.
46 (4) An estimate of any potential savings of State funds associated with expansion
47 of the program.
48 (5) If expansion of the TBI pilot program is recommended, a time line and plan
49 for expanding the program.

50 **FUNDS FOR STUDENT ATHLETE CONCUSSION AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN** 51 **INJURY PREVENTION AND CARE**

1 **SECTION 9F.8.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
2 and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance
3 Abuse Services, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in nonrecurring funds for the
4 2021-2022 fiscal year and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in nonrecurring funds for
5 the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be allocated to Mt. Olive Family Medicine Center, Inc., to be
6 used to support its Concussion Clinic and provide concussion education, baseline testing, and
7 postconcussion assessment and care to schools and adolescent athletes in eastern North Carolina.
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9 **USE OF DOROTHEA DIX HOSPITAL PROPERTY FUNDS FOR NEW LICENSED**
10 **INPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BEDS**

11 **SECTION 9F.9.(a)** Funds for the Purchase of Additional Beds. – It is the intent of
12 the General Assembly to increase inpatient behavioral health bed capacity in rural areas of the
13 State with the highest need. To that end, of the funds appropriated in this act from the Dorothea
14 Dix Hospital Property Fund established under G.S. 143C-9-2(b1) to the Department of Health
15 and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance
16 Abuse Services, the sum of four million two hundred sixty-one thousand four hundred forty-four
17 dollars (\$4,261,444) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall be used to pay for
18 any renovation or building costs associated with (i) the construction of new licensed inpatient
19 behavioral health beds, (ii) the conversion of existing inpatient acute care beds into licensed
20 inpatient behavioral health beds, or (iii) a combination of these options as follows:

- 21 (1) Two million five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,550,000) in nonrecurring
22 funds shall be used to pay for the construction of new licensed inpatient
23 behavioral health beds at Good Hope Hospital in Harnett County.
- 24 (2) One million seven hundred eleven thousand four hundred forty-four dollars
25 (\$1,711,444) in nonrecurring funds shall be used to create a new behavioral
26 health unit in Betsy Johnson Hospital, a part of Harnett County Health
27 Systems, in Dunn, North Carolina. A minimum of 12 of the beds in the new
28 unit shall be reserved for children under the age of 18.

29 **SECTION 9F.9.(b)** Certificate of Need Exemption for Certain Facilities. –
30 Notwithstanding the State Medical Facilities Plan, Article 9 of Chapter 131E of the General
31 Statutes, or any other provision of law to the contrary, each facility that receives funds allocated
32 under subsection (a) of this section is exempt from certificate of need review for the
33 establishment or expansion of behavioral health services at the facility at which the constructed
34 or converted beds will be brought into operation, including any combination of the following:

- 35 (1) The establishment or expansion of outpatient therapy services or substance
36 use disorder treatment services, or both.
- 37 (2) The replacement or relocation of a behavioral health facility, defined as a
38 psychiatric facility, a facility-based crisis center, or any facility that is
39 primarily engaged in providing services for the diagnosis and treatment of
40 behavioral health issues.
- 41 (3) Changes in inpatient behavioral health bed capacity.

42 **SECTION 9F.9.(c)** Applicability of Licensure Laws. – The establishment or
43 expansion of behavioral health services, including any of the items described in subdivisions (1)
44 through (3) of subsection (b) of this section, are subject to existing licensure laws and
45 requirements.
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47 **DOROTHEA DIX HOSPITAL PROPERTY FUNDS REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR**
48 **PROJECTS**

49 **SECTION 9F.10.** Any funds allocated under Section 12F.4 of S.L. 2016-94, Section
50 11F.5 of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 11F.2 of S.L. 2018-5, or Section 9F.9 of this act
51 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental

1 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, from the Dorothea Dix Hospital Property Fund that
2 are not expended or encumbered as of June 30, 2022, shall remain in the Dorothea Dix Hospital
3 Property Fund until those funds are expended or encumbered for the purposes specified under
4 Section 12F.4 of S.L. 2016-94, Section 11F.5 of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 11F.2 of
5 S.L. 2018-5, and Section 9F.9 of this act, as applicable.

7 **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH URGENT CARE PILOT PROGRAM**

8 **SECTION 9F.11.(a)** BHUC Pilot Program. – Of the funds appropriated in this act
9 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental
10 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS), the sum of five hundred thousand
11 dollars (\$500,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of one million
12 five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year
13 shall be allocated to RI International for the Dix Crisis Intervention Center (Dix Crisis Center)
14 in Onslow County to be used for a behavioral health urgent care (BHUC) pilot program. The
15 purpose of the BHUC pilot program is to serve individuals experiencing a mental health crisis
16 episode anticipated to require a length of stay not to exceed 23 hours, while ensuring continuity
17 of care for individuals who ultimately require a longer length of stay to fully address the crisis
18 episode. The BHUC pilot program period shall end June 30, 2023.

19 **SECTION 9F.11.(b)** Service Definition. – Dix Crisis Center and Trillium Health
20 Resources shall act in good faith to continue their contractual relationship. Trillium Health
21 Resources, the local management entity/managed care organization (LME/MCO) for Onslow
22 County, shall develop, and seek approval from the Department of Health and Human Services,
23 Division of Health Benefits (DHB), for, a Medicaid "in lieu of" or other alternative service
24 definition to ensure that services received by individuals under the BHUC pilot program are
25 eligible to be reimbursed through the North Carolina Medicaid program. The State-funded
26 behavioral health urgent care service definition shall be used as a model for the Medicaid service
27 definition.

28 **SECTION 9F.11.(c)** Standard Benefit Plan Coverage. – Effective upon approval and
29 on the date determined by DHB of the "in lieu of" or other alternative Medicaid service definition
30 required by subsection (b) of this section, G.S. 108D-35 reads as rewritten:

31 **"§ 108D-35. Services covered by PHPs.**

32 Capitated PHP contracts shall cover all Medicaid and NC Health Choice services, including
33 physical health services, prescription drugs, long-term services and supports, and behavioral
34 health services for NC Health Choice recipients, except as otherwise provided in this section.
35 The capitated contracts required by this section shall not cover:

- 36 (1) Medicaid services covered by the local management entities/managed care
37 organizations (LME/MCOs) under the combined 1915(b) and (c) waivers
38 shall not be covered under a standard benefit plan, except that all capitated
39 PHP contracts shall cover the following services: ~~inpatient~~
- 40 a. Inpatient behavioral health services, outpatient services.
 - 41 b. Outpatient behavioral health emergency room services, outpatient
42 services.
 - 43 c. Outpatient behavioral health services provided by direct-enrolled
44 providers, mobile providers.
 - 45 d. Mobile crisis management services, facility-based services.
 - 46 e. Facility-based crisis services for children and adolescents,
47 professional adolescents.
 - 48 f. Professional treatment services in a facility-based crisis program,
49 outpatient program.
 - 50 g. Outpatient opioid treatment services, ambulatory services.
 - 51 h. Ambulatory detoxification services, nonhospital services.

- 1 i. ~~Nonhospital medical detoxification services, partial hospitalization,~~
- 2 ~~medically services.~~
- 3 j. ~~Partial hospitalization.~~
- 4 k. ~~Medically supervised or alcohol and drug abuse treatment center~~
- 5 ~~detoxification crisis stabilization, research-based stabilization.~~
- 6 l. ~~Research-based intensive behavioral health treatment, diagnostic~~
- 7 ~~treatment.~~
- 8 m. ~~Diagnostic assessment services, and services.~~
- 9 n. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment services.
- 10 o. ~~Behavioral health urgent care services.~~
- 11 In accordance with this subdivision, 1915(b)(3) services shall not be covered
- 12 under a standard benefit plan.

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14 **SECTION 9F.11.(d)** Notification of Approval. – The Secretary of the Department
 15 of Health and Human Services shall notify the Revisor of Statutes of the approval and effective
 16 date of the "in lieu of" or other alternative Medicaid service definition by DHB, as required by
 17 subsection (b) of this section. If no approval has been given on or before June 30, 2023, then
 18 subsection (c) of this section shall expire on July 1, 2023.

19 **SECTION 9F.11.(e)** Additional Access to BHUC Services. – Dix Crisis Center shall
 20 make good-faith efforts to contract with commercial insurance carriers operating in this State,
 21 Tri-Care, and any other health benefit plan to the extent that the plan offers coverage for BHUC
 22 services.

23 **SECTION 9F.11.(f)** Dix Crisis Center Reporting. – By August 1, 2023, Dix Crisis
 24 Center shall submit to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health,
 25 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS), a written report of
 26 all BHUC services provided under the BHUC pilot program authorized by this section. The report
 27 shall include at least all of the following information:

- 28 (1) In aggregate, the number of individuals receiving behavioral health care
- 29 services, the average length of stay in the BHUC unit, and the average number
- 30 of repeat crisis episodes experienced by individuals receiving services at the
- 31 Dix Crisis Center.
- 32 (2) A comparison of the average length of stay and average number of repeat
- 33 crisis episodes experienced by individuals served by the BHUC unit and the
- 34 facility-based crisis unit at Dix Crisis Center.
- 35 (3) The level of BHUC unit occupancy during the BHUC pilot program.
- 36 (4) Additional objective outcome measures that demonstrate the impact and
- 37 effectiveness of the BHUC pilot program, including the number of individuals
- 38 presenting to a hospital emergency room with a behavioral health crisis and
- 39 time spent by county and municipal law enforcement in responding to
- 40 behavioral health crises.
- 41 (5) A detailed budget and list of expenditures funded by State appropriations.

42 **SECTION 9F.11.(g)** DHHS Reporting. – By October 1, 2023, DMH/DD/SAS shall
 43 report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint
 44 Legislative Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice, and the Fiscal Research Division on
 45 the BHUC pilot program authorized by this section. The report shall include, at a minimum, the
 46 information described in subdivisions (1) through (5) of subsection (f) of this section.

47
 48 **SUPPLEMENTAL SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE FOR GROUP HOMES**

49 **SECTION 9F.12.(a)** As used in this section, "group home" means any facility that
 50 (i) is licensed under Chapter 122C of the General Statutes, (ii) meets the definition of a supervised
 51 living facility under 10A NCAC 27G .5601(c)(1) or 10A NCAC 27G .5601(c)(3), and (iii) serves

1 minors or adults whose primary diagnosis is mental illness or a developmental disability but may
2 also have other diagnoses.

3 **SECTION 9F.12.(b)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
4 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
5 Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS), the sum of one million eight hundred thousand
6 dollars (\$1,800,000) in nonrecurring funds for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall
7 be used to provide temporary, short-term financial assistance in the form of a monthly payment
8 to group homes on behalf of each resident who meets all of the following criteria:

9 (1) Was eligible for Medicaid-covered personal care services (PCS) prior to
10 January 1, 2013, but was determined to be ineligible for PCS on or after
11 January 1, 2013, due to Medicaid State Plan changes in PCS eligibility criteria
12 specified in Section 10.9F of S.L. 2012-142, as amended by Section 3.7 of
13 S.L. 2012-145 and Section 70 of S.L. 2012-194.

14 (2) Has continuously resided in a group home since December 31, 2012.

15 **SECTION 9F.12.(c)** These monthly payments shall be subject to all of the following
16 requirements and limitations:

17 (1) The amount of the monthly payments authorized by this section shall not
18 exceed four hundred sixty-four dollars and thirty cents (\$464.30) per month
19 for each resident who meets all criteria specified in subsection (b) of this
20 section.

21 (2) A group home that receives the monthly payments authorized by this section
22 shall not, under any circumstances, use these payments for any purpose other
23 than providing, as necessary, supervision and medication management for a
24 resident who meets all criteria specified in subsection (b) of this section.

25 (3) The Department shall make monthly payments authorized by this section to a
26 group home on behalf of each resident who meets all criteria specified in
27 subsection (b) of this section only for the period commencing July 1, 2021,
28 and ending June 30, 2023, or upon depletion of the one million eight hundred
29 thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) in nonrecurring funds appropriated in this act
30 to DMH/DD/SAS for supplemental short-term assistance for group homes, for
31 each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for the purpose of this section,
32 whichever is earlier.

33 (4) The Department shall make monthly payments authorized by this section only
34 to the extent sufficient funds are available from the one million eight hundred
35 thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) in nonrecurring funds appropriated in this act
36 to DMH/DD/SAS for supplemental short-term assistance for group homes, for
37 each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for the purpose of this section.

38 (5) The Department shall not make monthly payments authorized by this section
39 to a group home on behalf of a resident during the pendency of an appeal by
40 or on behalf of the resident under G.S. 108A-70.9A.

41 (6) The Department shall terminate all monthly payments pursuant to this section
42 on June 30, 2023, or upon depletion of the one million eight hundred thousand
43 dollars (\$1,800,000) in nonrecurring funds appropriated in this act to
44 DMH/DD/SAS for supplemental short-term assistance for group homes, for
45 each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for the purpose of this section,
46 whichever is earlier.

47 (7) Each group home that receives the monthly payments authorized by this
48 section shall submit to the Department a list of all funding sources for the
49 operational costs of the group home for the preceding two years, in accordance
50 with the schedule and format prescribed by the Department.

1 **SECTION 9F.12.(d)** The Department shall use an existing mechanism to administer
2 these funds in the least restrictive manner that ensures compliance with this section and timely
3 and accurate payments to group homes. The Department shall not, under any circumstances, use
4 any portion of the one million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) in nonrecurring funds
5 appropriated in this act to DMH/DD/SAS for supplemental short-term assistance for group
6 homes, for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for any other purpose than the purpose
7 specified in this section.

8 **SECTION 9F.12.(e)** Nothing in this section shall be construed as an obligation by
9 the General Assembly to appropriate funds for the purpose of this section, or as an entitlement
10 by any group home, resident of a group home, or other person to receive temporary, short-term
11 financial assistance under this section.

12
13 **TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR INTERMEDIATE CARE**
14 **FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

15 **SECTION 9F.13.** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal
16 Recovery Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health,
17 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of twelve million six
18 hundred thousand dollars (\$12,600,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall
19 be used to distribute a one-time payment to each local management entity/managed care
20 organization (LME/MCO) for the purposes of providing temporary additional funding assistance
21 for Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) services
22 on a per diem basis.

23
24 **PART IX-G. PUBLIC HEALTH**

25
26 **LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS/COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS TO**
27 **IMPROVE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

28 **SECTION 9G.1.(a)** Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and
29 Human Services, Division of Public Health, for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to
30 award competitive grants to local health departments for the improvement of maternal and child
31 health shall be used to continue administering a competitive grant process for local health
32 departments based on maternal and infant health indicators and the county's detailed proposal to
33 invest in evidence-based programs to achieve the following goals:

- 34 (1) Improve North Carolina's birth outcomes.
35 (2) Improve the overall health status of children in this State from birth to age 5.
36 (3) Lower the State's infant mortality rate.

37 **SECTION 9G.1.(b)** The plan for administering the competitive grant process shall
38 include at least all of the following components:

- 39 (1) A request for application (RFA) process to allow local health departments to
40 apply for and receive State funds on a competitive basis. The Department shall
41 require local health departments to include in the application a plan to evaluate
42 the effectiveness, including measurable impact or outcomes, of the activities,
43 services, and programs for which the funds are being requested.
44 (2) A requirement that the Secretary prioritize grant awards to those local health
45 departments that are able to leverage non-State funds in addition to the grant
46 award.
47 (3) Ensures that funds received by the Department to implement the plan
48 supplement and do not supplant existing funds for maternal and child health
49 initiatives.
50 (4) Allows grants to be awarded to local health departments for up to two years.

1 **SECTION 9G.1.(c)** No later than July 1 of each year, as applicable, the Secretary
2 shall announce the recipients of the competitive grant awards and allocate funds to the grant
3 recipients for the respective grant period pursuant to the amounts designated under subsection
4 (a) of this section. After awards have been granted, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Joint
5 Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on the grant awards that
6 includes at least all of the following:

- 7 (1) The identity and a brief description of each grantee and each program or
8 initiative offered by the grantee.
- 9 (2) The amount of funding awarded to each grantee.
- 10 (3) The number of persons served by each grantee, broken down by program or
11 initiative.

12 **SECTION 9G.1.(d)** No later than December 1 of each fiscal year, each local health
13 department receiving funding pursuant to this section in the respective fiscal year shall submit to
14 the Division of Public Health a written report of all activities funded by State appropriations. The
15 report shall include the following information about the fiscal year preceding the year in which
16 the report is due:

- 17 (1) A description of the types of programs, services, and activities funded by State
18 appropriations.
- 19 (2) Statistical and demographical information on the number of persons served by
20 these programs, services, and activities, including the counties in which
21 services are provided.
- 22 (3) Outcome measures that demonstrate the impact and effectiveness of the
23 programs, services, and activities based on the evaluation protocols developed
24 by the Division, in collaboration with the University of North Carolina
25 Gillings School of Global Public Health, pursuant to Section 12E.11(e) of S.L.
26 2015-241, and reported to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
27 Health and Human Services on April 1, 2016.
- 28 (4) A detailed program budget and list of expenditures, including all positions
29 funded, matching expenditures, and funding sources.

31 **LIMITATION ON USE OF STATE FUNDS**

32 **SECTION 9G.2.** The limitation on the use of State funds as stated in Section 12E.13
33 of S.L. 2015-241 shall apply to funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and
34 Human Services for each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.

36 **REPORT ON PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITHIN AIDS DRUG 37 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

38 **SECTION 9G.3.** Upon a determination by the Department of Health and Human
39 Services, Division of Public Health, that, in six months or less, it will no longer be feasible to
40 operate the health insurance premium assistance program implemented within the North Carolina
41 AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) on a cost-neutral basis or in a manner that achieves
42 savings to the State, the Department shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight
43 Committee on Health and Human Services notifying the Committee of this determination along
44 with supporting documentation and a proposed course of action with respect to health insurance
45 premium assistance program participants.

47 **CAROLINA PREGNANCY CARE FELLOWSHIP FUNDS**

48 **SECTION 9G.4.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
49 and Human Services, Division of Public Health, for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for Carolina
50 Pregnancy Care Fellowship, a nonprofit corporation, no more than fifteen percent (15%) of the

1 funds allocated for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be used for
2 administrative purposes. The balance of these funds shall be used for direct services.

3 **SECTION 9G.4.(b)** Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship shall report to the Joint
4 Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research
5 Division on the use of the funds appropriated in this act as follows:

- 6 (1) By July 1, 2022, on the use of funds received for the 2021-2022 fiscal year,
7 including the use of any funds awarded as subgrants.
- 8 (2) By July 1, 2023, on the use of funds received for the 2022-2023 fiscal year,
9 including the use of any funds awarded as subgrants.

10 11 **MOUNTAIN AREA PREGNANCY SERVICES FUNDS**

12 **SECTION 9G.5.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
13 and Human Services, Division of Public Health, for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for Mountain
14 Area Pregnancy Services, a nonprofit corporation, no more than fifteen percent (15%) of the
15 funds allocated for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be used for
16 administrative purposes. The balance of these funds shall be used for direct services.
17

18 **STATEWIDE EXPANSION OF THE CONTINUUM OF CARE PILOT PROGRAM**

19 **SECTION 9G.6.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
20 and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one million two hundred thousand
21 dollars (\$1,200,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of one
22 million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023
23 fiscal year shall be allocated to the Human Coalition, a nonprofit organization, to extend and
24 expand the pilot program authorized by Section 11E.13(b) of S.L. 2017-57, as provided in
25 subsection (b) of this section. These funds shall be used for nonreligious, nonsectarian purposes
26 only.

27 **SECTION 9G.6.(b)** The Human Coalition shall use funds allocated pursuant to
28 subsection (a) of this section to expand the continuum of care pilot program authorized by Section
29 11E.13(b) of S.L. 2017-57 to a statewide program. The purpose of the statewide continuum of
30 care program is to (i) encourage healthy childbirth, (ii) support childbirth as an alternative to
31 abortion, (iii) promote family formation, (iv) assist in establishing successful parenting
32 techniques, and (v) increase the economic self-sufficiency of families. The statewide continuum
33 of care program shall consist of existing locations of the pilot program authorized by Section
34 11E.13(b) of S.L. 2017-57 and other locations around the State to be determined by the Human
35 Coalition. All providers rendering services under the statewide program for which they are
36 compensated with funds allocated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be physically
37 located in the State of North Carolina. The statewide continuum of care program shall provide
38 direct services, supports, social services case management, and referrals to biological parents of
39 unborn children and biological or adoptive parents of children under the age of 2 and shall consist
40 of at least all of the following components:

- 41 (1) Outreach to at-risk populations eligible for the program.
- 42 (2) The use of licensed nurses to perform the following functions:
 - 43 a. Assessment and evaluation of needs related to pregnancy or parenting.
 - 44 b. Provision of medically accurate, pregnancy-related medical
45 information to program participants.
- 46 (3) The use of licensed social workers, or other individuals of equivalent
47 experience, to perform the following functions:
 - 48 a. Development of a care plan, resources, and supports for program
49 participants to address identified needs.
 - 50 b. Referrals to appropriate local resources, including State and federal
51 benefits programs and local charitable organizations.

1 c. Assistance in applying for State and federal benefits programs.

2 d. Assistance in accomplishing elements of the care plan.

3 **SECTION 9G.6.(c)** In order to be eligible to receive services under the statewide
4 continuum of care program, an individual shall, at the time of initial contact with the program,
5 be (i) a resident of North Carolina and (ii) a biological parent of an unborn child or a biological
6 or adoptive parent of a child under the age of 2. Participants of the pilot program authorized under
7 Section 11E.13(b) of S.L. 2017-57, who terminated a pregnancy prior to birth, are eligible to
8 continue to receive continuum of care program services for a period of six months from the date
9 of termination of pregnancy.

10 **SECTION 9G.6.(d)** The Human Coalition may use up to ten percent (10%) of the
11 funds allocated for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for administrative purposes.

12 **SECTION 9G.6.(e)** By December 1, 2021, and every six months thereafter, the
13 Human Coalition shall report to the Department of Health and Human Services on the status and
14 operation of the continuum of care program authorized by subsection (b) of this section. The
15 report shall include at least all of the following:

16 (1) A detailed breakdown of expenditures for the program.

17 (2) The number of individuals served by the program, and for the individuals
18 served, the types of services provided to each.

19 (3) Any other information requested by the Department of Health and Human
20 Services as necessary for evaluating the success of the program.

21 **SECTION 9G.6.(f)** By April 1, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services
22 shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the
23 Fiscal Research Division on the status and operation of the continuum of care program.
24

25 **CONFORMING CHANGES RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF THE WELL**
26 **CONTRACTORS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION FROM THE DEPARTMENT**
27 **OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND**
28 **HUMAN SERVICES**

29 **SECTION 9G.7.(a)** G.S. 87-98.2 reads as rewritten:

30 **"§ 87-98.2. Definitions.**

31 The definitions in G.S. 87-85 and the following definitions apply in this Article:

32 (1) Commission. – The Well Contractors Certification ~~Commission, as~~
33 ~~established by G.S. 143B-301.11.~~Commission established in Article 7B of
34 this Chapter.

35 (2) Department. – The Department of ~~Environmental Quality.~~Health and Human
36 Services.

37 (3) Person. – A natural person.

38 (4) Secretary. – The Secretary of ~~Environmental Quality.~~Health and Human
39 Services.

40 (5) Well contractor. – A person in trade or business who undertakes to perform a
41 well contractor activity or who undertakes to personally supervise or
42 personally manage the performance of a well contractor activity on the
43 person's own behalf or for any person, firm, or corporation.

44 (6) Well contractor activity. – The construction, installation, repair, alteration, or
45 abandonment of any well."

46 **SECTION 9G.7.(b)** Part 9A of Article 7 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes
47 (G.S. 143B-301.10 through G.S. 143B-301.12) is recodified as Article 7B of Chapter 87 of the
48 General Statutes (G.S. 87-99 through G.S. 87-99.2) and reads as rewritten:

49 "Article 7B.

50 "Well Contractors Certification Commission.

51 **"§ 87-99. Definitions.**

1 ~~The~~ Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in G.S. 87-85 and
2 G.S. 87-98.2 apply in this Part.

3 **"§ 87-99.1. Creation, powers, and duties of the Commission.**

4 (a) Creation and Duties. – ~~The~~ There is established within the Department of Health and
5 Human Services, Division of Public Health, the Well Contractors Certification ~~Commission is~~
6 ~~created within the Department.~~ Commission. The Commission shall:

- 7 (1) Adopt rules with respect to the certification of well contractors as provided by
8 Article 7A of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes.
- 9 (2) Exercise quasi-judicial powers in accordance with the provisions of Chapter
10 150B of the General Statutes. The Commission shall make the final agency
11 decision on any matter involving the certification of well contractors pursuant
12 to Article 7A of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes and on civil penalties
13 assessed for violations of that Article or rules adopted pursuant to that Article.
- 14 (3) Adopt rules as may be required to secure a federal grant-in-aid for a program
15 concerned with the certification of well contractors. This subdivision is to be
16 liberally construed in order that the State and its citizens may benefit from
17 federal grants-in-aid.

18 (b) Delegation. – The Commission may, by rule, delegate to the Secretary of Health and
19 Human Services any of its powers, other than the power to adopt rules.

20 **"§ 87-99.2. Membership of Commission.**

21 (a) Appointments. – The Commission shall consist of seven members appointed as
22 follows:

- 23 (1) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of
24 the Speaker of the House of Representatives who, at the time of appointment,
25 is (i) engaged in well contractor activities, (ii) certified as a well contractor
26 under Article 7A of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes, (iii) engaged primarily
27 in the construction, installation, repair, alteration, or abandonment of domestic
28 water supply wells, and (iv) a resident of a county that is located east of or is
29 traversed by Interstate 95.
- 30 (2) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of
31 the Speaker of the House of Representatives who, at the time of appointment,
32 is (i) engaged in well contractor activities, (ii) certified as a well contractor
33 under Article 7A of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes, (iii) engaged primarily
34 in the construction, installation, repair, alteration, or abandonment of domestic
35 water supply wells, and (iv) a resident of a county that is located wholly west
36 of Interstate 95.
- 37 (3) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of
38 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate who, at the time of appointment, is
39 (i) engaged in well contractor activities, (ii) certified as a well contractor under
40 Article 7A of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes, and (iii) engaged primarily
41 in the construction, installation, repair, alteration, or abandonment of
42 industrial, municipal, or other large capacity water supply wells.
- 43 (4) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of
44 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate who, at the time of appointment, is
45 (i) engaged in well contractor activities, (ii) certified as a well contractor under
46 Article 7A of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes, and (iii) engaged primarily
47 in the construction, installation, repair, alteration, or abandonment of
48 nonwater supply wells, such as monitoring or recovery wells.
- 49 (5) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of
50 the Speaker of the House of Representatives who, at the time of appointment,

1 is (i) employed by a local county health department and (ii) actively engaged
2 in well inspection and permitting.

3 (6) One member appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of
4 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate who, at the time of appointment, is
5 (i) employed by a local county health department and (ii) actively engaged in
6 well inspection and permitting.

7 (7) One member appointed by the Governor who is (i) appointed from the public
8 at large, (ii) not engaged in well contractor activities, and (iii) not an employee
9 of a firm or corporation engaged in well contractor activities or a State or
10 county governmental agency.

11 (b) Additional Qualifications. – Appointment of members to fill positions (1), (2), (3),
12 and (4) shall be made from among all those persons who are recommended for appointment to
13 the Commission by any person who is engaged in well contractor activities and who is certified
14 as a well contractor under Article 7A of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes. No person shall be
15 appointed to the Commission who is a resident of, or has a principal place of business in, the
16 same county as another member of the Commission.

17 (c) Terms. – Appointments to the Commission shall be for terms of three years. The terms
18 of members appointed to fill positions (1), (2), and (7) shall expire on 30 June of years evenly
19 divisible by three. The terms of members appointed to fill positions (3) and (4) shall expire on
20 30 June of years that follow by one year those years that are evenly divisible by three. The terms
21 of members appointed to fill positions (5) and (6) shall expire on 30 June of years that precede
22 by one year those years that are evenly divisible by three. Members shall serve until their
23 successors are appointed and qualified. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

24 (d) Officers. – The Commission shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its
25 members. These officers shall serve from the time of their election until 30 June of the following
26 year, or until a successor is elected.

27 (e) Vacancies. – An appointment to fill a vacancy on the Commission created by the
28 resignation, dismissal, disability, or death of a member shall be for the balance of the unexpired
29 term. Vacancies in appointments made by the General Assembly shall be filled as provided in
30 G.S. 120-122.

31 (f) Removal. – The Governor may remove any member of the Commission from office
32 for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance, as provided in G.S. 143B-13.

33 (g) Compensation. – The members of the Commission shall receive per diem and
34 necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 138-5.

35 (h) Quorum. – A majority of the membership of the Commission constitutes a quorum
36 for the transaction of business.

37 (i) Services. – All clerical and other services required by the Commission shall be
38 supplied by the Secretary.

39 "**§§ 87-99.3 through 87-99.9:** Reserved for future codification purposes."

40 **SECTION 9G.7.(c)** G.S. 93B-1(3) reads as rewritten:

41 "(3) State agency licensing board. – Any State agency staffed by full-time State
42 employees, which as part of their regular functions issue licenses. This section
43 does not apply to the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training
44 Standards Commission, the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training
45 Standards Commission, and the North Carolina Department of Revenue. The
46 following is a nonexclusive list of State agency licensing boards and the
47 profession or occupation for which the board, agency, or officer may issue
48 licenses:

49 ...

50 ~~b. The Department of Environmental Quality.~~

51 ~~1. Well Contractors Certification Commission.~~

~~I. Well Contractor. Article 7A of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes.~~

c. The Department of Health and Human Services.

1. North Carolina Medical Care Commission.

I. Ambulance Attendant, Emergency Medical Technician. Article 7 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes.

2. Well Contractors Certification Commission.

I. Well Contractor. Article 7A of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes.

...."

SECTION 9G.7.(d) G.S. 143B-138.1(d) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(7) Well Contractors Certification Commission."

LEAD AND ASBESTOS REMEDIATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS AND CHILD CARE FACILITIES

SECTION 9G.8.(a) Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall be allocated as follows for lead and asbestos remediation and abatement programs to benefit public school units and child care facilities:

(1) Thirty-two million eight hundred twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,812,500) in nonrecurring funds shall be used to fund a program for the testing and remediation of lead levels in drinking water at public school units and child care facilities. To the extent feasible and practical, testing conducted in public school units shall follow the same model for testing conducted in child care facilities. In addition, the program shall include at least the following components:

a. Development of a statewide database containing the results of testing for lead in drinking water at public school units that is similar to the existing database containing the results of testing for lead in drinking water at child care facilities that will allow for easier tracking of these test results and the status of remediation actions.

b. A mechanism for providing funding for the replacement of service lines, pipes, and fixtures, as needed, or for the installation of filters at affected faucets within public school units and child care facilities that test positive for lead in drinking water.

(2) One hundred seventeen million one hundred eighty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$117,187,500) in nonrecurring funds shall be used to fund a program for lead paint abatement and asbestos abatement in public school units and child care facilities. The program shall include at least the following components:

a. Development of a statewide database containing reports of public school unit and child care facility inspections for lead paint and asbestos conducted pursuant to federal or State law.

b. A mechanism for providing funding for lead paint abatement, asbestos abatement, or both, in public school units and child care facilities; provided, however, that the following conditions are met:

1. An inspector or management planner determines that action must be taken in response to an inspection report. As used in

1 this section, the terms "inspector" and "management planner"
2 have the same meaning as in 10A NCAC 41C .0601.

- 3 2. Lead paint, asbestos, or both, are detected as part of an
4 inspection or as part of a capital, renovation, or repair project
5 and a determination is made that remediation is required.
6 Capital projects may include HVAC, window, or other
7 ventilation projects related to COVID-19 mitigation, or other
8 capital, renovation, or repair projects undertaken during
9 calendar years 2021 through 2024.

10 **SECTION 9G.8.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
11 Public Health (DPH), shall serve as the lead agency responsible for administering the programs
12 authorized by subsection (a) of this section. In serving in this capacity, the DPH shall collaborate
13 with (i) the Department of Public Instruction regarding administration of these programs for the
14 benefit of public school units and charter schools and (ii) its Division of Child Development and
15 Early Education regarding administration of these programs for the benefit of child care facilities.
16 The DPH shall transfer funds to the Department of Public Instruction and to the Division of Child
17 Development and Early Education as necessary to accomplish the goals of these programs in an
18 efficient and cost-effective manner.

19 **SECTION 9G.8.(c)** Beginning on February 1, 2022, and annually thereafter until all
20 funds appropriated in this act for the purposes of this section have been expended or until the
21 completion of all remediation and abatement activities authorized by this section, whichever is
22 later, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, and the
23 Department of Public Instruction shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
24 Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, and the Fiscal
25 Research Division on the following lead and asbestos remediation and abatement activities
26 authorized by this section, broken down by county:

- 27 (1) The number of public school units and child care facilities tested for lead in
28 drinking water, for lead paint or asbestos in the buildings or facilities, or a
29 combination of these.
30 (2) The number of public school units and child care facilities determined to be
31 in need of remediation for lead in drinking water, or for lead paint or asbestos
32 abatement, or a combination of these.
33 (3) The number of public school units and child care facilities that have requested
34 assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services or the
35 Department of Public Instruction with remediation for lead in drinking water,
36 for lead paint or asbestos abatement, or for a combination of these.
37 (4) The number of remediation or abatement projects completed under the
38 programs authorized by subsection (a) of this section and the total amount of
39 funds expended for each project, broken down by each category of
40 remediation and abatement.

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42 **PART IX-H. SERVICES FOR THE BLIND/DEAF/HARD OF HEARING [RESERVED]**
43

44 **PART IX-I. SOCIAL SERVICES**
45

46 **TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FACILITIES LICENSED TO ACCEPT**
47 **STATE-COUNTY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE**

48 **SECTION 9I.1.(a)** The following definitions apply in this section:

- 49 (1) Facility licensed to accept State-County Special Assistance payments or
50 facility. – Any residential care facility that is (i) licensed by the Department

1 of Health and Human Services and (ii) authorized to accept State-County
2 Special Assistance payments from its residents.

3 (2) State-County Special Assistance. – The program authorized by G.S. 108A-40.

4 **SECTION 9I.1.(b)** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal
5 Recovery Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services,
6 the sum of twenty-six million eight hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$26,880,000) in
7 nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall be allocated for facilities licensed to accept
8 State-County Special Assistance. The Division of Social Services shall expend up to thirteen
9 million four hundred forty thousand dollars (\$13,440,000) of these allocated funds during the
10 2021-2022 fiscal year and any remaining funds during the 2022-2023 fiscal year to provide
11 temporary financial assistance in the form of a monthly payment to these facilities to offset the
12 increased costs of serving residents who are recipients of State-County Special Assistance during
13 the public health emergency. For the period commencing July 1, 2021, and ending when the
14 funds allocated under this section are depleted or on the date federal law requires these funds to
15 be fully expended, whichever is earlier, the amount of the monthly payment authorized by this
16 section shall be equal to seventy dollars (\$70.00) per month for each resident of the facility as of
17 the first day of the month who is a recipient of State-County Special Assistance. The DSS shall
18 not make monthly payments authorized by this section to a facility on behalf of a resident whose
19 eligibility determination for State-County Special Assistance is pending. The DSS shall terminate
20 all monthly payments pursuant to this subsection when the funds allocated under this section are
21 depleted or on the date federal law requires these funds to be fully expended, whichever is earlier.
22 The counties are not responsible for paying any portion of these monthly payments. Nothing in
23 this section shall be construed as an obligation by the General Assembly to appropriate funds for
24 the purpose of this section or as an entitlement by any facility, resident of a facility, or other
25 person to receive financial assistance under this section.
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27 **TANF BENEFIT IMPLEMENTATION**

28 **SECTION 9I.2.(a)** The General Assembly approves the plan titled "North Carolina
29 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families State Plan FY 2019-2022," prepared by the
30 Department of Health and Human Services and presented to the General Assembly. The North
31 Carolina Temporary Assistance for Needy Families State Plan covers the period October 1, 2019,
32 through September 30, 2022. The Department shall submit the State Plan, as revised in
33 accordance with subsection (b) of this section, to the United States Department of Health and
34 Human Services.

35 **SECTION 9I.2.(b)** The counties approved as Electing Counties in the North
36 Carolina Temporary Assistance for Needy Families State Plan FY 2019-2022, as approved by
37 this section, are Beaufort, Caldwell, Catawba, Lenoir, Lincoln, Macon, and Wilson.

38 **SECTION 9I.2.(c)** Counties that submitted the letter of intent to remain as an
39 Electing County or to be redesignated as an Electing County and the accompanying county plan
40 for years 2019 through 2022, pursuant to G.S. 108A-27(e), shall operate under the Electing
41 County budget requirements effective July 1, 2021. For programmatic purposes, all counties
42 referred to in this subsection shall remain under their current county designation through
43 September 30, 2022.

44 **SECTION 9I.2.(d)** For each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, Electing
45 Counties shall be held harmless to their Work First Family Assistance allocations for the
46 2020-2021 fiscal year, provided that remaining funds allocated for Work First Family Assistance
47 and Work First Diversion Assistance are sufficient for payments made by the Department on
48 behalf of Standard Counties pursuant to G.S. 108A-27.11(b).

49 **SECTION 9I.2.(e)** In the event that departmental projections of Work First Family
50 Assistance and Work First Diversion Assistance for the 2021-2022 fiscal year or the 2022-2023
51 fiscal year indicate that remaining funds are insufficient for Work First Family Assistance and

1 Work First Diversion Assistance payments to be made on behalf of Standard Counties, the
2 Department is authorized to deallocate funds, of those allocated to Electing Counties for Work
3 First Family Assistance in excess of the sums set forth in G.S. 108A-27.11, up to the requisite
4 amount for payments in Standard Counties. Prior to deallocation, the Department shall obtain
5 approval by the Office of State Budget and Management. If the Department adjusts the allocation
6 set forth in subsection (d) of this section, then a report shall be made to the Joint Legislative
7 Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division.

8 9 **INTENSIVE FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES FUNDING, PERFORMANCE** 10 **ENHANCEMENTS, AND REPORT**

11 **SECTION 9I.3.(a)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143B-150.6, the
12 Intensive Family Preservation Services (IFPS) Program shall provide intensive services to
13 children and families in cases of abuse, neglect, and dependency where a child is at imminent
14 risk of removal from the home and to children and families in cases of abuse where a child is not
15 at imminent risk of removal. The Program shall be implemented statewide on a regional basis.
16 The IFPS shall ensure the application of standardized assessment criteria for determining
17 imminent risk and clear criteria for determining out-of-home placement.

18 **SECTION 9I.3.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall require that
19 any program or entity that receives State, federal, or other funding for the purpose of IFPS shall
20 provide information and data that allows for the following:

- 21 (1) An established follow-up system with a minimum of six months of follow-up
22 services.
- 23 (2) Detailed information on the specific interventions applied, including
24 utilization indicators and performance measurement.
- 25 (3) Cost-benefit data.
- 26 (4) Data on long-term benefits associated with IFPS. This data shall be obtained
27 by tracking families through the intervention process.
- 28 (5) The number of families remaining intact and the associated interventions
29 while in IFPS and 12 months thereafter.
- 30 (6) The number and percentage, by race, of children who received IFPS compared
31 to the ratio of their distribution in the general population involved with Child
32 Protective Services.

33 **SECTION 9I.3.(c)** The Department shall continue implementing a
34 performance-based funding protocol and shall only provide funding to those programs and
35 entities providing the required information specified in subsection (b) of this section. The amount
36 of funding shall be based on the individual performance of each program.

37 **SECTION 9I.3.(d)** The Department shall submit an annual report to the Joint
38 Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research
39 Division by December 1 of each year that provides the information and data collected pursuant
40 to subsection (b) of this section.

41 42 **CHILD CARING INSTITUTIONS**

43 **SECTION 9I.4.** Until the Social Services Commission adopts rules setting
44 standardized rates for child caring institutions as authorized under G.S. 143B-153(8), the
45 maximum reimbursement for child caring institutions shall not exceed the rate established for the
46 specific child caring institution by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the
47 Controller. In determining the maximum reimbursement, the State shall include county and IV-E
48 reimbursements.

49 50 **USE OF FOSTER CARE BUDGET FOR GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

1 **SECTION 91.5.** Of the funds available for the provision of foster care services, the
2 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, may continue to provide
3 for the financial support of children who are deemed to be (i) in a permanent family placement
4 setting, (ii) eligible for legal guardianship, and (iii) otherwise unlikely to receive permanency.
5 No additional expenses shall be incurred beyond the funds budgeted for foster care for the
6 Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP). The Guardianship Assistance Program shall include
7 provisions for extending guardianship services for individuals and youth who exited foster care
8 through the Guardianship Assistance Program after 16 years of age or who have attained the age
9 of 18 years and opt to continue to receive guardianship services until reaching 21 years of age if
10 the individual is (i) completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent
11 credential, (ii) enrolled in an institution that provides postsecondary or vocational education, (iii)
12 participating in a program or activity designed to promote, or remove barriers to, employment,
13 (iv) employed for at least 80 hours per month, or (v) incapable of completing the educational or
14 employment requirements of this section due to a medical condition or disability. The
15 Guardianship Assistance Program rates shall reimburse the legal guardian for room and board
16 and be set at the same rate as the foster care room and board rates in accordance with rates
17 established under G.S. 108A-49.1.

18 **CHILD WELFARE POSTSECONDARY SUPPORT PROGRAM (NC REACH)**

19 **SECTION 91.6.(a)** Funds appropriated in this act from the General Fund to the
20 Department of Health and Human Services for the child welfare postsecondary support program
21 shall be used to continue providing assistance with the "cost of attendance" as that term is defined
22 in 20 U.S.C. § 1087ll for the educational needs of foster youth aging out of the foster care system,
23 youth who exit foster care to a permanent home through the Guardianship Assistance Program
24 (GAP), or special needs children adopted from foster care after age 12. These funds shall be
25 allocated by the State Education Assistance Authority.

26 **SECTION 91.6.(b)** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the General Fund to
27 the Department of Health and Human Services, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for
28 each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be allocated to the North Carolina State
29 Education Assistance Authority (SEAA). The SEAA shall use these funds only to perform
30 administrative functions necessary to manage and distribute scholarship funds under the child
31 welfare postsecondary support program.

32 **SECTION 91.6.(c)** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the General Fund to
33 the Department of Health and Human Services, the sum of three hundred thirty-nine thousand
34 four hundred ninety-three dollars (\$339,493) for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall
35 be used to contract with an entity to administer the child welfare postsecondary support program
36 described under subsection (a) of this section, which administration shall include the performance
37 of case management services.

38 **SECTION 91.6.(d)** Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and
39 Human Services for the child welfare postsecondary support program shall be used only for
40 students attending public institutions of higher education in this State.

41 **FEDERAL CHILD SUPPORT INCENTIVE PAYMENTS**

42 **SECTION 91.7.(a)** Centralized Services. – The North Carolina Child Support
43 Services Section (NCCSS) of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social
44 Services, shall retain up to fifteen percent (15%) of the annual federal incentive payments it
45 receives from the federal government to enhance centralized child support services. To
46 accomplish this requirement, NCCSS shall do the following:
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- 48 (1) In consultation with representatives from county child support services
49 programs, identify how federal incentive funding could improve centralized
50 services.
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1 (2) Use federal incentive funds to improve the effectiveness of the State's
2 centralized child support services by supplementing and not supplanting State
3 expenditures for those services.

4 (3) Continue to develop and implement rules that explain the State process for
5 calculating and distributing federal incentive funding to county child support
6 services programs.

7 **SECTION 91.7.(b)** County Child Support Services Programs. – NCCSS shall
8 allocate no less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the annual federal incentive payments it
9 receives from the federal government to county child support services programs to improve
10 effectiveness and efficiency using the federal performance measures. To that end, NCCSS shall
11 do the following:

12 (1) In consultation with representatives from county child support services
13 programs, examine the current methodology for distributing federal incentive
14 funding to the county programs and determine whether an alternative formula
15 would be appropriate. NCCSS shall use its current formula for distributing
16 federal incentive funding until an alternative formula is adopted.

17 (2) Upon adopting an alternative formula, develop a process to phase in the
18 alternative formula for distributing federal incentive funding over a four-year
19 period.

20 **SECTION 91.7.(c)** Reporting by County Child Support Services Programs. –
21 NCCSS shall continue implementing guidelines that identify appropriate uses for federal
22 incentive funding. To ensure those guidelines are properly followed, NCCSS shall require county
23 child support services programs to comply with each of the following:

24 (1) Submit an annual plan describing how federal incentive funding would
25 improve program effectiveness and efficiency as a condition of receiving
26 federal incentive funding.

27 (2) Report annually on the following: (i) how federal incentive funding has
28 improved program effectiveness and efficiency and been reinvested into their
29 programs, (ii) provide documentation that the funds were spent according to
30 their annual plans, and (iii) explain any deviations from their plans.

31 **SECTION 91.7.(d)** Reporting by NCCSS. – NCCSS shall submit a report on federal
32 child support incentive funding to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and
33 Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division by November 1 of each year. The report shall
34 describe how federal incentive funds enhanced centralized child support services to benefit
35 county child support services programs and improved the effectiveness and efficiency of county
36 child support services programs. The report shall further include any changes to the State process
37 the NCCSS used in calculating and distributing federal incentive funding to county child support
38 services programs and any recommendations for further changes.

39 **SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION/FOSTER CARE YOUTH**

40 **SECTION 91.8.(a)** The Foster Care Transitional Living Initiative Fund shall
41 continue to fund and support transitional living services that demonstrate positive outcomes for
42 youth, attract significant private sector funding, and lead to the development of evidence-based
43 programs to serve the at-risk population described in this section. The Fund shall continue to
44 support a demonstration project with services provided by Youth Villages to (i) improve
45 outcomes for youth ages 17-21 years who transition from foster care through implementation of
46 outcome-based Transitional Living Services, (ii) identify cost-savings in social services and
47 juvenile and adult correction services associated with the provision of Transitional Living
48 Services to youth aging out of foster care, and (iii) take necessary steps to establish an
49 evidence-based transitional living program available to all youth aging out of foster care. In
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1 continuing to implement these goals, the Foster Care Transitional Living Initiative Fund shall
 2 support the following strategies:

- 3 (1) Transitional Living Services, which is an outcome-based program that follows
 4 the Youth Villages Transitional Living Model. Outcomes on more than 7,000
 5 participants have been tracked since the program's inception. The program has
 6 been evaluated through an independent randomized controlled trial. Results
 7 indicate that the Youth Villages Transitional Living Model had positive
 8 impacts in a variety of areas, including housing stability, earnings, economic
 9 hardship, mental health, and intimate partner violence in comparison to the
 10 control population.
- 11 (2) Public-Private Partnership, which is a commitment by private-sector funding
 12 partners to match at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds appropriated
 13 to the Foster Care Transitional Living Initiative Fund for the 2021-2023 fiscal
 14 biennium for the purposes of providing Transitional Living Services through
 15 the Youth Villages Transitional Living Model to youth aging out of foster
 16 care.
- 17 (3) Impact Measurement and Evaluation, which are services funded through
 18 private partners to provide independent measurement and evaluation of the
 19 impact the Youth Villages Transitional Living Model has on the youth served,
 20 the foster care system, and on other programs and services provided by the
 21 State which are utilized by former foster care youth.
- 22 (4) Advancement of Evidence-Based Process, which is the implementation and
 23 ongoing evaluation of the Youth Villages Transitional Living Model for the
 24 purposes of establishing the first evidence-based transitional living program
 25 in the nation. To establish the evidence-based program, additional randomized
 26 controlled trials may be conducted to advance the model.

27 **SECTION 9L.8.(b)** No more than fifteen percent (15%) of the total State funds
 28 appropriated in this act for the Foster Care Transitional Living Initiative Fund in accordance with
 29 this section shall be used for administrative costs.

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 31 **PERMANENCY INNOVATION INITIATIVE**

32 **SECTION 9L.9.(a)** G.S. 131D-10.9B reads as rewritten:

33 **"§ 131D-10.9B. Permanency Innovation Initiative Fund.**

34 (a) There is created the Permanency Innovation Initiative Fund that will support a
 35 ~~demonstration~~ project with services provided by Children's Home Society of North Carolina to
 36 (i) improve permanency outcomes for children living in foster care through reunification with
 37 parents, providing placement or guardianship with other relatives, or adoption, (ii) improve
 38 engagement with biological relatives of children in or at risk of entering foster care, and (iii)
 39 reduce costs associated with maintaining children in foster care. In implementing these goals, the
 40 Permanency Innovation Initiative Fund shall support the following strategies:

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42 (a1) No more than fifteen percent (15%) of the State funds appropriated for this program
 43 shall be used for administrative costs.

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45 **SECTION 9L.9.(b)** Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and
 46 Human Services, Division of Social Services, for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for
 47 the Permanency Innovation Initiative Fund shall be supplemented, not supplanted, by all
 48 available federal matching funds.

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 50 **REPORT ON CERTAIN SNAP AND TANF EXPENDITURES**

1 **SECTION 9I.10.(a)** Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and
2 Human Services, Division of Social Services (Division), for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal
3 biennium for a report on certain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and
4 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) expenditures shall be allocated for vendor
5 costs to generate the data regarding expenditures of those programs. The vendor shall generate
6 data to be submitted to the Division that includes, at a minimum, each of the following:

- 7 (1) The dollar amount and number of transactions accessed or expended
8 out-of-state, by state, for both SNAP benefits and TANF benefits.
- 9 (2) The amount of benefits expended out-of-state, by state, from active cases for
10 both SNAP and TANF.
- 11 (3) The dollar amount and number of transactions of benefits accessed or
12 expended in this State, by types of retailers or institutions, for both SNAP and
13 TANF.

14 **SECTION 9I.10.(b)** Upon receiving the expenditures data for SNAP and TANF
15 from the vendor, the Division shall evaluate the data. After evaluating the expenditures data, the
16 Division shall submit a report on its analysis of the data by June 30 and December 31 of each
17 year to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal
18 Research Division. The Division shall post its report required by this subsection on its website
19 and otherwise make the data available by June 30 and December 31 of each year. In the first
20 report required by this section, the Division shall report how this data is used to investigate fraud
21 and abuse in both SNAP and TANF. The Division shall also report on other types of data and
22 how that data is utilized in the detection of fraud and abuse.

23 **SECTION 9I.10.(c)** The Division shall maintain the confidentiality of information
24 not public under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. The Division shall properly redact any
25 information subject to reporting under this section to prevent identification of individual
26 recipients of SNAP or TANF benefits.

27 **INCREASE FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE RATES**

28 **SECTION 9I.11.** Effective October 1, 2021, G.S. 108A-49.1 reads as rewritten:

29 **"§ 108A-49.1. Foster care and adoption assistance payment rates.**

30 (a) The maximum rates for State participation in the foster care assistance program are
31 established on a graduated scale as follows:

- 32 (1) ~~\$475.00~~ \$514.00 per child per month for children from birth through five
33 years of age.
- 34 (2) ~~\$581.00~~ \$654.00 per child per month for children six through 12 years of age.
- 35 (3) ~~\$634.00~~ \$698.00 per child per month for children at least 13 but less than 21
36 years of age.

37 (b) The maximum rates for the State adoption assistance program are established
38 consistent with the foster care rates as follows:

- 39 (1) ~~\$475.00~~ \$514.00 per child per month for children from birth through five
40 years of age.
- 41 (2) ~~\$581.00~~ \$654.00 per child per month for children six through 12 years of age.
- 42 (3) ~~\$634.00~~ \$698.00 per child per month for children at least 13 but less than 21
43 years of age.

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45 **CHILD WELFARE/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PILOT PROJECT**

46 **SECTION 9I.12.(a)** From funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health
47 and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the Division of
48 Social Services, in collaboration with the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities,
49 and Substance Abuse Services, shall establish a two-year child welfare and behavioral health
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1 pilot project that will provide easier access to comprehensive health services for children in foster
2 care by (i) creating better continuity of care, (ii) providing an alternative to therapeutic foster
3 care, and (iii) ensuring care and services are available without disruption to a child's foster care
4 placement while accessing services needed to treat the child's trauma. Four counties shall
5 participate in the pilot project, which shall include Davie, Forsyth, Rockingham, and Stokes.

6 **SECTION 9L.12.(b)** The purpose of the pilot project is to establish a
7 trauma-informed integrated health foster care model to facilitate partnerships between county
8 departments of social services and local management entities/managed care organizations
9 (LME/MCOs) regarding children placed in foster care that will do each of the following:

- 10 (1) Address safety and health needs of children with the application of
11 trauma-informed tools.
- 12 (2) Address appropriate preventive and medical care for children placed in foster
13 care.
- 14 (3) Address other social determinants of health, specifically those related to
15 education and social development.
- 16 (4) Meet the goals of Medicaid Transformation, Child Welfare Reform, and the
17 federal Families First Prevention Services Act (Family First Act).
- 18 (5) Provide for collaboration across agencies, including private behavioral health
19 providers, health systems, and agencies of social determinants of health.
- 20 (6) Allow for the development of alternative funding models and service
21 definitions.
- 22 (7) Allow for behavioral health services in family foster homes augmented with
23 mental health services.
- 24 (8) Allow for wraparound services for the child to support a singular, unified goal
25 of children in foster care having a single placement.
- 26 (9) Assign dedicated care coordination to each county social services agency.

27 **SECTION 9L.12.(c)** The Division of Social Services and the Division of Mental
28 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services shall submit a progress report
29 on the pilot project established under this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
30 on Health and Human Services (Committee) by April 1, 2022, and submit a final report to the
31 Committee by October 1, 2023, that, at a minimum, includes each of the following:

- 32 (1) The average cost of providing alternatives to therapeutic foster care.
- 33 (2) An outline of enhanced services offered and developed during the pilot
34 project, including barriers and challenges.
- 35 (3) The outcomes achieved from the pilot project.
- 36 (4) A plan outlining the potential for replication across other counties, including
37 cost-modeling recommendations.

38 **REGIONAL SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT OF CHILD WELFARE SERVICES**

39 **SECTION 9L.13.(a)** In accordance with the plan submitted by the Social Services
40 Regional Supervision and Collaboration Working Group (SSWG) in its report on March 31,
41 2019, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services as required
42 by S.L. 2017-41 (Rylan's Law), the Department of Health and Human Services (Department)
43 shall establish seven regions for regional supervision of child welfare and social services and
44 begin providing oversight and support within those regions through State regional staff and the
45 central office team by March 1, 2022. To that end, the Department shall continue, pursuant to
46 existing authority, with (i) redeploying positions identified in the report to support regionalization
47 and all managerial staff needed to support regionalization in the central office and (ii) repurposing
48 corresponding operating expenses. The Department shall pursue procurement of physical offices
49 within each of the seven regions beginning in March 2023 and shall prioritize staffing to improve
50 the child welfare system. The Department shall move towards full implementation of a regional
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1 model, with offices, by March 1, 2024. The Department shall use existing funds to provide staff
2 to improve regional supervision and support of child welfare services pursuant to the plan as
3 described in this subsection.

4 **SECTION 9L.13.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
5 Social Services (Division), and the North Carolina Association of Regional Councils of
6 Governments (Councils of Governments) shall explore entering into a memorandum of
7 agreement to (i) utilize Councils of Governments' physical office space and office-related needs
8 for Division staff and (ii) facilitate cooperation between regions and evaluate the estimated costs
9 by region for the office space and sample agreements between the Division and the Councils of
10 Governments.

11 **SECTION 9L.13.(c)** The Division of Social Services shall submit a report to the
12 chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services and the House
13 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2022, on the estimated
14 costs, by region, for office space and sample agreements as described in subsection (b) of this
15 section.

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17 **ALLOW SIBLINGS OVER 10 YEARS OF AGE BUT UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO**
18 **PARTICIPATE IN ECKERD KIDS AND CARING FOR CHILDREN'S ANGEL**
19 **WATCH PROGRAM**

20 **SECTION 9L.14.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social
21 Services, shall use funds provided in this act for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to
22 provide continued support of the Eckerd Kids and Caring for Children's Angel Watch program,
23 a foster care program for children who are ages 0 to 10 years of age who are not in the custody
24 of a county department of social services and whose families are temporarily unable to care for
25 them due to a crisis. These funds shall also be used to allow the sibling of a child in the Eckerd
26 Kids and Caring for Children's Angel Watch program who is older than 10 years of age but under
27 18 years of age to participate in the program. No more than fifteen percent (15%) of the State
28 funds appropriated for this program shall be used for administrative costs.

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30 **DEPLOY CHILD WELFARE COMPONENT OF NC FAST**

31 **SECTION 9L.15.(a)** Funds allocated in Section 9B.2 of this act shall be used by the
32 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (Division), to resume
33 deployment of the North Carolina Families Accessing Services through Technology (NC FAST)
34 system as it relates to case management functionality for child welfare. The Division shall deploy
35 the child welfare case management component of the NC FAST system statewide before July 1,
36 2022, as recommended in the Department of Health and Human Services' "Child Welfare
37 Request for Information and Child Welfare Case Management Legislative Report," dated
38 September 14, 2020, and the Program Evaluation Division's Report, "NC FAST Child Welfare
39 Case Management Software Demonstrates Adequate Functionality but Poor Usability," dated
40 June 12, 2020.

41 **SECTION 9L.15.(b)** The Division of Social Services (Division) shall release a
42 request for proposal (RFP) for at least one significant augmentation to the child welfare
43 component of the NC FAST system before October 1, 2021. The Division shall enter into a
44 contract to augment and enhance the child welfare case management component of the NC FAST
45 system before January 1, 2022. The contract shall align with the recommendations developed by
46 the Executive Advisory Committee within the Department, with consideration given to software
47 currently deployed by county departments of social services.

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49 **PART IX-J. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES**

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51 **USE OF EXISTING POSITIONS/BENEFITS COUNSELING**

1 **SECTION 9J.1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
2 Vocational Rehabilitation (Division), shall convert existing vacant positions from within the
3 Division into full-time, permanent benefits counselors to assist individuals with disabilities in
4 their employment efforts and understanding of available support services.

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6 **PART IX-K. HHS MISCELLANEOUS**

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8 **MEDICAL BILLING TRANSPARENCY**

9 **SECTION 9K.1.(a)** Article 3 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by
10 adding a new section to read:

11 **"§ 58-3-295. Contract requirements for limitations on billing by in-network health services**
12 **facilities.**

13 (a) The following definitions apply in this section:

14 (1) Health care provider. – Any individual licensed, registered, or certified under
15 Chapter 90 of the General Statutes, or under the laws of another state, to
16 provide health care services in the ordinary care of business or practice, as a
17 profession, or in an approved education or training program in any of the
18 following:

19 a. Anesthesia or anesthesiology.

20 b. Emergency services, as defined in G.S. 58-3-190(g).

21 c. Pathology.

22 d. Radiology.

23 e. Rendering assistance to a physician performing any of the services
24 listed in this subdivision.

25 (2) Health services facility. – As defined in G.S. 131E-176(9b) and including any
26 office location.

27 (3) Out-of-network provider. – A health care provider that has not entered into a
28 contract or agreement with an insurer to participate in one of the insurer's
29 provider networks for the provision of health care services at a pre-negotiated
30 rate.

31 (b) All contracts or agreements for participation as an in-network health services facility
32 between an insurer offering health benefit plans in this State and a health services facility at
33 which there are out-of-network providers who may be part of the provision of services to an
34 insured while receiving care at the health services facility shall require that an in-network health
35 services facility shall give at least 72 hours' advanced written notification to an insured that has
36 scheduled an appointment at that health services facility of any out-of-network provider who will
37 be part of the provision of the insured's health care services. If there is not at least 72 hours
38 between the scheduling of the appointment and the appointment, then the in-network health
39 services facility shall give the written notice to the insured on the day the appointment is
40 scheduled. In the case of emergency services, the health services facility shall give written notice
41 to the insured as soon as reasonably possible. The written notice required by this subsection shall
42 include all of the following:

43 (1) All of the health care providers that will be rendering services to the insured
44 that are not participating as in-network health care providers in the applicable
45 insurer's network.

46 (2) The estimated cost to the insured of the services being rendered by the
47 out-of-network providers identified in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

48 (c) If any provision of this section conflicts with the federal Consolidated Appropriations
49 Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260, and any amendments to that act or regulations promulgated pursuant to
50 that act, then the provisions of P.L. 116-260 will be applied."

1 **SECTION 9K.1.(b)** This section becomes effective January 1, 2022, and applies to
2 contracts entered into, amended, or renewed on or after that date.

3
4 **ALLOW EMPLOYERS TO OFFER EPO BENEFIT PLANS**

5 **SECTION 9K.2.(a)** Article 50 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding two new sections to read:

7 **"§ 58-50-56.1. Exclusive provider organizations, exclusive provider benefit plans.**

8 (a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

9 (1) Exclusive provider benefit plan. – A health benefit plan offered by an insurer
10 in which insureds must receive covered services from health care providers
11 who are under a contract with the insurer and under which there is no
12 requirement of coverage for care received from a health care provider who is
13 not under contract with the insurer, except for emergency services as required
14 by G.S. 58-3-190 and medically necessary covered services as required by
15 G.S. 58-3-200(d).

16 (2) Exclusive provider organization or EPO. – An insurer holding contracts with
17 providers to be used by or offered to insurers offering exclusive provider
18 benefit plans.

19 (3) Insurer. – An insurer or service corporation subject to this Chapter.

20 (4) Participating provider. – A health care provider who has agreed to accept
21 special reimbursement or other terms for health care services from an insurer
22 for health care services; however, a participating provider is not a health care
23 provider participating in any prepaid health service or capitation arrangement
24 implemented or administered by the Department of Health and Human
25 Services or its representatives.

26 (b) Insurers may enter into contracts for an exclusive provider organization with licensed
27 health care providers of all kinds without regard to specialty of services or limitation to a specific
28 type of practice. A contract for an exclusive provider organization that is not disapproved by the
29 Commissioner within 90 days of its filing by the insurer shall be deemed to be approved.

30 (c) Any provision of a contract between an insurer offering an exclusive provider benefit
31 plan and a health care provider that restricts the provider's right to enter into provider contracts
32 with other persons is prohibited, is void ab initio, and is not enforceable. The existence of that
33 restriction does not invalidate any other provision of the contract.

34 (d) Every insurer offering an exclusive provider benefit plan and contracting with an EPO
35 shall require by contract that the EPO provide all of the participating providers with whom it
36 holds contracts information about the insurer and the insurer's exclusive provider benefit plans.
37 This information shall include for each insurer and participating provider benefit plan the benefit
38 designs and incentives that are used to encourage insureds to use participating providers.

39 (e) The Commissioner's rules adopted and applicable for preferred provider
40 organizations related to provider accessibility for the insured group, adequacy of providers,
41 availability of services at reasonable times, and financial solvency shall apply for exclusive
42 provider organizations.

43 (f) Each insurer offering an exclusive provider benefit plan shall provide the
44 Commissioner with summary data about the financial reimbursements offered to health care
45 providers. All such insurers shall annually disclose the following information:

46 (1) The name by which the exclusive provider benefit plan is known and its
47 business address.

48 (2) The name, address, and nature of any separate organization that administers
49 any preferred provider benefit plan for the insurer.

50 (3) The terms of the agreements entered into by the insurer with providers in an
51 exclusive provider organization.

1 (4) Any other information necessary to determine compliance with this section,
2 rules adopted under this section, or other requirements applicable to preferred
3 provider benefit plans.

4 (g) Each insurer shall include a clear statement in any application and any benefit
5 booklets for exclusive provider benefit plans that out-of-network coverage for insureds in the
6 exclusive provider benefit plan only applies for (i) emergency services and (ii) medically
7 necessary covered services when an in-network provider is not reasonably available.

8 (h) Any provisions of this Chapter that apply to preferred provider benefit plans or
9 preferred provider organizations as of July 1, 2021, shall also apply to exclusive provider benefit
10 plans or exclusive provider organizations.

11 **"§ 58-50-56.2. Exclusive provider organization continuity of care.**

12 (a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

13 (1) Ongoing special condition. – One of the following conditions:

14 a. An acute illness that is serious enough to require medical care or
15 treatment to avoid a reasonable possibility of death or permanent harm.

16 b. A chronic illness, disease, or condition that is life-threatening,
17 degenerative, or disabling and that requires medical care or treatment
18 over a prolonged period of time.

19 c. Pregnancy from the start of the second trimester.

20 d. A terminal illness for which an individual has a medical prognosis of
21 a life expectancy of six months or less.

22 (2) Terminated or termination. – The expiration or nonrenewal of a contract. The
23 term does not include an ending of the contract by an insurer for failure to
24 meet applicable quality standards or for fraud.

25 (b) Termination of a Provider. – If (i) a contract between an insurer and a health care
26 provider offering an exclusive provider benefit plan is terminated by the provider or by the
27 insurer, or benefits or coverage provided by the insurer are terminated because of a change in the
28 terms of provider participation in an insurer's exclusive provider benefit plan and (ii) an insured
29 is undergoing treatment from the provider for an ongoing special condition on the date of
30 termination, then the following shall apply:

31 (1) Upon termination of the contract by the insurer or upon receipt by the insurer
32 of written notification of termination by the provider, the insurer shall notify
33 the insured on a timely basis of the termination and of the insured's right to
34 elect continuation of coverage of treatment by the provider. This subdivision
35 shall apply only if the insured has a claim with the insurer for services
36 provided by the terminated provider or the insured is otherwise known by the
37 insurer to be a patient of the terminated provider.

38 (2) Subject to subsection (h) of this section, the insurer shall permit an insured to
39 elect to continue to be covered with respect to the treatment by the terminated
40 provider for the ongoing special condition during a transitional period, as
41 provided under this section.

42 (c) Newly Covered Insured. – Each exclusive provider benefit plan offered by an insurer
43 shall provide transition coverage to individuals who (i) are newly covered under an exclusive
44 provider benefit plan because the individual's employer has changed benefit plans and (ii) are
45 undergoing treatment from a provider for an ongoing special condition. On the date of
46 enrollment, an insurer shall notify the newly covered insured of (i) the right to elect continuation
47 of coverage of treatment by a provider that is not contracted with the exclusive provider benefit
48 plan and (ii) the method and time line by which the insured should contact the insurer. Subject
49 to subsection (h) of this section, the insurer shall permit the newly covered insured to elect to
50 continue to be covered with respect to the treatment by the provider of the ongoing special
51 condition during a transitional period, as provided under this section.

1 (d) Transitional Period: In General. – Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
2 length of a transitional period provided under this subsection shall be determined by the treating
3 health care provider, so long as it does not exceed 90 days after the date of the notice to the
4 individual described in subdivision (b)(1) of this section or the date of enrollment in a new plan
5 described in subsection (c) of this section.

6 (e) Transitional Period: Scheduled Surgery, Organ Transplantation, or Inpatient Care. –
7 If surgery, organ transplantation, or other inpatient care was scheduled for an individual, or if the
8 individual was on an established waiting list for surgery, organ transplantation, or other inpatient
9 care, before the date of the notice required under subdivision (b)(1) of this section or the date of
10 enrollment described in subsection (c) of this section, then the transitional period under this
11 subsection with respect to the surgery, transplantation, or other inpatient care shall extend
12 through the date of discharge of the individual after completion of the surgery, transplantation,
13 or other inpatient care, and through post discharge follow-up care related to the surgery,
14 transplantation, or other inpatient care occurring within 90 days after the date of discharge.

15 (f) Transitional Period: Pregnancy. – If an individual has entered the second trimester of
16 pregnancy on or before the date of the notice required under subdivision (b)(1) of this section or
17 the date of enrollment in a new plan described in subsection (c) of this section, and the provider
18 was treating the pregnancy before the date of the notice or the date of enrollment in the plan, then
19 the transitional period with respect to the provider's treatment of the pregnancy shall extend
20 through the provision of 60 days of postpartum care.

21 (g) Transitional Period: Terminal Illness. – If an individual was determined to be
22 terminally ill at the time of a provider's termination of participation under subsection (b) of this
23 section or at the time of enrollment in the plan under subsection (c) of this section, and the
24 provider was treating the terminal illness before the date of the termination or enrollment in the
25 plan, then the transitional period shall extend for the remainder of the individual's life with respect
26 to care directly related to the treatment of the terminal illness or its medical manifestations.

27 (h) Permissible Terms and Conditions. – An insurer may condition coverage of continued
28 treatment by a provider under subsection (b) or subsection (c) of this section upon the following
29 terms and conditions:

30 (1) When care is provided pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the provider
31 agrees to accept reimbursement from the insurer and, with respect to
32 cost-sharing, from the insured involved at the rates applicable before the start
33 of the transitional period as payment in full.

34 (2) When care is provided pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the provider
35 agrees to accept the prevailing rate based on contracts the insurer has with the
36 same or similar providers in the same or similar geographic area or the PPO
37 or other rate agreed to by the provider and insurer, if applicable, plus the
38 applicable copayment from the newly covered insured, as reimbursement in
39 full from the insurer and the insured for all covered services.

40 (3) The provider agrees to comply with the quality assurance programs of the
41 insurer responsible for payment under this subsection and to provide to the
42 insurer necessary medical information related to the care provided. The
43 insurer's quality assurance programs shall not override the professional or
44 ethical responsibility of the provider or interfere with the provider's ability to
45 provide information or assistance to the insured.

46 (4) The provider agrees to adhere to the insurer's established policies and
47 procedures for participating providers, including procedures regarding
48 referrals and obtaining prior authorization, providing services pursuant to a
49 treatment plan approved by the insurer, and member hold harmless provisions.

50 (5) The receipt of notification from the insured within 45 days of the date of the
51 notice described in subdivision (b)(1) of this section or the new enrollment

described in subsection (c) of this section that the insured elects to continue receiving treatment by the provider.

(6) The provider agrees to discontinue providing services at the end of the transition period and to assist the insured in an orderly transition to a network provider. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the insured from continuing to receive services from the provider at the insured's expense.

(i) Construction. – Nothing in this section shall be construed to do any of the following:

(1) Require the coverage of benefits that would not have been covered if the provider involved remained a participating provider or, in the case of a newly covered insured, require the coverage of benefits not provided under the policy in which the newly covered insured is enrolled.

(2) Require an insurer to offer a transitional period when the insurer terminates a provider's contract for reasons relating to quality of care or fraud. Refusal by an insurer to offer a transitional period under these circumstances is not subject to the grievance review provisions of G.S. 58-50-62.

(3) Prohibit an insurer from extending any transitional period beyond that specified in this section.

(4) Prohibit an insurer from terminating the continuing services of a provider when the insurer has determined that the provider's continued provision of services may result in, or is resulting in, a serious danger to the health or safety of the insured. A termination for these reasons shall be in accordance with the contract provisions that the provider would otherwise be subject to if the provider's contract were still in effect.

(j) Disclosure of Right to Transitional Period. – Each insurer shall include a clear description of an insured's rights under this section in its evidence of coverage and summary plan description."

SECTION 9K.2.(b) The Department of Insurance may adopt temporary rules to implement this section.

SECTION 9K.2.(c) This section becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to insurance contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

PART IX-L. DHHS BLOCK GRANTS

DHHS BLOCK GRANTS

SECTION 9L.1.(a) Except as otherwise provided, appropriations from federal Block Grant funds are made for each year of the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2023, according to the following schedule:

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) FUNDS	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
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Local Program Expenditures

Division of Social Services

01. Work First Family Assistance	\$35,549,914	\$35,549,914
02. Work First County Block Grants	80,093,566	80,093,566
03. Work First Electing Counties	2,378,213	2,378,213

1	04. Adoption Services – Special Children		
2	Adoption Fund	4,197,750	4,001,676
3			
4	05. Child Protective Services – Child Welfare		
5	Workers for Local DSS	11,583,264	11,387,190
6			
7	06. Child Welfare Program Improvement Plan	775,176	775,176
8			
9	07. Child Welfare Collaborative	400,000	400,000
10			
11	08. Child Welfare Initiatives	1,400,000	1,400,000
12			
13	Division of Child Development and Early Education		
14			
15	09. Subsidized Child Care Program	45,813,694	45,813,694
16			
17	10. Swap-Child Care Subsidy	12,600,000	12,600,000
18			
19	11. NC Pre-K Services	68,300,000	68,300,000
20			
21	Division of Public Health		
22			
23	12. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiatives	3,450,000	3,450,000
24			
25	DHHS Administration		
26			
27	13. Division of Social Services	2,482,260	2,482,260
28			
29	14. Office of the Secretary	34,042	34,042
30			
31	15. Eligibility Systems – Operations and		
32	Maintenance	792,978	713,662
33			
34	16. NC FAST Implementation	443,940	836,088
35			
36	17. Division of Social Services – Workforce		
37	Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)	93,216	93,216
38			
39	18. Division of Social Services TANF Modernization	2,000,000	2,000,000
40			
41	Transfers to Other Block Grants		
42			
43	Division of Child Development and Early Education		
44			
45	19. Transfer to the Child Care and		
46	Development Fund	21,773,001	21,773,001
47			
48	Division of Social Services		
49			
50	20. Transfer to Social Services Block		
51	Grant for Child Protective Services –		

1	Training	285,612	285,612
2			
3	21. Transfer to Social Services Block		
4	Grant for Child Protective Services	5,040,000	5,040,000
5			
6	22. Transfer to Social Services Block		
7	Grant for County Departments of		
8	Social Services for Children's Services	13,097,783	13,097,783
9			
10	23. Transfer to Social Services Block		
11	Grant – Foster Care Services	3,422,219	3,422,219
12			
13	24. Transfer to Social Services Block	1,582,000	1,582,000
14	Grant – Child Advocacy Centers		
15			
16	TOTAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR		
17	NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) FUNDS	\$317,588,628	\$317,509,312
18			
19	TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)		
20	EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY FUNDS		
21			
22	Local Program Expenditures		
23			
24	Division of Child Development and Early Education		
25			
26	01. Subsidized Child Care	\$30,043,764	\$30,043,764
27			
28	TOTAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR		
29	NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) EMERGENCY		
30	CONTINGENCY FUNDS	\$30,043,764	\$30,043,764
31			
32	SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT		
33			
34	Local Program Expenditures		
35			
36	Divisions of Social Services and Aging and Adult Services		
37			
38	01. County Departments of Social Services	\$19,905,849	\$19,905,849
39			
40	02. County Departments of Social Services		
41	(Nonrecurring)	1,300,000	1,300,000
42			
43	03. County Departments of Social Services		
44	(Transfer From TANF)	\$13,097,783	\$13,097,783
45			
46	04. EBCI Tribal Public Health and Human Services	244,740	244,740
47			
48	05. Child Protective Services		
49	(Transfer From TANF)	5,040,000	5,040,000
50			
51	06. State In-Home Services Fund	1,943,950	1,943,950

1			
2	07. Adult Protective Services	2,138,404	2,138,404
3			
4	08. State Adult Day Care Fund	1,994,084	1,994,084
5			
6	09. Child Protective Services/CPS		
7	Investigative Services – Child Medical		
8	Evaluation Program	901,868	901,868
9			
10	10. Special Children Adoption Incentive Fund	462,600	462,600
11			
12	11. Child Protective Services – Child		
13	Welfare Training for Counties		
14	(Transfer From TANF)	285,612	285,612
15			
16	12. Home and Community Care Block		
17	Grant (HCCBG)	2,696,888	2,696,888
18			
19	13. Child Advocacy Centers		
20	(Transfer from TANF \$1,582,000)	1,582,000	1,582,000
21			
22	14. Guardianship – Division of Social Services	1,802,671	1,802,671
23			
24	15. Foster Care Services		
25	(Transfer From TANF)	3,422,219	3,422,219
26			
27	Division of Central Management and Support		
28			
29	16. DHHS Competitive Block Grants		
30	for Nonprofits	4,774,525	4,774,525
31			
32	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services		
33			
34	17. Mental Health Services – Adult and		
35	Child/Developmental Disabilities Program/		
36	Substance Abuse Services – Adult	4,149,595	4,149,595
37			
38	DHHS Program Expenditures		
39			
40	Division of Services for the Blind		
41			
42	18. Independent Living Program	3,603,793	3,603,793
43			
44	Division of Health Service Regulation		
45			
46	19. Adult Care Licensure Program	557,598	557,598
47			
48	20. Mental Health Licensure and		
49	Certification Program	266,158	266,158
50			
51	Division of Aging and Adult Services		

1			
2	21. Guardianship	3,825,443	3,825,443
3			
4	DHHS Administration		
5			
6	22. Division of Aging and Adult Services	715,422	715,422
7			
8	23. Division of Social Services	1,019,764	1,019,764
9			
10	24. Office of the Secretary/Controller's Office	636,920	636,920
11			
12	25. Legislative Increases/Fringe Benefits	293,655	293,655
13			
14	26. Division of Child Development and		
15	Early Education	13,878	13,878
16			
17	27. Division of Mental Health, Developmental		
18	Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services	27,446	27,446
19			
20	28. Division of Health Service Regulation	133,620	133,620
21			
22	29. Division of Services for the Blind and Services		
23	for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	127,010	127,010
24			
25	TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT	\$76,963,495	\$76,963,495
26			
27	LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT		
28			
29	Local Program Expenditures		
30			
31	Division of Social Services		
32			
33	01. Low-Income Energy Assistance		
34	Program (LIEAP)	\$49,582,017	\$49,257,600
35			
36	02. Crisis Intervention Program (CIP)	32,980,981	32,764,751
37			
38	Local Administration		
39			
40	Division of Social Services		
41			
42	03. County DSS Administration	6,769,114	6,724,735
43			
44	DHHS Administration		
45			
46	Division of Central Management and Support		
47			
48	04. Division of Social Services	10,000	10,000
49			
50	05. Office of the Secretary/DIRM (Accountable Results for		
51	Community Action (AR4CA) Replacement System)	50,000	166,750

1			
2	06. Office of the Secretary/DIRM	278,954	278,954
3			
4	07. Office of the Secretary/Controller's Office	18,378	18,378
5			
6	08. NC FAST Development	650,388	1,224,912
7			
8	09. NC FAST Operations and Maintenance	1,571,780	1,414,567
9			
10	Transfers to Other State Agencies		
11			
12	Department of Environmental Quality		
13			
14	10. Weatherization Program	8,751,347	8,693,972
15			
16	11. Heating Air Repair and Replacement		
17	Program (HARRP)	5,830,717	5,792,490
18			
19	12. Local Residential Energy Efficiency Service		
20	Providers – Weatherization	527,190	523,733
21			
22	13. Local Residential Energy Efficiency Service		
23	Providers – HARRP	284,682	282,816
24			
25	14. DEQ – Weatherization Administration	527,190	523,733
26			
27	15. DEQ – HARRP Administration	284,682	282,816
28			
29	Department of Administration		
30			
31	16. N.C. Commission on Indian Affairs	87,736	87,736
32			
33	TOTAL LOW-INCOME ENERGY		
34	ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT	\$108,205,156	\$108,047,943
35			
36	CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND BLOCK GRANT		
37			
38	Local Program Expenditures		
39			
40	Division of Child Development and Early Education		
41			
42	01. Child Care Services	\$241,041,643	\$240,907,680
43			
44	02. Smart Start Subsidy	7,392,654	7,392,654
45			
46	03. Transfer from TANF Block Grant		
47	for Child Care Subsidies	21,773,001	21,773,001
48			
49	04. Quality and Availability Initiatives		
50	(TEACH Program \$3,800,000)	51,808,870	52,143,470
51			

1	DHHS Administration		
2			
3	Division of Child Development and Early Education		
4			
5	05. DCDEE Administrative Expenses	9,376,286	9,376,286
6			
7	06. Direct Deposit for Child Care Payments	5,000	5,000
8			
9	Division of Social Services		
10			
11	07. Local Subsidized Child Care		
12	Services Support	18,780,355	18,780,355
13			
14	Division of Central Management and Support		
15			
16	08. NC FAST Operations and Maintenance	1,201,697	1,201,697
17			
18	09. DHHS Central Administration – DIRM		
19	Technical Services	979,762	979,762
20			
21	10. DHHS Central Administration	7,346	7,346
22			
23	Division of Public Health		
24			
25	11. Child Care Health Consultation Contracts	62,205	62,205
26			
27	TOTAL CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT		
28	FUND BLOCK GRANT	\$352,428,819	\$352,629,456
29			
30	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT		
31			
32	Local Program Expenditures		
33			
34	01. Mental Health Services – Child	\$5,460,328	\$4,432,011
35			
36	02. Mental Health Services – Adult/Child	26,858,142	17,126,399
37			
38	03. Mental Health Services – First		
39	Psychotic Symptom Treatment	4,205,369	2,615,497
40			
41	DHHS Administration		
42			
43	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services		
44			
45	04. Crisis Services	1,569,298	1,307,749
46			
47	05. Adult/Child Mental Health Services	350,150	350,150
48			
49	06. Administration	323,120	323,120
50			
51	TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES		

1	BLOCK GRANT	\$38,766,407	\$26,154,926
2			
3	SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT		
4			
5	Local Program Expenditures		
6			
7	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services		
8			
9	01. Substance Abuse – IV Drug	\$2,550,915	\$2,550,915
10			
11	02. Substance Abuse Prevention	16,594,705	10,999,983
12			
13	03. Substance Abuse Services – Treatment for		
14	Children/Adults		
15	(First Step Farm of WNC, Inc. \$100,000)	60,846,746	38,467,860
16			
17	04. Crisis Solutions Initiatives – Collegiate		
18	Wellness/Addiction Recovery	1,085,000	1,085,000
19			
20	05. Crisis Solutions Initiatives – Community		
21	Paramedic Mobile Crisis Management	20,000	20,000
22			
23	DHHS Program Expenditures		
24			
25	Division of Central Management and Support		
26			
27	06. Competitive Grants	1,600,000	1,600,000
28			
29	DHHS Administration		
30			
31	Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services		
32			
33	07. Administration	1,320,452	1,320,452
34			
35	08. Controlled Substance Reporting System		
36	Enhancement	427,655	427,655
37			
38	09. Veterans Initiatives	250,000	250,000
39			
40	TOTAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION		
41	AND TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT	\$84,695,473	\$56,721,865
42			
43	MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT		
44			
45	Local Program Expenditures		
46			
47	Division of Public Health		
48			
49	01. Women's and Children's Health Services		
50	(Safe Sleep Campaign \$45,000; Sickle Cell		
51	Centers \$100,000; Prevent Blindness \$575,000;		

1	March of Dimes \$350,000; Teen Pregnancy		
2	Prevention Initiatives \$650,000;		
3	17P Project \$52,000; Nurse-Family		
4	Partnership \$950,000; Perinatal & Neonatal		
5	Outreach Coordinator Contracts \$440,000;		
6	Mountain Area Pregnancy Services \$50,000)	\$14,778,973	\$14,778,973
7			
8	02. Oral Health	48,227	48,227
9			
10	03. Evidence-Based Programs in Counties		
11	With Highest Infant Mortality Rates	1,575,000	1,575,000
12			
13	DHHS Program Expenditures		
14			
15	04. Children's Health Services	1,427,323	1,427,323
16			
17	05. Women's Health – Maternal Health	169,864	169,864
18			
19	06. Women's and Children's Health – Perinatal		
20	Strategic Plan Support Position	73,920	73,920
21			
22	07. State Center for Health Statistics	158,583	158,583
23			
24	08. Health Promotion – Injury and		
25	Violence Prevention	87,271	87,271
26			
27	DHHS Administration		
28			
29	09. Division of Public Health Administration	552,571	552,571
30			
31	TOTAL MATERNAL AND CHILD		
32	HEALTH BLOCK GRANT	\$18,871,732	\$18,871,732
33			
34	PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT		
35			
36	Local Program Expenditures		
37			
38	01. Physical Activity and Prevention	\$3,030,116	\$3,081,442
39			
40	02. Injury and Violence Prevention		
41	(Services to Rape Victims – Set-Aside)	160,000	160,000
42			
43	DHHS Program Expenditures		
44			
45	Division of Public Health		
46			
47	03. HIV/STD Prevention and		
48	Community Planning	137,648	137,648
49			
50	04. Oral Health Preventive Services	150,000	150,000
51			

1	05. Laboratory Services – Testing,		
2	Training, and Consultation	21,000	21,000
3			
4	06. Injury and Violence Prevention		
5	(Services to Rape Victims – Set-Aside)	53,206	53,206
6			
7	07. Performance Improvement and		
8	Accountability	592,123	592,123
9			
10	08. State Center for Health Statistics	82,505	82,505
11			
12	DHHS Administration		
13			
14	Division of Public Health		
15			
16	09. Division of Public Health	65,000	65,000
17			
18	TOTAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH		
19	SERVICES BLOCK GRANT	\$4,291,598	\$4,342,924
20			
21	COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT		
22			
23	01. Community Action Agencies	\$20,916,673	\$20,916,673
24			
25	02. Limited Purpose Agencies/Discretionary Funding	616,599	355,321
26			
27	03. Office of Economic Opportunity	1,004,543	1,004,543
28			
29	04. Office of the Secretary/DIRM (Accountable Results for		
30	Community Action (AR4CA) Replacement System)	327,944	589,222
31			
32	05. Office of Economic Opportunity – Workforce		
33	Investment Opportunities Act (WIOA)	60,000	60,000
34			
35	TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES		
36	BLOCK GRANT	\$22,925,759	\$22,925,759
37			
38	GENERAL PROVISIONS		
39	SECTION 9L.1.(b) Information to Be Included in Block Grant Plans. – The		
40	Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a separate plan for each Block Grant		
41	received and administered by the Department, and each plan shall include the following:		
42	(1) A delineation of the proposed allocations by program or activity, including		
43	State and federal match requirements.		
44	(2) A delineation of the proposed State and local administrative expenditures.		
45	(3) An identification of all new positions to be established through the Block		
46	Grant, including permanent, temporary, and time-limited positions.		
47	(4) A comparison of the proposed allocations by program or activity with two		
48	prior years' program and activity budgets and two prior years' actual program		
49	or activity expenditures.		
50	(5) A projection of current year expenditures by program or activity.		

- 1 (6) A projection of federal Block Grant funds available, including unspent federal
2 funds from the current and prior fiscal years.
- 3 (7) The required amount of maintenance of effort and the amount of funds
4 qualifying for maintenance of effort in the previous year delineated by
5 program or activity.

6 **SECTION 9L.1.(c)** Changes in Federal Fund Availability. – If the Congress of the
7 United States increases the federal fund availability for any of the Block Grants or contingency
8 funds and other grants related to existing Block Grants administered by the Department of Health
9 and Human Services from the amounts appropriated in this act, the Department shall allocate the
10 increase proportionally across the program and activity appropriations identified for that Block
11 Grant in this section. In allocating an increase in federal fund availability, the Office of State
12 Budget and Management shall not approve funding for new programs or activities not
13 appropriated in this act.

14 If the Congress of the United States decreases the federal fund availability for any of
15 the Block Grants or contingency funds and other grants related to existing Block Grants
16 administered by the Department of Health and Human Services from the amounts appropriated
17 in this act, the Department shall develop a plan to adjust the Block Grants based on reduced
18 federal funding.

19 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, for fiscal years 2021-2022 and
20 2022-2023, increases in the federal fund availability for the Temporary Assistance to Needy
21 Families (TANF) Block Grant shall be used only for the North Carolina Child Care Subsidy
22 program to pay for child care in four- or five-star rated facilities for 4 year old children and shall
23 not be used to supplant State funds.

24 Prior to allocating the change in federal fund availability, the proposed allocation
25 must be approved by the Office of State Budget and Management. If the Department adjusts the
26 allocation of any Block Grant due to changes in federal fund availability, then a report shall be
27 made to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal
28 Research Division.

29 **SECTION 9L.1.(d)** Except as otherwise provided, appropriations from federal
30 Block Grant funds are made for each year of the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2023, according
31 to the schedule enacted for State fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 or until a new schedule
32 is enacted by the General Assembly.

33 **SECTION 9L.1.(e)** All changes to the budgeted allocations to the Block Grants or
34 contingency funds and other grants related to existing Block Grants administered by the
35 Department of Health and Human Services that are not specifically addressed in this section shall
36 be approved by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Office of State Budget and
37 Management shall not approve funding for new programs or activities not appropriated in this
38 section. Additionally, if budgeted allocations are decreased, the Office of State Budget and
39 Management shall not approve any reduction of funds designated for subrecipients in subsection
40 (a) of this section under (i) Item 03 of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block
41 Grant or (ii) Item 01 of the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. The Office of State Budget
42 and Management shall consult with the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and
43 Human Services for review prior to implementing any changes. In consulting, the report shall
44 include an itemized listing of affected programs, including associated changes in budgeted
45 allocations. All changes to the budgeted allocations to the Block Grants shall be reported
46 immediately to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and
47 the Fiscal Research Division. This subsection does not apply to Block Grant changes caused by
48 legislative salary increases and benefit adjustments.

49 **SECTION 9L.1.(f)** Except as otherwise provided, the Department of Health and
50 Human Services shall have flexibility to transfer funding between the Temporary Assistance for

1 Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant and the TANF Emergency Contingency Funds Block Grant
2 so long as the total allocation for the line items within those Block Grants remains the same.
3

4 **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) FUNDS**

5 **SECTION 9L.1.(g)** The sum of eighty million ninety-three thousand five hundred
6 sixty-six dollars (\$80,093,566) for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium appropriated in
7 this act in TANF funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social
8 Services, shall be used for Work First County Block Grants. The Division shall certify these
9 funds in the appropriate State-level services based on prior year actual expenditures. The Division
10 has the authority to realign the authorized budget for these funds among the State-level services
11 based on current year actual expenditures. The Division shall also have the authority to realign
12 appropriated funds from Work First Family Assistance for electing counties to the Work First
13 County Block Grant for electing counties based on current year expenditures so long as the
14 electing counties meet Maintenance of Effort requirements.

15 **SECTION 9L.1.(h)** The sum of eleven million five hundred eighty-three thousand
16 two hundred sixty-four dollars (\$11,583,264) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of eleven
17 million three hundred eighty-seven thousand one hundred ninety dollars (\$11,387,190) for the
18 2022-2023 fiscal year appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services,
19 Division of Social Services, in TANF funds for child welfare improvements shall be allocated to
20 the county departments of social services for hiring or contracting staff to investigate and provide
21 services in Child Protective Services cases; to provide foster care and support services; to recruit,
22 train, license, and support prospective foster and adoptive families; and to provide interstate and
23 post-adoption services for eligible families.

24 Counties shall maintain their level of expenditures in local funds for Child Protective
25 Services workers. Of the Block Grant funds appropriated for Child Protective Services workers,
26 the total expenditures from State and local funds for fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 shall
27 not be less than the total expended from State and local funds for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

28 **SECTION 9L.1.(i)** The sum of four million one hundred ninety-seven thousand
29 seven hundred fifty dollars (\$4,197,750) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of four million
30 one thousand six hundred seventy-six dollars (\$4,001,676) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year
31 appropriated in this act in TANF funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Special
32 Children Adoption Fund, shall be used in accordance with G.S. 108A-50.2. The Division of
33 Social Services, in consultation with the North Carolina Association of County Directors of
34 Social Services and representatives of licensed private adoption agencies, shall develop
35 guidelines for the awarding of funds to licensed public and private adoption agencies upon the
36 adoption of children described in G.S. 108A-50 and in foster care. Payments received from the
37 Special Children Adoption Fund by participating agencies shall be used exclusively to enhance
38 the adoption services program. No local match shall be required as a condition for receipt of these
39 funds.

40 **SECTION 9L.1.(j)** The sum of one million four hundred thousand dollars
41 (\$1,400,000) appropriated in this act in TANF funds to the Department of Health and Human
42 Services, Division of Social Services, for each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall
43 be used for child welfare initiatives to (i) enhance the skills of social workers to improve the
44 outcomes for families and children involved in child welfare and (ii) enhance the provision of
45 services to families in their homes in the least restrictive setting.

46 **SECTION 9L.1.(k)** Of the three million four hundred fifty thousand dollars
47 (\$3,450,000) allocated in this act in TANF funds to the Department of Health and Human
48 Services, Division of Public Health, for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for teen
49 pregnancy prevention initiatives, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in each
50 year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be used to provide services for youth in foster care
51 or the juvenile justice system.

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

SECTION 9L.1.(l) The sum of nineteen million nine hundred five thousand eight hundred forty-nine dollars (\$19,905,849) for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium and the sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) in nonrecurring funds for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium appropriated in this act in the Social Services Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, and the sum of thirteen million ninety-seven thousand seven hundred eighty-three dollars (\$13,097,783) for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium transferred from funds appropriated in the TANF Block Grant shall be used for county Block Grants. The Division shall certify these funds in the appropriate State-level services based on prior year actual expenditures. The Division has the authority to realign the authorized budget for these funds, as well as State Social Services Block Grant funds, among the State-level services based on current year actual expenditures.

SECTION 9L.1.(m) The sum of two hundred eighty-five thousand six hundred twelve dollars (\$285,612) appropriated in this act in the Social Services Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be used to support various child welfare training projects as follows:

- (1) Provide a regional training center in southeastern North Carolina.
- (2) Provide training for residential child caring facilities.
- (3) Provide for various other child welfare training initiatives.

SECTION 9L.1.(n) The Department of Health and Human Services is authorized, subject to the approval of the Office of State Budget and Management, to transfer Social Services Block Grant funding allocated for departmental administration between divisions that have received administrative allocations from the Social Services Block Grant.

SECTION 9L.1.(o) Social Services Block Grant funds appropriated for the Special Children Adoption Incentive Fund shall require a fifty percent (50%) local match.

SECTION 9L.1.(p) The sum of five million forty thousand dollars (\$5,040,000) appropriated in this act in the Social Services Block Grant for each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be allocated to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services. The Division shall allocate these funds to local departments of social services to replace the loss of Child Protective Services State funds that are currently used by county governments to pay for Child Protective Services staff at the local level. These funds shall be used to maintain the number of Child Protective Services workers throughout the State. These Social Services Block Grant funds shall be used to pay for salaries and related expenses only and are exempt from 10A NCAC 71R .0201(3) requiring a local match of twenty-five percent (25%).

SECTION 9L.1.(q) The sum of four million seven hundred seventy-four thousand five hundred twenty-five dollars (\$4,774,525) for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium appropriated in this act in the Social Services Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Central Management and Support, shall be used for DHHS competitive Block Grants pursuant to Section 9B.9 of this act. These funds are exempt from the provisions of 10A NCAC 71R .0201(3).

SECTION 9L.1.(r) The sum of one million five hundred eighty-two thousand dollars (\$1,582,000) appropriated in this act in the Social Services Block Grant for each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, shall be used to continue support for the Child Advocacy Centers. These funds are exempt from the provisions of 10A NCAC 71R .0201(3).

SECTION 9L.1.(s) The sum of three million eight hundred twenty-five thousand four hundred forty-three dollars (\$3,825,443) for each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium appropriated in this act in the Social Services Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Divisions of Social Services and Aging and Adult Services, shall be used

1 for guardianship services pursuant to Chapter 35A of the General Statutes. The Department may
2 expend funds allocated in this section to support existing corporate guardianship contracts during
3 the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years.

4 **SECTION 9L.1.(t)** Of the funds appropriated in the Social Services Block Grant to
5 the Division of Aging and Adult Services for Adult Protective Services, the sum of eight hundred
6 ninety-three thousand forty-one dollars (\$893,041) shall be used to increase the number of Adult
7 Protective Services workers where these funds can be the most effective. These funds shall be
8 used to pay for salaries and related expenses and shall not be used to supplant any other source
9 of funding for staff. These funds are also exempt from 10A NCAC 71R .0201(3) requiring a local
10 match of twenty-five percent (25%).

11 12 **LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT**

13 **SECTION 9L.1.(u)** The Division of Social Services shall have the authority to
14 realign appropriated funds between the State-level services Low Income Energy Assistance
15 Payments and Crisis Assistance Payments without prior consultation with the Joint Legislative
16 Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services to ensure needs are effectively met without
17 exceeding the total amount appropriated for these State-level service items. Additional
18 emergency contingency funds received may be allocated for Energy Assistance Payments or
19 Crisis Intervention Payments without prior consultation with the Joint Legislative Oversight
20 Committee on Health and Human Services. Additional funds received shall be reported to the
21 Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research
22 Division upon notification of the award. The Department of Health and Human Services shall
23 not allocate funds for any activities, including increasing administration, other than assistance
24 payments, without prior consultation with the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health
25 and Human Services.

26 **SECTION 9L.1.(v)** The sum of forty-nine million five hundred eighty-two thousand
27 seventeen dollars (\$49,582,017) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of forty-nine million
28 two hundred fifty-seven thousand six hundred dollars (\$49,257,600) for the 2022-2023 fiscal
29 year appropriated in this act in the Low-Income Energy Assistance Block Grant to the
30 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, shall be used for Energy
31 Assistance Payments for the households of (i) elderly persons age 60 and above with income up
32 to one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the federal poverty level and (ii) disabled persons eligible
33 for services funded through the Division of Aging and Adult Services.

34 County departments of social services shall submit to the Division of Social Services
35 an outreach plan for targeting households with 60 year old household members no later than
36 August 1 of each year. The outreach plan shall comply with the following:

- 37 (1) Ensure that eligible households are made aware of the available assistance,
38 with particular attention paid to the elderly population age 60 and above and
39 disabled persons receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult
40 Services.
- 41 (2) Include efforts by the county department of social services to contact other
42 State and local governmental entities and community-based organizations to
43 (i) offer the opportunity to provide outreach and (ii) receive applications for
44 energy assistance.
- 45 (3) Be approved by the local board of social services or human services board
46 prior to submission.

47 **SECTION 9L.1.(w)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop
48 and implement a centralized system to collect, track, analyze, monitor, and disseminate
49 performance, outputs, and outcome data for the Community Services Block Grant Program and
50 the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Weatherization Assistance Program to replace
51 the current software solution, Accountable Results for Community Action (AR4CA). The project

1 shall not proceed until the business case has been approved by the Office of State Budget and
2 Management and the State Chief Information Officer in the Enterprise Project Management
3 Office's Touchdown System. Upon approval, amounts not to exceed fifty thousand dollars
4 (\$50,000) in Low Income Energy Assistance funds may be budgeted for transfer to Budget Code
5 24410 for information technology projects for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
6

7 **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND BLOCK GRANT**

8 **SECTION 9L.1.(x)** Payment for subsidized child care services provided with federal
9 TANF funds shall comply with all regulations and policies issued by the Division of Child
10 Development and Early Education for the subsidized child care program.

11 **SECTION 9L.1.(y)** If funds appropriated through the Child Care and Development
12 Fund Block Grant for any program cannot be obligated or spent in that program within the
13 obligation or liquidation periods allowed by the federal grants, the Department may move funds
14 to child care subsidies, unless otherwise prohibited by federal requirements of the grant, in order
15 to use the federal funds fully.
16

17 **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT**

18 **SECTION 9L.1.(z)** The sum of four million two hundred five thousand three
19 hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$4,205,369) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of two million
20 six hundred fifteen thousand four hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$2,615,497) for the 2022-2023
21 fiscal year appropriated in this act in the Mental Health Services Block Grant to the Department
22 of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
23 Substance Abuse Services, is allocated for Mental Health Services – First Psychotic Symptom
24 Treatment.
25

26 **SECTION 9L.1.(aa)** Of the funds allocated in the Mental Health Services Block
27 Grant to the Department of Health and Humans Services, Division of Mental Health,
28 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium,
29 the sum of three hundred fifty thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$350,150) shall be used to
30 establish three positions and cover operating costs. Two of these positions shall be used for
31 recovering peer advocates to focus on recovery oriented care, and the third position shall focus
32 on developing pilot programs and implementing policy to improve services to transition aged
33 youth with significant behavioral health needs.
34

35 **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT**

36 **SECTION 9L.1.(bb)** If federal funds are received under the Maternal and Child
37 Health Block Grant for abstinence education, pursuant to section 912 of Public Law 104-193 (42
38 U.S.C. § 710), for the 2021-2022 fiscal year or the 2022-2023 fiscal year, then those funds shall
39 be transferred to the State Board of Education to be administered by the Department of Public
40 Instruction. The Department of Public Instruction shall use the funds to establish an abstinence
41 until marriage education program consistent with G.S. 115C-81.30. The Department of Public
42 Instruction shall carefully and strictly follow federal guidelines in implementing and
43 administering the abstinence education grant funds.

44 **SECTION 9L.1.(cc)** The sum of one million five hundred seventy-five thousand
45 dollars (\$1,575,000) appropriated in this act in the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant to the
46 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, for each year of the
47 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be used for evidence-based programs in counties with the
48 highest infant mortality rates. The Division shall report on (i) the counties selected to receive the
49 allocation, (ii) the specific evidence-based services provided, (iii) the number of women served,
50 and (iv) any impact on the counties' infant mortality rate. The Division shall report its findings
to the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the

1 Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research
2 Division no later than December 31 of each year.

3 **SECTION 9L.1.(dd)** The sum of seventy-three thousand nine hundred twenty
4 dollars (\$73,920) allocated in this section in the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant to the
5 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Women and Children's
6 Health Section, for each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall not be used to supplant
7 existing State or federal funds. This allocation shall be used for a Public Health Program
8 Consultant position assigned full-time to manage the North Carolina Perinatal Health Strategic
9 Plan and provide staff support for the stakeholder work group.

10 **SECTION 9L.1.(ee)** The sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) allocated
11 in this section in the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant to the Department of Health and
12 Human Services, Division of Public Health, for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for
13 community-based sickle cell centers shall not be used to supplant existing State or federal funds.

14 **SECTION 9L.1.(ff)** No more than fifteen percent (15%) of the funds allocated for
15 the designated subrecipients in subsection (a) of this section under Item 01 of the Maternal and
16 Child Health Block Grant shall be used for administrative costs, unless otherwise required by
17 federal law.

18
19 **APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR DHHS**
20 **UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT**

21 **SECTION 9L.2.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act from federal Low Income
22 Home Energy Assistance Program Block Grant funds received pursuant to ARPA to the
23 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, the sum of eighty-six
24 million nine hundred seventy thousand four hundred sixty dollars (\$86,970,460) in nonrecurring
25 funds shall be used for energy assistance in accordance with federal requirements in response to
26 the COVID-19 pandemic.

27 **SECTION 9L.2.(b)** Of the funds appropriated in this act from federal Child Care
28 and Development Block Grant funds received pursuant to ARPA to the Department of Health
29 and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, the sum of five
30 hundred two million seven hundred seventy-seven thousand seven hundred eighty-nine dollars
31 (\$502,777,789) in nonrecurring funds shall be used for the following in response to the
32 COVID-19 pandemic:

- 33 (1) To reduce the waitlist for children eligible for subsidized child care who are
34 in foster care.
- 35 (2) After addressing the waitlist under subdivision (1) of this subsection, to work
36 towards reducing the remainder of the waitlist for children eligible for
37 subsidized child care.
- 38 (3) To continue to cover all copays for families eligible for subsidized child care
39 through the end of the 2021 calendar year.
- 40 (4) If funds provided under this subsection are used for staff bonuses, to award
41 staff bonuses on an increasing scale based on the number of months the
42 teacher or staff person has worked at the child care facility, with the maximum
43 bonus being provided to a teacher or staff person who has worked at least 12
44 months at the teacher or staff person's current child care facility.

45 **SECTION 9L.2.(c)** Of the funds appropriated in this act from federal Community
46 Mental Health Services Block Grant funds received pursuant to ARPA to the Department of
47 Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
48 Substance Abuse Services, the sum of forty-one million five hundred thirty-five thousand two
49 hundred forty-six dollars (\$41,535,246) in nonrecurring funds shall be used for mental health
50 services and supports in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1 **SECTION 9L.2.(d)** Of the funds appropriated in this act from federal Substance
2 Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funds received pursuant to ARPA to the
3 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental
4 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of thirty-six million four hundred twenty
5 thousand six hundred fifty-one dollars (\$36,420,651) in nonrecurring funds shall be used to
6 provide substance abuse prevention and treatment services across the State to those in need due
7 to the COVID-19 pandemic. From funds appropriated under this subsection, the Division of
8 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services shall allocate funds
9 as follows:

10 (1) Ten million six hundred thousand dollars (\$10,600,000) to the Department of
11 Public Safety (DPS) for the following:

12 a. Four million six hundred thousand dollars (\$4,600,000) to provide two
13 years of funding to expand the Reentry Medication Assisted Treatment
14 (MAT) pilot program to the other nine minimum security prisons in
15 this State that are designated reentry facilities. DPS shall collaborate
16 with the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
17 Substance Abuse Services on expansion of the pilot program under
18 this subdivision, as needed.

19 b. Six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to expand the MAT Community
20 Supervision pilot program, a program for individuals recently released
21 from prison and on probation. DPS, in collaboration with the Division
22 of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse
23 Services, shall select five counties to participate in the expanded pilot
24 program that represent tier one or tier two counties with the highest
25 need. For purposes of this sub-subdivision, tier one and tier two
26 counties shall have the same designations as those established by the
27 N.C. Department of Commerce's 2021 County Tier Designations.

28 DPS and the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
29 Substance Abuse Services shall report on the results of both pilot programs
30 described in this subdivision to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
31 Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
32 on Justice and Public Safety by November 1, 2023.

33 (2) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Brunswick Christian Recovery Center,
34 a nonprofit organization in Brunswick County that assists individuals
35 suffering from active addiction.

36 (3) Funds allocated in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection are provided as
37 one-time, nonrecurring allocations for the purposes described in those
38 subdivisions.

40 **PART X. AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES**

41 **TOBACCO TRUST FUND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

42 **SECTION 10.1.** G.S. 143-717(i) reads as rewritten:

43 "(i) Limit on Operating and Administrative Expenses. – All administrative expenses of
44 the Commission shall be paid from the Fund. No more than ~~three hundred fifty thousand dollars~~
45 ~~(\$350,000)~~ three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000) may be used each fiscal year
46 for administrative and operating expenses of the Commission and its staff, provided that the
47 Commission may annually adjust the administrative expense cap imposed by this subsection, so
48 long as that any cap increase does not exceed the amount necessary to provide for statewide
49 salary and benefit adjustments enacted by the General Assembly."
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FEE AUTHORITY FOR STATE PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

SECTION 10.2.(a) G.S. 106-420 reads as rewritten:

"§ 106-420. Authority of Board of Agriculture to adopt regulations.

The Board of Agriculture is hereby authorized to adopt reasonable regulations to implement and carry out the purposes of this Article as to eradicate, repress and prevent the spread of plant pests (i) within the State, (ii) from within the State to points outside the State, and (iii) from outside the State to points within the State. The Board of Agriculture shall adopt regulations for eradicating such plant pests as it may deem capable of being economically eradicated, for repressing such as cannot be economically eradicated, and for preventing their spread within the State. Regulations may provide for quarantine of areas. It may also adopt reasonable regulations for preventing the introduction of dangerous plant pests from without the State, and for governing common carriers in transporting plants, articles or things liable to harbor such pests into, from and within the State. The Board is authorized, in order to control plant pests, to adopt regulations governing the inspection, certification and movement of nursery stock, (i) into the State from outside the State, (ii) within the State, and (iii) from within the State to points outside the State. The Board is further authorized to prescribe and collect a schedule of fees to be collected for its nursery inspection, nursery dealer certification, narcissus bulb inspection, plant pest inspection, phytosanitary certification, and plant pest certification activities."

SECTION 10.2.(b) G.S. 150B-1(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Exemptions from Rule Making. – Article 2A of this Chapter does not apply to the following:

...

(26) The Board of Agriculture in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services with respect to the following:

...

d. Fees for State phytosanitary certificates.

...."

HEMLOCK RESTORATION REPORT

SECTION 10.3. The North Carolina Forest Service shall report on the hemlock restoration initiatives funded by this act. The report shall include the following with respect to each hemlock restoration initiative funded during the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium:

- (1) Identification of goals and outcomes for the initiative.
- (2) A description of the measures used or data collected to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the initiative in reaching its desired goals and outcomes.
- (3) The performance of each initiative with respect to the identified goals and outcomes.

The Forest Service shall provide its report to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division no later than October 1 following the completion of each fiscal year in the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.

TIMBER SALES/RETENTION AND USE OF PROCEEDS

SECTION 10.4.(a) G.S. 146-30(d)(6) reads as rewritten:

"(6) The following provisions apply with respect to land owned by or under the supervision and control of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:

- a. The net proceeds derived from the sale of land ~~or timber from land owned by or under the supervision and control of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services~~ shall be deposited with the State Treasurer in a capital improvement account to the credit of the

1 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to be used for such
2 specific capital improvement projects or other purposes as are
3 provided by transfer of funds from those accounts in ~~the Capital~~
4 ~~Improvement Appropriations Act~~; an act of the General Assembly.

- 5 b. The net proceeds derived from the sale of timber and other products of
6 land shall be deposited in accounts at the Department of Agriculture
7 and Consumer Services to be used for operational expenses of the
8 Department incurred for restoration and stewardship of the land."

9 **SECTION 10.4.(b)** G.S. 106-6.3 reads as rewritten:

10 **"§ 106-6.3. Create special revenue fund for research stations.**

11 The Research Stations Fund is established as a special revenue fund within the Department
12 of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Research Stations. This Fund shall consist of
13 receipts from the sale of timber and other commodities produced on the Department's research
14 stations and any gifts, bequests, or grants for the benefit of this Fund. No General Fund
15 appropriations shall be credited to this Fund. Any balance exceeding one million dollars
16 (\$1,000,000) in this Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall revert to the General Fund. The
17 Department shall use this Fund only to develop, improve, repair, maintain, operate, or otherwise
18 invest in research stations operated by the Department's Research Stations Division."
19

20 **GO GLOBAL NC PROGRAM**

21 **SECTION 10.5.** Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Agriculture and
22 Consumer Services for international marketing may be used by the Department to rebrand the
23 Department's international marketing section as Go Global NC.
24

25 **FOOD BANK AND FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS**

26 **SECTION 10.6.** Funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund
27 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for support of North Carolina food
28 banks shall be allocated as follows:

- 29 (1) Forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) to distribute to North Carolina food banks.
30 These funds may be used for the purchase and distribution of food,
31 infrastructure and equipment, capacity-building for the food banks and their
32 partner agencies, benefits counseling, partnerships with community
33 workforce development organizations, and any other use consistent with the
34 rules implementing the State Fiscal Recovery Fund.
35 (2) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to Golden LEAF, a nonprofit corporation,
36 to be allocated for the following purposes:
37 a. Eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to provide grants to nonprofit
38 organizations to assist those organizations in becoming partner
39 agencies to any North Carolina food bank. Golden LEAF shall
40 coordinate with Feeding the Carolinas in determining eligible
41 activities, eligible recipients, maximum grant amounts, and other grant
42 program details.
43 b. Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to provide grants to nonprofit
44 organizations that are not North Carolina food bank partner agencies
45 for school-based weekend food assistance programs for students.

46 Golden LEAF may use up to three percent (3%) of funds allocated by this
47 subdivision for administrative expenses.
48

49 **MEAT AND SEAFOOD PROCESSING GRANTS**

50 **SECTION 10.7.(a)** Findings. – The General Assembly finds that the COVID-19
51 pandemic of 2020-2021 resulted in serious and substantial impacts on the food supply chain and

1 revealed bottlenecks and lack of capacity among the small and independent meat processors who
2 serve small livestock producers. These bottlenecks and lack of capacity have a substantial
3 negative impact on the ability of these small livestock producers to have their livestock
4 slaughtered and processed. In addition, seafood processors lack capacity to meet increased and
5 altered consumer demand for seafood products due to supply chain disruptions and other
6 long-term changes in the market for seafood and seafood products. The General Assembly further
7 finds that financial assistance to these processors for expansion, facility improvements, and
8 workforce development is necessary to reduce disruptions in the supply chain for fresh meat and
9 seafood and to help small producers get their products to market.

10 **SECTION 10.7.(b)** Use of Funds and Limitation. – The funds appropriated in this
11 act from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
12 for grants to meat and seafood processors shall be used to provide grants as specified in this
13 section to reduce or prevent impacts on the supply chain for fresh meat in the State and to improve
14 the resiliency of the fresh meat and seafood supply chain to future disruptions. No more than
15 thirty-five percent (35%) of the funds allocated in this section may be used for grants to seafood
16 processors.

17 **SECTION 10.7.(c)** Grant Types and Criteria. – The Department shall develop
18 policies and procedures for the disbursement of the grants authorized by this section that include,
19 at a minimum, the following:

20 (1) The Department may provide three categories of grants:

- 21 a. Capacity enhancement grant. – This grant is available to an eligible
22 meat or seafood processing facility that is experiencing slowdowns in
23 production or has limited capacity to accommodate increased demand
24 for meat or seafood processing. A capacity enhancement grant may be
25 used for expansion of an existing eligible facility and for fixtures or
26 equipment at an existing eligible facility that will expand animal
27 throughput, processing capacity, the amount or type of products
28 produced, or processing speed. A grant under this sub-subdivision may
29 not exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
- 30 b. Workforce development grant. – This grant is available to an eligible
31 meat or seafood processing facility that is experiencing slowdowns in
32 production or has limited capacity to accommodate increased demand
33 for meat or seafood processing due to workforce limitations or
34 reductions due to a pandemic or other natural disaster. A workforce
35 development grant may be used for educational and workforce training
36 provided either by the facility or by an accredited institution of higher
37 education. A grant under this sub-subdivision may not exceed one
38 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).
- 39 c. Planning grant. – This grant is available to a nonprofit entity or
40 institution of higher education to complete feasibility or siting studies
41 for a new eligible meat processing facility. No more than five percent
42 (5%) of funds allocated by this section may be used for grants under
43 this sub-subdivision.

44 (2) Eligible facility. – For purposes of this section, an eligible meat or seafood
45 processing facility is a food processing facility that meets both of the
46 following requirements:

- 47 a. The plant contracts with independent livestock producers or seafood
48 harvesters to process animals or seafood.
- 49 b. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) contracts with
50 Department inspectors to conduct federal inspection activities
51 authorized by the Talmadge-Aiken Act of 1962 (7 U.S.C. § 1633) at

1 the plant, the plant is otherwise regulated by the USDA or the United
2 States Food and Drug Administration, or the plant is a State-inspected
3 facility.

- 4 (3) Prioritization. – The Department may prioritize projects that will create
5 additional jobs.
- 6 (4) Cost-sharing. – Recipients shall provide matching funds for a grant under this
7 section in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) from nongrant sources for every
8 two dollars (\$2.00) provided by the grant.
- 9 (5) Clawback. – If fixtures or equipment purchased with grant funds provided
10 under this Article are disposed of during a period of time as the Department
11 may specify following the date the fixtures or equipment funded by this act is
12 placed in service, the grant recipient shall repay to the Department a
13 proportionate share of the grant funding received as the Department may
14 specify. As used in this subdivision, the term "disposed of" means disposed
15 of, taken out of service, or moved out of State.

17 SWINE AND DAIRY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

18 **SECTION 10.8.(a)** The General Assembly makes the following findings:

- 19 (1) The impact of COVID-19 on the global supply chain has been widespread
20 across industries, especially within our country's food supply chain.
- 21 (2) Beginning around March of 2020, at least two swine integrators decided to
22 end operations resulting in the loss of contracts and income for many family
23 farmers. Dairy producers and processors in the State lost more than half of
24 their market with COVID-19 related shutdowns of the school systems and
25 food service industries, and these markets may never fully recover.
- 26 (3) It is projected that significant numbers of swine farms have lost contracts and
27 dairies have been forced out of business due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 28 (4) The continuous and future pressures on the food supply chain will remain an
29 issue for North Carolina's number one industry, agriculture, as a result of
30 COVID-19.
- 31 (5) The most effective program for administration of financial assistance to the
32 swine and dairy industries is a three-fold approach based on verifiable
33 documentation from producers as specified in this section.

34 **SECTION 10.8.(b)** Allocation of Funds. – The funds appropriated in this act from
35 the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for
36 emergency support of swine and dairy producers shall be allocated by the Department to provide
37 financial assistance as specified in subsection (e) of this section to compensate eligible swine and
38 dairy producers for losses incurred as a result of termination of contracts or ceased production
39 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds may only be used for purposes consistent with the
40 rules implementing the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American
41 Rescue Plan Act. The Department may also use the funds allocated by this subsection for
42 agricultural marketing as described in subsection (g) of this section.

43 **SECTION 10.8.(c)** Definitions. – The following definitions shall apply in this
44 section:

- 45 (1) Dairy producer. – A Grade A milk producer who can demonstrate to the
46 satisfaction of the Department that the producer is or was in compliance with
47 federal Grade A milk regulations during the time period specified in
48 sub-subdivision (2)a. of subsection (d) of this section.
- 49 (2) Department. – The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- 50 (3) Swine integrator. – A person, other than a grower, who provides 250 or more
51 animals to a swine farm and who either has an ownership interest in the

1 animals or otherwise establishes management and production standards for
2 the permit holder for the maintenance, care, and raising of the animals. An
3 ownership interest includes a right or option to purchase the animals.

- 4 (4) Swine producer. – A person who holds or held a permit for an animal waste
5 management system under Part 1A of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General
6 Statutes during the time period specified in sub-subdivision (1)a. of subsection
7 (d) of this section.

8 **SECTION 10.8.(d)** Eligibility Requirements. – A swine or dairy producer must
9 provide to the Department the following information in order to demonstrate the producer's
10 eligibility for financial assistance pursuant to this section:

- 11 (1) For swine producers, all of the following:
12 a. A contract termination letter from a swine integrator or other
13 documentation of contract termination between March 1, 2020, and
14 June 30, 2022.
15 b. Proof that the swine operation is permitted by the State.
16 c. Any other information deemed appropriate by the Department.
17 (2) For dairy producers, all of the following:
18 a. Milk production records, showing ceased production during any time
19 between March 1, 2020, and June 30, 2022.
20 b. Proof that the dairy operation was permitted as a Grade A milk
21 producer by the Food and Drug Protection Division of the Department
22 during the time that production was ceased as documented under
23 sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision.
24 c. Any other information deemed appropriate by the Department.

25 **SECTION 10.8.(e)** Financial Assistance Procedures. – The Department shall award
26 financial assistance based on the following procedures:

- 27 (1) The Department shall award a one-time financial assistance relief payment of
28 thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$31,500) to each eligible applicant.
29 (2) In addition to the financial assistance awarded under subdivision (1) of this
30 subsection, the Department shall award either, but not both, of the following
31 to a qualifying eligible applicant:
32 a. Financial assistance to be administered as follows:
33 1. A cost share for closure of swine lagoons for swine operations
34 that will not secure a contract with another swine integrator and
35 will cease swine production, or for closure of dairy waste
36 structures associated with dairy operations that will cease milk
37 production. These cost shares shall be limited to ninety percent
38 (90%) of the lagoon closure cost, not to exceed one hundred
39 thousand dollars (\$100,000) per operation.
40 2. If an applicant who receives a cost share pursuant to this
41 sub-subdivision demonstrates a need for additional water
42 supply for agricultural uses, then the applicant may request an
43 additional cost share to convert the decommissioned lagoon to
44 an agricultural water supply pond. These cost shares shall be
45 limited to ninety percent (90%) of the actual cost, not to exceed
46 thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per operation.
47 b. Financial assistance to swine producers for a fixed dollar amount per
48 head space for producers who are able to secure a production contract
49 with another swine integrator but must invest in upgrades to existing
50 barns or completely rebuild animal housing. The maximum award
51 under this sub-subdivision for renovations shall be ten dollars (\$10.00)

per head space for renovation to animal housing or twenty dollars (\$20.00) per head space for rebuilt animal housing, but no award under this sub-subdivision may exceed ninety percent (90%) of the actual cost of the renovation or construction. A swine producer shall produce documentation of a new contract or letter of intent with a swine integrator to establish eligibility for this financial assistance.

- (3) In determining the amount of financial assistance awarded to applicants pursuant to this section and in reviewing and approving funded activities, the Department shall comply with applicable federal rules and guidance governing the State Fiscal Recovery Fund. If the Department determines that a person who received financial assistance provided inaccurate information to the Department, then the recipient shall refund the entire amount of the financial assistance. If the recipient does not refund the appropriate amount, the North Carolina Department of Revenue shall utilize the provisions of G.S. 105-242 to collect the money from the recipient.
- (4) Applicants for financial assistance awarded pursuant to this subsection shall submit the eligibility documents required by subsection (d) of this section no later than June 30, 2023.
- (5) All swine or dairy producers who receive financial assistance pursuant to this section shall provide a signed affidavit, under penalty of perjury, certifying that each fact of the loss presented by the producer is accurate.
- (6) The Department may audit the financial and other records of each recipient of funds in order to ensure that the funds are used in accordance with the provisions of this program. The Department may require any documentation or proof it deems necessary to efficiently administer this program, including the ownership structure of each entity and the social security numbers of each applicant. The Department may require the submission of dated, signed, and continuous records.

SECTION 10.8.(f) Administrative Costs. – The Department may use up to five percent (5%) of the total funds allocated in this section for technical and administrative support.

SECTION 10.8.(g) Agricultural Marketing. – Funds allocated in subsection (b) of this section may also be used for marketing of North Carolina agriculture with an emphasis on reinforcing confidence in the supply chain and responding to COVID-19 related shifts in demand and consumption patterns for North Carolina agricultural products.

PART XI. COMMERCE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

SECTION 11.1.(a) Of the funds appropriated in this act for federal block grant funds, the following allocations are made for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, according to the following schedule:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

1. State Administration	\$1,560,286
2. Neighborhood Revitalization	15,419,796
3. Economic Development	21,696,109
4. Infrastructure	5,000,000

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2	5. Rural Community Development	5,000,000
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4	TOTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
5	BLOCK GRANT – 2020 Program Year	\$48,676,191
6	2021 Program Year	\$48,676,191
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8 **SECTION 11.1.(b)** If federal funds are reduced below the amounts specified in this
9 section after the effective date of this act, then every program in each of these federal block grants
10 shall be reduced by the same percentage as the reduction in federal funds.

11 **SECTION 11.1.(c)** Any block grant funds appropriated by the Congress of the
12 United States in addition to the funds specified in this section shall be expended as follows: each
13 program category under the Community Development Block Grant shall be increased by the
14 same percentage as the increase in federal funds.

15 **SECTION 11.1.(d)** The Department of Commerce shall consult with the Joint
16 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to reallocating Community
17 Development Block Grant Funds. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, whenever
18 the Director of the Budget finds either of the following conditions exist:

- 19 (1) If a reallocation is required because of an emergency that poses an imminent
20 threat to public health or public safety, then the Director of the Budget may
21 authorize the reallocation without consulting the Commission. The
22 Department of Commerce shall report to the Commission on the reallocation
23 no later than 30 days after it was authorized and shall identify in the report the
24 emergency, the type of action taken, and how it was related to the emergency.
- 25 (2) If the State will lose federal block grant funds or receive less federal block
26 grant funds in the next fiscal year unless a reallocation is made, then the
27 Department of Commerce shall provide a written report to the Commission
28 on the proposed reallocation and shall identify the reason that failure to take
29 action will result in the loss of federal funds. If the Commission does not hear
30 the issue within 30 days of receipt of the report, the Department may take the
31 action without consulting the Commission.

32 **SECTION 11.1.(e)** By September 1, 2021, and September 1, 2022, the Department
33 of Commerce shall report to the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations
34 Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources; the chairs of the Senate
35 Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Natural, and Economic Resources; the Joint
36 Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee; and the
37 Fiscal Research Division on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds
38 appropriated in the prior fiscal year. The report shall include the following:

- 39 (1) A discussion of each of the categories of funding, including information on
40 the statewide need in each category.
- 41 (2) Information on the number of applications that were received in each category
42 and the total dollar amount requested in each category.
- 43 (3) A list of grantees, including the grantee's name, county, category under which
44 the grant was funded, the amount awarded, and a narrative description of the
45 project.

46 **SECTION 11.1.(f)** Funds allocated to the Economic Development Category in
47 subsection (a) of this section shall be made available as grants for eligible activities listed in this
48 subsection. The funds available for grants under this Category may be used for all of the
49 following, subject to the national objectives and eligible activities allowed under guidance issued
50 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development:

- 51 (1) Acquisition of real property.

- 1 (2) Demolition and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements.
- 2 (3) Removal of material and architectural barriers.
- 3 (4) Public improvements, including parks, streets, sidewalks, and water and sewer
- 4 lines.
- 5 (5) Loans and grants to public or private nonprofit entities for construction and
- 6 rehabilitation activities.
- 7 (6) Assistance to private, for-profit entities for economic development.
- 8 (7) Technical assistance to public or nonprofit entities for neighborhood
- 9 revitalization or economic development activities.
- 10 (8) Assistance to for-profit and nonprofit entities to facilitate economic
- 11 development activities.

12 **SECTION 11.1.(g)** Funds allocated to the Neighborhood Revitalization Category in
13 subsection (a) of this section shall be made available as grants for eligible activities listed in this
14 subsection. The funds available for grants under this Category may be used for all of the
15 following, subject to the national objectives and eligible activities allowed under guidance issued
16 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development:

- 17 (1) Essential repairs to prevent abandonment and deterioration of housing in
- 18 low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
- 19 (2) Demolition and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements.
- 20 (3) Public improvements, including parks, streets, sidewalks, and water and sewer
- 21 lines.

22 **SECTION 11.1.(h)** Funds allocated for the Rural Community Development
23 Category in subsection (a) of this section shall be made available as grants for eligible activities
24 listed in this subsection. These funds shall provide grants that support community development
25 and comprehensive growth projects to be awarded by the North Carolina Department of
26 Commerce. The Rural Community Development Category will provide grants to units of local
27 government in development tier one and development tier two areas, as defined in
28 G.S. 143B-437.08, and rural census tracts, as defined in G.S. 143B-472.127(a)(2), of
29 development tier three areas to support projects that promote broad-based community
30 development activities, increased local investment and economic growth, and stronger and more
31 viable rural neighborhoods. In awarding grants under this section, preference shall be given to
32 projects in development tier one areas, as defined in G.S. 143B-437.08. The funds available for
33 grants under this category may be used for all of the following, subject to the national objectives
34 and eligible activities allowed under guidance issued by the United States Department of Housing
35 and Urban Development:

- 36 (1) Essential repairs to prevent abandonment and deterioration of housing in
- 37 low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
- 38 (2) Public improvements, including parks, streets, sidewalks, and water and sewer
- 39 lines.
- 40 (3) Public facilities, including neighborhood and community facilities and
- 41 facilities for individuals with special needs.
- 42 (4) Public services, including employment, crime prevention, and energy
- 43 conservation.
- 44 (5) Assistance to private, for-profit entities for economic development.
- 45 (6) Technical assistance to public or nonprofit entities for neighborhood
- 46 revitalization or economic development activities.
- 47 (7) Assistance to for-profit and nonprofit entities to facilitate economic
- 48 development activities.

49 **SECTION 11.1.(i)** For purposes of this section, eligible activities under the category
50 of infrastructure in subsection (a) of this section shall be defined as provided in the HUD State
51 Administered Community Development Block Grant definition of the term "infrastructure."

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, funds allocated to the
2 Infrastructure Category in subsection (a) of this section shall not be reallocated to any other
3 category.

4 **SECTION 11.1.(j)** Throughout each year, deobligated funds arise in the various
5 funding categories and program years of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
6 program as a result of (i) projects coming in under budget, (ii) projects being cancelled, or (iii)
7 projects being required to repay funds. Surplus federal administrative funds in the CDBG
8 program may vary from year to year based upon the amount of State-appropriated funds allocated
9 and the amount of eligible in-kind funds identified.

10 **SECTION 11.1.(k)** To allow the Department of Commerce and the Department of
11 Environmental Quality to quickly deploy deobligated and surplus federal administrative funds as
12 they are identified throughout the program year, the following shall apply to the use of
13 deobligated CDBG funds and surplus federal administrative funds:

- 14 (1) All surplus federal administrative funds shall be divided equally between the
15 Departments of Commerce and Environmental Quality and shall be used as
16 provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection.
- 17 (2) All deobligated funds allocated to the Department of Commerce and any
18 surplus federal administrative funds, as provided for in subdivision (1) of this
19 subsection, may be used by the Department for all of the following:
 - 20 a. To issue grants in the CDBG Economic Development or
21 Neighborhood Revitalization Program Category.
 - 22 b. For providing training and guidance to local governments relative to
23 the CDBG program, its management, and administrative requirements.
 - 24 c. For any other purpose consistent with the Department's administration
25 of the CDBG program if an equal amount of State matching funds is
26 available.
- 27 (3) All deobligated funds allocated to the Department of Environmental Quality
28 and any surplus federal administrative funds, as provided for in subdivision
29 (1) of this subsection, may be used by the Department for all of the following:
 - 30 a. To issue grants in the CDBG infrastructure program category.
 - 31 b. For any other purpose consistent with the Department's administration
32 of the CDBG program if an equal amount of State matching funds is
33 available.

34 **COMMERCE NONPROFITS/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

35 **SECTION 11.2.(a)** The entities listed in subsection (b) of this section shall do the
36 following for each year that State funds are expended:

- 37 (1) By September 1 of each year, and more frequently as requested, report to the
38 chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and
39 Natural and Economic Resources; the chairs of the House of Representatives
40 Appropriations Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic
41 Resources; the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture,
42 Natural, and Economic Resources; and the Fiscal Research Division on prior
43 State fiscal year program activities, objectives, and accomplishments and prior
44 State fiscal year itemized expenditures and fund sources.
- 45 (2) Provide to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
46 Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources; the chairs of the House of
47 Representatives Appropriations Committee on Agriculture and Natural and
48 Economic Resources; the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on
49 Agriculture, Natural, and Economic Resources; and the Fiscal Research
50

1 Division a copy of the entity's annual audited financial statement within 30
2 days of issuance of the statement.

3 **SECTION 11.2.(b)** The following entities shall comply with the requirements of
4 subsection (a) of this section:

- 5 (1) North Carolina Biotechnology Center.
- 6 (2) High Point Market Authority.
- 7 (3) RTI International.

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9 **NC BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER**

10 **SECTION 11.3.(a)** Recurring funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
11 Commerce for the North Carolina Biotechnology Center (Center) for each fiscal year in the
12 2021-2023 biennium shall be allocated for the following purposes in the following proportions:

- 13 (1) Job creation: AgBiotech Initiative, economic and industrial development, and
14 related activities: twenty-one percent (21%) of the funding.
- 15 (2) Science and commercialization: science and technology development, Centers
16 of Innovation, business and technology development, education and training,
17 and related activities: sixty-five percent (65%) of the funding.
- 18 (3) Center operations: administration, professional and technical assistance and
19 oversight, corporate communications, human resource management, financial
20 and grant administration, legal, and accounting: fourteen percent (14%) of the
21 funding.

22 **SECTION 11.3.(b)** The nonrecurring funds appropriated in this act to the
23 Department of Commerce for the Center for each fiscal year in the 2021-2023 biennium may be
24 used for the following purposes:

- 25 (1) Expand the NC BIONEER Venture Challenge start-up competition statewide.
- 26 (2) Expand NCBiotech grant and loan program funding.
- 27 (3) Train new workers statewide to meet biomanufacturing job growth.
- 28 (4) Recruit new life sciences companies to the State.
- 29 (5) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) of the nonrecurring funds in each
30 fiscal year of the biennium shall be used to support funding for early stage
31 loans to North Carolina agricultural technology companies.

32 **SECTION 11.3.(c)** The Center shall not use any of the nonrecurring funds allocated
33 in subsection (b) of this section for administrative costs and shall report on the expenditure of
34 those funds each year pursuant to Section 11.2 of this act.

35 **SECTION 11.3.(d)** The Center shall prioritize funding and distribution of loans over
36 funding and distribution of grants.

37 **SECTION 11.3.(e)** Up to ten percent (10%) of the sum of each of the allocations in
38 subsection (a) of this section may be reallocated to subdivision (a)(1) or subdivision (a)(2) of this
39 section if, in the judgment of Center management, the reallocation will advance the mission of
40 the Center.

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42 **SHELLFISH GROWERS LOAN PROGRAM**

43 **SECTION 11.4.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
44 Commerce, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in nonrecurring funds is allocated to the
45 North Carolina Rural Center, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the Shellfish Growers Loan
46 Program created in subsection (b) of this section.

47 **SECTION 11.4.(b)** Article 16 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes is amended by
48 adding a new section to read:

49 **"§ 113-211. Shellfish Growers Loan Program.**

50 (a) Definitions. – For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

- 51 (1) Department. – The Department of Commerce.

- 1 (2) Governmental crop insurance. – Insurance coverage through the United States
2 Department of Agriculture Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.
- 3 (3) Prime rate. – The interest rate that a commercial bank holds out as its lowest
4 rate for a loan with less than a 36-month term to its most creditworthy
5 borrowers.
- 6 (4) Qualifying business. – A business entity or resident subject to taxation under
7 Part 2 of Article 4 of Subchapter I of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes that
8 will use the loan proceeds for the establishment or expansion of shellfish
9 aquaculture businesses, including equipment and supplies for intensive
10 shellfish aquaculture operations, water column leasing, and bottom culture
11 leasing.
- 12 (5) Qualifying lender. – A nonprofit corporation or community development
13 financial institution chosen by the Rural Center that engages in lending to
14 small businesses.
- 15 (b) Program. – There is established the Shellfish Growers Loan Program to be
16 administered by the North Carolina Rural Center, Inc., a nonprofit corporation. The program
17 shall provide a revolving source of low-interest working capital and equipment loans to emerging
18 and existing small shellfish growers in this State. Funds credited to the program are available in
19 perpetuity and must be used only to provide loans to eligible businesses as allowed in this section.
- 20 (c) The following shall apply to the program and loans made under the program:
- 21 (1) A loan provided under the program shall have a fixed interest rate that is equal
22 to the prime rate plus two and one-quarter percent (2.25%) and shall be
23 amortized over the term of the loan.
- 24 (2) A working capital loan shall have a term of at least 12 months and shall not
25 exceed 24 months.
- 26 (3) An equipment loan shall have a term of at least 12 months and shall not exceed
27 60 months.
- 28 (4) A loan provided under the program may not exceed more than fifty thousand
29 dollars (\$50,000) per qualifying business.
- 30 (5) There shall be no penalty for prepayment of the loan by a qualifying business.
- 31 (6) The qualifying lender may retain an amount equal to the interest collected
32 under subdivision (1) of this subsection and may assess an origination fee not
33 to exceed two percent (2%) of the principal amount of the loan.
- 34 (7) Loans are made pursuant to an agreement with a qualifying business that
35 includes at least the following:
- 36 a. A provision requiring a qualifying business to certify in writing that it
37 will use the loan proceeds for the establishment or expansion of
38 shellfish aquaculture businesses, including equipment and supplies for
39 intensive shellfish aquaculture operations, water column leasing, and
40 bottom culture leasing.
- 41 b. A provision establishing the method for determining compliance with
42 the program.
- 43 c. A provision requiring the loan is secured through a Uniform
44 Commercial Code financing statement.
- 45 d. A provision requiring recapture of loan funds if a business fails to
46 comply with the requirements of the program. The qualifying lender
47 shall recapture loan funds only if the lender determines there is a
48 reasonable expectation that the recovery of funds will exceed the cost
49 of recovery.
- 50 e. A provision requiring proof that the qualifying business possesses
51 current governmental crop insurance to protect from disasters.

1 f. A provision allowing for losses from disasters in excess of
2 governmental crop insurance coverage on loans made to the qualifying
3 business to be covered by the program funds up to the remaining
4 unpaid principal loaned to the qualifying business but not repaid at the
5 time of the loss.

6 (d) Information. – The qualifying lender shall make available on their website and in the
7 loan application for qualifying businesses information regarding governmental crop insurance
8 for shellfish aquaculture growers through the United States Department of Agriculture.

9 (e) Reporting. – On September 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the Department shall
10 report to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and
11 Economic Resources; the chairs of the Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global
12 Engagement Oversight Committee; the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations
13 Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources; the chairs of the Senate
14 Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Natural, and Economic Resources; and the Fiscal
15 Research Division. The Department shall consult with the Rural Center and may consult the
16 North Carolina Coastal Federation in compiling information for the report. Qualifying lenders
17 shall supply information to the Rural Center to compile information for the report. The duty to
18 report pursuant to this section shall continue for the duration of the program, until the funds
19 appropriated for the program are depleted. Each report shall contain, at a minimum, all of the
20 following:

- 21 (1) The number, average size, and location of qualifying businesses that received
22 loans under the prior fiscal year of the report.
- 23 (2) The average loan amount.
- 24 (3) The total amount loaned to date.
- 25 (4) The total amount of loans repaid to date.
- 26 (5) The total amount of loans defaulted on to date.
- 27 (6) The total amount of loans defaulted that have been recaptured."

29 **STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE FUNDS**

30 **SECTION 11.5.** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Small Business
31 Credit Initiative funds received pursuant to ARPA to the Department of Commerce, the sum of
32 one hundred twenty million four hundred sixty-one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven dollars
33 (\$120,461,927) in nonrecurring funds shall be used to provide a grant to the North Carolina Rural
34 Center, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to be used in accordance with the State Small Business
35 Credit Initiative Act of 2010, P.L. 111-240, as amended by section 3301 of ARPA.

37 **MODIFY FILM GRANT**

38 **SECTION 11.6.(a)** G.S. 143B-437.02A reads as rewritten:

39 **"§ 143B-437.02A. The Film and Entertainment Grant Fund.**

40 (a) Creation and Purpose of Fund. – There is created in the Department of Commerce a
41 special, nonreverting account to be known as the Film and Entertainment Grant Fund to provide
42 funds to encourage the production of motion pictures, television shows, movies for television,
43 productions intended for on-line distribution, and commercials and to develop the filmmaking
44 industry within the State. The Department of Commerce shall adopt guidelines providing for the
45 administration of the program. Those guidelines may provide for the Secretary to award the grant
46 proceeds over a period of time, not to exceed three years. Those guidelines shall include the
47 following provisions, which shall apply to each grant from the account:

- 48 (1) The funds are reserved for a production on which the production company has
49 qualifying expenses of at least the following:
 - 50 a. For a feature-length film:

- 1 1. ~~Three million dollars (\$3,000,000), One million five hundred~~
 2 ~~thousand dollars (\$1,500,000), if for theatrical viewing.~~
- 3 2. ~~One million dollars (\$1,000,000), Five hundred thousand~~
 4 ~~dollars (\$500,000), if a movie for television.~~
- 5 b. For a television series, ~~one million dollars (\$1,000,000) five hundred~~
 6 ~~thousand dollars (\$500,000) per episode.~~
- 7 c. For a commercial for theatrical or television viewing or on-line
 8 distribution, two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).
- 9 (2) The funds are not used to provide a grant in excess of any of the following:
 10 ...
- 11 b. An amount more than seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for a
 12 feature-length film, more than ~~twelve~~fifteen million dollars
 13 ~~(\$12,000,000)~~(\$15,000,000) for a single season of a television series,
 14 or two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for a commercial for
 15 theatrical or television viewing or on-line distribution.

16"

17 **SECTION 11.6.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2021, and applies to
 18 grants made on or after that date.

19 **ONE NC SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM CHANGES**

20 **SECTION 11.7.(a)** G.S. 143B-437.80 reads as rewritten:

21 **"§ 143B-437.80. North Carolina SBIR/STTR Incentive Program.**

22 (a) Program. – There is established the North Carolina SBIR/STTR Incentive Program
 23 to be administered by the North Carolina Board of Science, Technology, and Innovation. In order
 24 to foster job creation and economic development ~~in~~throughout the State, the Board may provide
 25 grants to eligible businesses to offset costs associated with applying ~~to the United States Small~~
 26 ~~Business Administration~~ for federal Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) grants or Small
 27 Business Technology Transfer Research (STTR) grants. The grants shall be paid from the One
 28 North Carolina Small Business Account established in G.S. 143B-437.71.

29 ...

30 (c) Grant. – The North Carolina Board of Science, Technology, and Innovation may
 31 award grants to reimburse a business for ~~up to fifty percent (50%) a percentage~~
 32 ~~preparing and submitting a SBIR/STTR Phase I proposal, up to a maximum of three~~twelve
 33 ~~thousand dollars (\$3,000).~~(\$12,000). The maximum percentage for reimbursement is
 34 seventy-five percent (75%) for an eligible business located in a development tier one or two area,
 35 as defined in G.S. 143B-437.08, and is fifty percent (50%) for any other eligible business. A
 36 business may receive only one grant two grants under this section per year. A business may
 37 receive only one grant under this section with respect to each federal proposal submission. Costs
 38 that may be reimbursed include costs incurred directly related to preparation and submission of
 39 the grant such as word processing services, proposal consulting fees, project-related supplies,
 40 literature searches, rental of space or equipment related to the proposal ~~preparation~~preparation,
 41 educational programs, and salaries of individuals involved with the preparation of the proposals.
 42 Costs that shall not be reimbursed include travel expenses, large equipment purchases, facility or
 43 leasehold improvements, and legal fees.

44 ...

45 (e) Education and Outreach. – The North Carolina Board of Science, Technology, and
 46 Innovation may use up to ten percent (10%) of funds appropriated for grants under this section
 47 to provide education and outreach, including training, materials, and location and other
 48 associated costs, to aid in the awareness and successful completion of SBIR/STTR Phase I
 49 proposals."

50 **SECTION 11.7.(b)** G.S. 143B-437.81 reads as rewritten:
 51

"§ 143B-437.81. North Carolina SBIR/STTR Matching Funds Program.

...
(c) Grant. – The North Carolina Board of Science, Technology, and Innovation may award grants to match the funds received by a business through a SBIR/STTR Phase I proposal up to a maximum of ~~one two~~ hundred thousand dollars ~~(\$100,000)-(\$200,000)~~. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the total grant shall be remitted to the business upon receipt of the SBIR/STTR Phase I award and application for funds under this section. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total grant shall be remitted to the business upon submission by the business of the Phase II application to the funding agency and acceptance of the Phase I report by the funding agency. ~~A business may receive only one grant under this section per year.~~ A business may receive only one grant under this section with respect to each federal proposal ~~submission.~~ award. Over its lifetime, a business may receive a maximum of five awards under this section.
...."

TIER THREE ONE NC ALLOTMENT

SECTION 11.8.(a) G.S. 143B-437.71 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-437.71. One North Carolina Fund established as a special revenue fund.

(a) Establishment. – The One North Carolina Fund is established as a special revenue fund in the Department of Commerce.

(b) Purposes. – Moneys in the One North Carolina Fund may only be allocated pursuant to this subsection. Moneys may be allocated to local governments for use in connection with securing commitments for the recruitment, expansion, or retention of new and existing businesses and to the One North Carolina Small Business Account created pursuant to subsection (c) of this section in an amount not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000). Moneys in the One North Carolina Fund allocated to local governments shall be used for the following purposes only:

- (1) Installation or purchase of equipment.
- (2) Structural repairs, improvements, or renovations to existing buildings to be used for expansion.
- (3) Construction of or improvements to new or existing water, sewer, gas, or electric utility distribution lines or equipment for existing buildings.
- (4) Construction of or improvements to new or existing water, sewer, gas, or electric utility distribution lines or equipment for new or proposed buildings to be used for manufacturing and industrial operations.
- (5) Any other purposes specifically provided by an act of the General Assembly.

(b1) Awards. – The amounts committed in Governor's Letters issued in a single fiscal ~~biennium~~ year may not exceed ~~twenty eight~~ seventeen million dollars ~~(\$28,000,000)-(\$17,000,000)~~. Of the amount authorized in this subsection, three million dollars (\$3,000,000) is reserved for agreements with local governments located in development tier three areas, as defined in G.S. 143B-437.08, with total employment of 115,000 or less, using the data specified in G.S. 143B-437.52(c)(3).

(c) There is created in the One North Carolina Fund a special account, the One North Carolina Small Business Account, to be used for the North Carolina SBIR/STTR Incentive Program and the North Carolina SBIR/STTR Matching Funds Program, as specified in Part 2I of Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes."

SECTION 11.8.(b) This section becomes effective July 1, 2021.

RURAL READY SITES REPORT CHANGE

SECTION 11.9. Section 15.7A(d) of S.L. 2017-57 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 15.7A.(d) Report. – The Department of Commerce shall submit a report detailing its use of State funds appropriated by this section. The report shall be submitted to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic

1 Resources, the chairs of the Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement
2 Oversight Committee, the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations on Agriculture
3 and Natural and Economic Resources, the chairs of the Senate Appropriations on Agriculture,
4 Natural, and Economic Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division by September 1, 2017, 2021,
5 and by September 1 of each subsequent year State funds are received, and more frequently as
6 requested, until all funding appropriated by this section is expended and eligible projects are
7 completed. The Department shall report on each existing eligible project, including any new
8 agreements entered into and the amount of funds utilized or encumbered for each. The report
9 shall include the information required by this section for the most recently ended fiscal year. The
10 report shall include all of the following:

- 11 (1) For projects that are not completed:
 - 12 a. The name of the project.
 - 13 b. Total amount of funds awarded for each project.
 - 14 c. Amount expended to date for each project.
 - 15 d. A summary and description of each project.
 - 16 e. An expected date of completion for each project.
 - 17 f. An anticipated number of jobs created by each project.
 - 18 g. The current status of the project, including any issues resulting in a
19 delay.
- 20 (2) For projects that are completed:
 - 21 a. Whether the site of the project is occupied.
 - 22 b. How many jobs were created by the project."

23 **SITE DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

24 **SECTION 11.10.(a)** Part 22 of Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes
25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

26 **"§ 143B-472.127A. Site Development Revolving Loan Fund.**

27 (a) Purpose. – The purpose of this section is to (i) provide a means for meeting the need
28 of local government units to have infrastructure adaptable to and facilitating the recruitment of
29 industries so as to promote the creation of new jobs and to strengthen and diversify the tax base
30 and revenue sources in the State and (ii) govern the use of State funds appropriated to the
31 Authority for site development projects and the use of revenue received by the Authority from
32 the repayment of loans made with such funds.

33 (b) Fund Established. – The Site Development Revolving Loan Fund is established as a
34 special revenue fund. The Fund receives State funds for site development. Revenue credited to
35 the account is available in perpetuity and must be used only to provide loans to local government
36 units as allowed in this section. The Authority is directed to establish accounts within the Fund
37 to administer loans for site development projects for local government units. The Authority, in
38 consultation with the Economic Investment Committee, shall determine the form of a loan that
39 is appropriate for a project application by a local government unit.

40 (c) Prioritization. – The factors for priority in this section apply to a loan from the Fund.
41 The Rural Infrastructure Authority must consider the following items when evaluating
42 applications:

- 43 (1) Whether a loan is needed for the local government unit to complete the site
44 development project.
- 45 (2) The anticipated economic impact of full utilization of the site, including
46 increased employment opportunities and the effect on the tax base of the local
47 government unit.
- 48 (3) The costs of the project when compared to the benefits of the project.
- 49 (4) The degree to which the local government unit has available funds to or has
50 the ability to generate available funds to, and has historically used such funds
51

1 to, invest in an attempt to recruit economic development projects and
2 opportunities, including investments in developing expertise or employing
3 expertise in economic development efforts.

4 (5) The types of industries for which the project is suitable for use.

5 (6) The likelihood of utilization of the site and recoupment of the loan.

6 (7) Whether one or more loans have been previously provided pursuant to this
7 Part for the economic development of the applicant local government unit.

8 (8) The likelihood that utilization of the site will induce additional economic
9 investment in the area.

10 (9) The ranking of the county pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.08 in which the local
11 government unit is located.

12 (10) Whether the local government unit has demonstrated a willingness and ability
13 to meet its responsibilities through sound fiscal policies and efficient
14 operation and management.

15 (d) Fee. – If an application is approved under this Part, the local government unit must
16 pay a fee of two percent (2%) of the amount of the loan provided. The fee is payable when loan
17 is awarded and is a departmental receipt and must be applied to the Authority's costs and the
18 Local Government Commission's costs in administering funds from the Fund. The Authority and
19 the Local Government Commission must determine how to allocate the fee receipts.

20 (e) Report. – The Division shall publish by November 1 of each year a report on the
21 accounts in the Fund covering the preceding fiscal year. The Division shall submit a copy of the
22 report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic
23 Resources and the Fiscal Research Division. The report required by this section must contain the
24 following information concerning the accounts of the Fund:

25 (1) The beginning and ending balance for the fiscal year.

26 (2) The amount of revenue credited to the Fund during the fiscal year.

27 (3) The total amount of loans awarded from the Fund.

28 (4) Specific to each loan awarded, the recipient of the loan, the amount of the
29 loan, the amount of the loan that was disbursed, and the amount of the loan
30 remaining to be disbursed in a subsequent fiscal year.

31 (5) The amount disbursed for loans awarded but not disbursed in a prior fiscal
32 year and the amount remaining to be disbursed in a subsequent fiscal year.

33 (6) An assessment of the expected impact on the economic development of the
34 projects for which the loans were awarded.

35 (f) Administration. – The Division shall be responsible for administering the program
36 whereby loans are awarded by the Authority as provided in this section.

37 (g) Eligibility; Use. – A local government unit is eligible to apply for a loan from the
38 Fund. Loans from the Fund may be used for the following types of projects necessary to prepare
39 or improve a site to make the site suitable for sale to a business looking to relocate or expand:

40 (1) Construction of or improvements to new or existing water, sewer, gas, or
41 electric utility distributions lines or equipment for existing, new, or proposed
42 buildings.

43 (2) Construction of or improvement to transportation infrastructure for allowing
44 or improving access to a site.

45 (3) Grading and clearing of a site.

46 (4) Sidewalks.

47 (5) Any other purposes specifically provided by an act of the General Assembly.

48 (h) Limitations. – The following limitations apply to the Fund:

49 (1) The amount of a loan from the Fund may not exceed the construction costs of
50 a project.

1 (2) A loan from the Fund is available only to the extent that other funding sources
2 are not reasonably available to the local government unit.

3 (i) Application. – An application for a loan from the Fund must be filed with, submitted
4 on a form prescribed by, and contain the information required by, the Authority. An applicant
5 must submit any additional information requested by the Authority to enable the Authority to
6 make a determination on the application. An application that does not contain information
7 required by this subsection is incomplete and not eligible for consideration.

8 (j) Review. – The Authority must review all applications filed for a loan under this
9 section for an application period and rank each application in accordance with the prioritization
10 factors set forth in subsection (c) of this section. The Authority's determination of rank is
11 conclusive. If the Authority determines an application's rank is too low to receive an award of a
12 loan for an application period, the Authority must include the application with those considered
13 for the next application period. If the application's rank is again too low to receive an award, the
14 application is not eligible for consideration in a subsequent application period. An applicant
15 whose application does not receive an award after review in two application periods may file a
16 new application.

17 (k) Award. – When the Authority determines that an application's rank makes it eligible
18 for an award of a loan, the Authority must send the applicant a letter of intent to award the loan.
19 The notice must set out any conditions the applicant must meet to receive the award. When the
20 applicant satisfies the conditions set out in the letter of intent, the Authority must send the
21 applicant an offer to award the loan. The applicant must give the Authority written notice of
22 whether it accepts or rejects the offer. A loan is considered awarded when an offer to award the
23 loan is issued.

24 (l) Approval by Local Government Commission. – The Authority may not award a loan
25 under this section unless the Local Government Commission approves the award of the loan and
26 the terms of the loan. In reviewing a proposed loan to a local government unit, the Local
27 Government Commission must consider the loan as if it were a bond proposal and review the
28 proposed loan in accordance with the factors set out in G.S. 159-52 for review of a proposed
29 bond issue.

30 (m) Terms. – A loan from the Fund is subject to all of the following:

31 (1) Interest rate. – The loan does not bear interest.

32 (2) Maturity. – The loan matures when the local government unit transfer land
33 benefitting from the project for which the loan was awarded.

34 (3) Security. – A local government unit may pledge, as security for an obligation
35 to repay the principal of a loan awarded under this section, either or both of
36 (i) a mortgage, deed of trust, security interest, or similar lien on part or all of
37 the infrastructure that benefits from the project for which the loan is awarded
38 or (ii) its full faith and credit if it meets the requirements of Article 4 of
39 Chapter 159 of the General Statutes.

40 (n) Debt Instrument. – A local government unit may execute a debt instrument payable
41 to the State to evidence an obligation to repay the principal of a loan awarded under this section.
42 The Treasurer, with the assistance of the Local Government Commission, must develop debt
43 instruments for use by local government units under this section. The Local Government
44 Commission must develop procedures for loan recipients to deliver debt instruments to the State
45 without public bidding.

46 (o) Withdrawal. – A letter of intent to offer an award of a loan for a project is withdrawn
47 if the local government unit fails to enter into a construction contract for the project within two
48 years after the date of the letter. An award of a loan for a project is withdrawn if the local
49 government unit fails to enter into a construction contract for the project within one year after
50 the date of the award. The Division may extend the time limits provided in this subsection on a

1 finding that the applicant has good cause for the failure but must, upon a finding of good cause,
2 set a date by which the local government unit must take action or forfeit the award.

3 (p) Disbursement. – The Division must disburse the proceeds of a loan to a local
4 government unit in a series of payments based on the progress of the project for which the loan
5 was awarded. To obtain a payment, the local government unit must submit a request for payment
6 to the Division and document the expenditures for which the payment is requested.

7 (q) Inspection. – The Division may have a project for which a loan is awarded under this
8 section inspected to determine the progress made on the project and whether the construction of
9 the project is consistent with the description in the application. The individual performing the
10 inspection must hold licenses and certifications, as appropriate for such inspections, and may not
11 be any of the following:

12 (1) An officer or employee of the local government unit that received the award
13 for the project.

14 (2) An owner, officer, employee, or agent of a contractor or subcontractor
15 engaged in the construction of the project for which the award was made.

16 (r) Rules. – The Authority may adopt rules to implement this section. Chapter 150B of
17 the General Statutes, the Administrative Procedure Act, governs the adoption of rules by the
18 Authority. The Authority must give a copy of the rules adopted to implement this section without
19 charge to a person who requests a copy.

20 (s) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

21 (1) Authority. – The Rural Infrastructure Authority created in
22 G.S. 143B-472.128.

23 (2) Construction costs. – The costs of planning, designing, and constructing a
24 project for which a loan is available under this section. The term includes
25 legal, fiscal, administrative, and contingency costs and the cost to acquire real
26 property or an interest in real property.

27 (3) Division. – The Rural Economic Development Division created in
28 G.S. 143B-472.126.

29 (4) Fund. – The Site Development Revolving Loan Fund.

30 (5) Loan. – An award of money loaned to a local government unit with an
31 obligation on the part of the unit to repay the amount awarded.

32 (6) Local Government Commission. – The Local Government Commission of the
33 Department of the State Treasurer, established in G.S. 159-3.

34 (7) Local government unit. – Any of the following located in a county with total
35 employment of 115,000 or more:

36 a. A city, as defined in G.S. 160A-1.

37 b. A county.

38 c. A consolidated city-county, as defined in G.S. 160B-2.

39 (8) State. – The State of North Carolina.

40 (9) Treasurer. – The Treasurer of the State elected pursuant to Article III, Section
41 7, of the North Carolina Constitution."

42 **SECTION 11.10.(b)** Of the funds appropriated in this act for the Department of
43 Commerce for the Rural Infrastructure Authority, the sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000)
44 in nonrecurring funds is allocated to the Site Development Revolving Loan Fund created in
45 subsection (a) of this section for uses consistent with the Fund.

46 **EDPNC MARKETING FUNDS**

47 **SECTION 11.11.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
48 Commerce for the nonprofit corporation with which the Department contracts pursuant to
49 G.S. 143B-431.01(b), the sum of sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) shall be used for the
50 following purposes in the following amounts:
51

1 (1) Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for travel and tourism marketing in the
2 State.

3 (2) Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for business marketing in the State.

4 Of the funds allocated in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section, the nonprofit
5 corporation shall use no more than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for each purpose in each of
6 the next three fiscal years.

7 8 **RURAL DOWNTOWN TRANSFORMATION GRANT PROGRAM**

9 **SECTION 11.12.(a)** Allocation. – Of the funds appropriated in this act from the
10 State Fiscal Recovery Fund for Rural Downtown Transformation grants, the sum of fifty million
11 dollars (\$50,000,000) shall be allocated to the Department of Commerce, Rural Economic
12 Developmental Division (REDD), to administer a rural downtown transformation grant program
13 pursuant to this section. The program shall enable eligible units of local government to fully
14 leverage resources towards enhancing their communities' prospects for economic growth. Of the
15 funds allocated in this section, twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be used for
16 neighborhood revitalization grants and twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be used
17 for community development enhancement grants, consistent with this section.

18 **SECTION 11.12.(b)** Program. – There is created the Rural Downtown
19 Transformation Grant Program (Program) to be administered by REDD to provide neighborhood
20 revitalization and community development enhancement grants to eligible units of local
21 government.

22 **SECTION 11.12.(c)** Neighborhood Revitalization Grants. – Neighborhood
23 revitalization grants shall be used to support public improvement projects that complement
24 affordable housing investments and help pandemic-impacted neighborhoods retain downtown
25 businesses. Eligible projects for a neighborhood revitalization grant include all of the following:

- 26 (1) Sidewalks and walkways.
- 27 (2) Parks and playgrounds.
- 28 (3) Signage and lighting.
- 29 (4) Benches and planter boxes.
- 30 (5) Public restrooms.
- 31 (6) Public venues, public parking, and infrastructure.

32 **SECTION 11.12.(d)** Community Development Enhancement Grants. – Community
33 development enhancement grants shall be used for any of the following:

- 34 (1) Support the acquisition of land and buildings.
- 35 (2) Preparation and development of neighborhood properties and business sites.
- 36 (3) Removal of structural and physical barriers to enhance community growth and
37 economic development opportunities.

38 In addition, community development enhancement grant funds may be used by the
39 Department of Commerce in partnership with the Department of Environmental Quality to assess
40 environmental hazards on potentially contaminated eligible property or business sites and to
41 conduct necessary environmental removal or remedial activities to allow the property or business
42 sites to be permitted for development.

43 **SECTION 11.12.(e)** Training; Technical Assistance. – Program funds may be used
44 to deliver training and technical assistance for local government units to effectively leverage
45 State and federal assistance.

46 **SECTION 11.12.(f)** Eligibility. – A unit of local government is eligible for a Rural
47 Downtown Transformation Grant under this section if it is located in a development tier one or
48 tier two area, as defined in G.S. 143B-437.08, and is either (i) a community negatively impacted
49 by the COVID-19 pandemic at a disproportionate level when compared to the rest of the State or
50 (ii) located in a qualified census tract, as defined by the United States Department of Housing
51 and Urban Development.

1 **SECTION 11.12.(g)** Application. – An applicant for a Rural Downtown
2 Transformation Grant must show a reasonable expectation that the funding will yield private
3 sector investment and job creation, community development projects, or neighborhood
4 revitalization.

5 **SECTION 11.12.(h)** Administration. – REDD may use up to three percent (3%) of
6 the funds allocated in this section to administer the Program.

7 8 **PART XII. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

9 10 **GREAT COHARIE TIMBER SALES**

11 **SECTION 12.1.** The Department of Environmental Quality shall deposit revenue
12 generated from timber harvesting on the Great Coharie property managed by the Department's
13 Stewardship Program in the Conservation Grant Endowment Interest Fund (Fund Code:
14 64307-6705) for the purpose of restoration and stewardship of that property.

15 16 **OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE STUDY OF DEQ FEES**

17 **SECTION 12.2.** The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and
18 Natural and Economic Resources shall study the existing fee structure for permitting,
19 compliance, and oversight services performed by the Department of Environmental Quality with
20 the goal of identifying areas where fee income does not adequately support the services provided.
21 The Committee shall identify, with respect to each service identified as having an insufficient
22 fee, the amount of the fee that was or could have been charged, the cost incurred by the
23 Department of Environmental Quality in performing the service, and, if applicable, the reason
24 for not charging the fee or for the fee shortfall. The Committee shall provide its report to the
25 2022 Regular Session of the 2021 General Assembly upon its convening.

26 27 **EXTEND SHELLFISH LEASING MORATORIA**

28 **SECTION 12.3.(a)** Section 7 of S.L. 2019-37 reads as rewritten:

29 "**SECTION 7.** Notwithstanding G.S. 113-202 and G.S. 113-202.1, a moratorium on new
30 shellfish cultivation leases and new water column leases for aquaculture shall be imposed for all
31 those waters enclosed by a line beginning at 34° 13.10221' N -77° 48.79544' W on the mainland
32 side near Wrightsville Beach Bridge; running southeasterly to a point at 34° 12.51584' N -77°
33 47.81847' W on Wrightsville Beach; following the shoreline southwesterly to a point at 34°
34 11.121' N -77° 48.848' W at Masonboro Inlet; running southwesterly to a point at 34° 10.927'
35 N -77° 48.771' W at Masonboro Inlet; continuing southwesterly to a point at 34° 05.04108' N -77°
36 52.08324' W near IWW marker #159 continuing running southwesterly to a point at 34°
37 03.64140' N -77° 53.41338' W on the mainland adjacent to the eastern mouth of Snow's Cut;
38 running northeasterly along the shoreline to the point of beginning. ~~The moratorium shall expire~~
39 ~~July 1, 2021.~~ For purposes of this section, a new shellfish cultivation lease or water column lease
40 shall include applications for either type of lease received by the Secretary, but not granted as of
41 July 1, 2019."

42 **SECTION 12.3.(b)** Section 8 of S.L. 2019-37 reads as rewritten:

43 "**SECTION 8.** Notwithstanding G.S. 113-202 and G.S. 113-202.1, a moratorium on new
44 shellfish cultivation leases and new water column leases for aquaculture shall be imposed for all
45 those waters enclosed by a line beginning at 34° 43.24641' N -76° 41.68436' W; running easterly
46 following the Highway 70 High Rise Bridge to a point at 34° 43.27819' N -76° 41.22259' W;
47 running southerly to a point 34° 42.375275' N -76° 40.80078' W on the southern tip of Radio
48 Island; running southerly to a point 34° 41.98273' N -76° 40.81929' W; following the shoreline
49 westerly to the Emerald Isle Bridge at a point 34° 40.05410' N -77° 03.80531' W; running
50 northwesterly following the bridge to a point 34° 40.77658' N -77° 04.02674' W on the mainland
51 near the Emerald Isle High Rise Bridge; running easterly following the shoreline to the point of

1 beginning. ~~The moratorium shall expire July 1, 2021.~~ For purposes of this section, a new shellfish
2 cultivation lease or water column lease shall include applications for either type of lease received
3 by the Secretary, but not granted as of July 1, 2019."
4

5 **COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE BUYBACK**

6 **SECTION 12.4.(a)** Funds appropriated in this act to the Division of Marine Fisheries
7 of the Department of Environmental Quality for commercial fishing license buyback shall be
8 used by the Division to implement a voluntary fisheries license buyback program for holders of
9 underutilized Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses (SCFLs). The program shall include the
10 following requirements:

- 11 (1) SCFLs repurchased with funds provided by this section shall be retired and
12 shall not revert to the pool of available commercial fishing licenses established
13 by Section 5.2 of S.L. 1997-400, as amended by Section 4.24 of S.L.
14 1998-225.
- 15 (2) Any holder of an SCFL who sells the license back through the program funded
16 by this section shall not be eligible to receive an SCFL or a Retired Standard
17 Commercial Fishing License for three years following the date of sale through
18 the buyback program.

19 **SECTION 12.4.(b)** The Division of Marine Fisheries shall report to the Joint
20 Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the
21 Fiscal Research Division as follows:

- 22 (1) No later than December 1, 2021, on its plan for the voluntary license buyback
23 program with consideration of a reverse auction model.
- 24 (2) No later than April 15, 2022, on interim progress in implementing the buyback
25 program, including any required legislative changes.
- 26 (3) No later than September 1, 2022, and September 1, 2023, on activities and
27 results of the buyback program during the prior fiscal year.

28 29 **SHALLOW DRAFT NAVIGATION CHANNEL DREDGING AND AQUATIC WEED** 30 **FUND AMENDMENTS**

31 **SECTION 12.5.** G.S. 143-215.73F(b) reads as rewritten:

32 "(b) Uses of Fund. – Revenue in the Fund may only be used for the following purposes:

- 33 (1) To provide the State's share of the costs associated with any dredging project
34 designed to keep shallow draft navigation channels located in State waters or
35 waters of the ~~state~~ State located within lakes navigable and safe.
- 36 (2) For aquatic weed control projects in waters of the State under Article 15 of
37 Chapter 113A of the General Statutes. Funding for aquatic weed control
38 projects is limited to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in each fiscal year.
- 39 (3) ~~For the compensation of a beach and inlet management project manager with~~
40 ~~the Division of Coastal Management of the Department of Environmental~~
41 ~~Quality for the purpose of overseeing all~~ For administrative support of
42 activities related to beach and inlet management in the State. Funding for the
43 position is limited to ninety nine thousand dollars (\$99,000) in each fiscal
44 year. State, limited to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in each fiscal
45 year.
- 46 (3a) For administrative support of Fund operations, limited to one hundred
47 thousand dollars (\$100,000) in each fiscal year.
- 48 (4) To provide funding for siting and acquisition of dredged disposal easement
49 sites associated with the maintenance of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway
50 between the border with the state of South Carolina and the border with the

1 Commonwealth of Virginia, under a Memorandum of Agreement between the
2 State and the federal government.

3 (5) For assessments and data collection regarding dredge material disposal sites
4 located in the State."

5
6 **COMMERCIAL LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND**
7 **CHANGES**

8 **SECTION 12.6.** G.S. 143-215.94B(i) reads as rewritten:

9 "(i) During each fiscal year, the Department shall use up to ~~one million dollars~~
10 ~~(\$1,000,000)~~ two million dollars (\$2,000,000) of the funds in the Commercial Fund to fund
11 necessary assessment and cleanup to be conducted by the Department of discharges or releases
12 for which a responsible party has been identified but for which the responsible party can
13 demonstrate that undertaking the costs of assessment and cleanup will impose a severe financial
14 hardship. Any portion of the ~~\$1,000,000~~ two million dollars (\$2,000,000) designated each fiscal
15 year, which is not used during that fiscal year to address situations of severe financial hardship,
16 shall revert to the Commercial Fund for the uses otherwise provided by this section. The
17 Commission shall adopt rules to define severe financial hardship; establish criteria for assistance
18 due to severe financial hardship pursuant to this section; and establish a process for evaluation
19 and determinations of eligibility with respect to applications for assistance due to severe financial
20 hardship. The Commission shall create a subcommittee of the Commission's Committee on Civil
21 Penalty Remissions as established by G.S. 143B-282.1 to render determinations of eligibility
22 under this subsection."
23

24 **BERNARD ALLEN MEMORIAL DRINKING WATER FUND CLARIFICATION**

25 **SECTION 12.7.** G.S. 87-98 reads as rewritten:

26 "**§ 87-98. Bernard Allen Memorial Emergency Drinking Water Fund.**

27 ...

28 (c) The Department shall disburse monies from the Fund based on financial need and on
29 the risk to public health posed by groundwater contamination and shall give priority to the
30 provision of services under this section to instances when an alternative source of funds is not
31 available. The Fund shall not be used to provide alternative water supply to households with
32 incomes greater than three hundred percent (300%) of the current federal poverty ~~level.~~ level,
33 provided that this income limitation shall not apply in cases of contamination that includes
34 per-fluoroalkyl or poly-fluoroalkyl substances. The Fund may be used to provide alternative
35 drinking water supplies if the Department determines that the concentration of one or more
36 contaminants in the private drinking water well or improved spring exceeds the federal maximum
37 contaminant level, or the federal drinking water action level as defined in 40 Code of Federal
38 Regulations § 141.1 through § 141.571 (1 July 2007) and 40 Code of Federal Regulations § 143.3
39 (1 July 2007). For a contaminant for which a federal maximum contaminant level or drinking
40 water action level has not been established, the State groundwater standard established by the
41 Environmental Management Commission for the concentration of that ~~contaminant~~ contaminant,
42 a health goal established by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, or a
43 health advisory standard established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency shall
44 be used to determine whether the Fund may be used to provide alternative drinking water
45 supplies. The Fund may also be used to provide alternative drinking water supplies as provided
46 in this section if the Department determines that the concentration of one or more contaminants
47 in a private drinking water well is increasing over time and that there is a significant risk that the
48 concentration of a contaminant will exceed the federal maximum contaminant level or drinking
49 water action level, or the State groundwater standard. A determination of the concentration of a
50 contaminant shall be based on a sample of water collected from the private drinking water well
51 within the past 12 months.

1 ...
2 (c4) The Department may use up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) annually of
3 the monies in the Fund to pay the personnel and other direct costs associated with the
4 implementation of this section.
5"

7 ROCKINGHAM/GUILFORD COUNTY FUNDS EXTENSION

8 **SECTION 12.8.** Subsection 14.20A(b) of S.L. 2016-94, as amended by Section 1 of
9 S.L. 2017-17 and Section 2 of S.L. 2019-75, reads as rewritten:

10 "**SECTION 14.20A.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-23(f1)(1) and G.S. 143C-1-2, funds
11 allocated by this section shall be held in reserve by the Office of State Budget and Management
12 and the allocations to each County shall be released when the County and one or more of the
13 municipalities specified in subsection (a) of this section reach agreement on the funds allocated
14 to that County by this section through interlocal agreements or the formation of regional water
15 and sewer authorities or a combination of interlocal agreements and regional water and sewer
16 authorities. Funds not spent or encumbered by June 30, ~~2021~~, 2023, shall be returned by the local
17 governments or regional water and sewer authority to the Office of State Budget and
18 Management and revert to the General Fund."

20 REPURPOSE PREREGULATORY LANDFILL FUNDS AMENDMENT

21 **SECTION 12.9.** Section 13.2 of S.L. 2018-5, as amended by Section 4.2 of S.L.
22 2018-97, reads as rewritten:

23 "**SECTION 13.2.** Notwithstanding G.S. 130A-310.11(b), up to two million dollars
24 (\$2,000,000) of the funds credited to the Inactive Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund under
25 G.S. 105-187.63 for the assessment and remediation of pre-1983 landfills shall instead be used
26 by the Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Waste Management to provide a
27 matching grant to Charlotte Motor Speedway, LLC, (CMS) for the purpose of remediation
28 activities at the Charlotte Motor Speedway in Cabarrus County. The Division shall provide one
29 dollar (\$1.00) for every ~~two non-State dollars (\$2.00)~~ one non-State dollar (\$1.00) provided in
30 kind or otherwise, up to a maximum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the matching grant
31 described in this section. CMS may allocate all or a portion of the grant provided by this section
32 to an entity that controls CMS or an entity controlled by CMS. Entities receiving such an
33 allocation shall be considered a subgrantee as defined in G.S. 143C-6-23."

35 DAM SAFETY EMERGENCY FUND

36 **SECTION 12.10.(a)** Part 3 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is
37 amended by adding a new section to read:

38 "§ 143-215.32A. Dam Safety Emergency Fund.

39 (a) Establishment; Purpose. – There is established the Dam Safety Emergency Fund
40 within the Department, as set forth in this section. The Fund shall be used to defray expenses
41 incurred by the Department in developing and implementing an emergency dam safety remedial
42 plan.

43 (b) Eligible Expenses. – The Fund may be used for expenses incurred in developing and
44 implementing an emergency dam safety remedial plan that has been approved by the Department,
45 including expenses incurred to contract with any third party for services related to plan
46 development or implementation.

47 (c) Conditions for Use. – These funds shall be used upon the Department's determination
48 that sufficient funds or corrective action cannot be obtained from other sources without incurring
49 a delay that would significantly increase the threat to life or risk of damage to property or the
50 environment.

1 (d) Cost Recovery. – Costs of site investigation and the development and implementation
2 of an emergency dam safety remedial plan, including attorney's fees and other expenses of
3 bringing the cost recovery action, may be recovered from the owners of the dam by appropriate
4 legal action by the Commission. Funds recovered pursuant to this subsection shall be used to
5 reimburse the Dam Safety Emergency Fund.

6 (e) Standards for Funded Activities. – Emergency dam safety remedial plan development
7 and implementation activities shall be conducted in accordance with standards set forth in
8 G.S. 143-215.29."

9 **SECTION 12.10.(b)** G.S. 143-215.29(a) reads as rewritten:

10 "(a) Any project for which the Commission's approval is required under G.S. 143-215.26,
11 143-215.27, and 143-215.28, and any project undertaken pursuant to an order of the Commission
12 issued pursuant to this section or G.S. 143-215.32 or funded from the Fund established in
13 G.S. 143-215.32A shall be designed and supervised by an engineer legally qualified in the State
14 of North Carolina."
15

16 **VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND PHASE II** 17 **APPROPRIATION**

18 **SECTION 12.11.(a)** Section 10(b) of S.L. 2020-79 reads as rewritten:

19 "**SECTION 10.(b)** In accordance with Section 13.2 of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section
20 13.11 of S.L. 2018-5 (the Settlement Directives), there is appropriated from the Volkswagen
21 Litigation Environmental Mitigation Fund (Fund) the sum of thirty million six hundred
22 eighty-one thousand eight hundred eighty-six dollars (\$30,681,886) to fund Phase 1 of the August
23 28, 2018, Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (Plan) prepared as set forth in the Trust agreement and
24 submitted by the Department of Environmental Quality to the General Assembly pursuant to the
25 Settlement Directives. The funds appropriated in this act shall be allocated for the following
26 purposes set forth in Phase 1 of the Plan:

- 27 (1) Diesel bus and vehicle replacements or upgrades.
- 28 (2) Zero emissions vehicle infrastructure – Level 2 charging stations.
- 29 (3) Zero emissions vehicle infrastructure – DC fast charging stations.

30 The Department of Environmental Quality in its capacity as the lead agency designated under
31 the procedures set forth in the Trust agreement may transfer and use up to one million five
32 hundred thirty-four thousand ninety-four dollars (\$1,534,094) for administrative purposes in
33 executing the Plan.

34 Funds remaining from Phase 1 of the Plan that are unobligated and unencumbered at the end
35 of the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium shall ~~be returned to the Trustee by the Department of~~
36 ~~Environmental Quality as set forth in the Trust agreement.~~ remain available until expended."

37 **SECTION 12.11.(b)** The appropriation of funds in this act from the Volkswagen
38 Litigation Environmental Mitigation Fund for Phase 2 of the August 28, 2018, Beneficiary
39 Mitigation Plan (the Phase 2 Plan) shall be contingent upon the submission of the Phase 2 Plan
40 by the Department of Environmental Quality to the General Assembly.

41 **SECTION 12.11.(c)** Subsection (a) of this section becomes effective June 30, 2021.
42

43 **WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUND ENHANCEMENT**

44 **SECTION 12.12.(a)** G.S. 159G-22 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

45 "(j) Unused CWSRF and DWSRF State Match. – Funds appropriated to the Department
46 for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to provide
47 State matching funds that are in excess of the amount required to draw down all available federal
48 capitalization grant funds may also be used for water and wastewater infrastructure grants
49 awarded from the Wastewater Reserve, the Drinking Water Reserve, or the Viable Utility
50 Reserve."

51 **SECTION 12.12.(b)** G.S. 159G-39 reads as rewritten:

1 "§ 159G-39. Review of applications and award of loan or grant.

2 ...
3 (e) ~~Viable Utility Reserve Terms--Approval.~~ – The Department shall not award a grant
4 from the Viable Utility Reserve Fund unless the Local Government Commission approves the
5 award of the grant and the terms of the grant. Any emergency grant application submitted under
6 G.S. 159G-31(e) shall be deemed approved by the Local Government Commission upon
7 submission.

8 (f) Grant Terms. –

9 (1) Viable Utility Reserve. – The Department and the Local Government
10 Commission may, in their discretion, impose specific performance measures
11 or conditions on any grant awarded from the Viable Utility Reserve, including
12 any grant submitted under G.S. 159G-31(e).

13 (2) Drinking Water Reserve or Wastewater Reserve. – The Department may
14 impose specific performance measures or conditions on any grant awarded
15 from the Drinking Water Reserve or Wastewater Reserve to ensure an
16 adequately funded program for the repair, maintenance, and management of
17 the water or wastewater infrastructure."

18
19 **GENERAL FUND WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE – STATESVILLE AND**
20 **TROUTMAN**

21 **SECTION 12.12A.** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the General Fund to
22 the Water Infrastructure Fund for the Drinking Water Reserve and the Wastewater Reserve, the
23 sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022
24 fiscal year is allocated to the City of Statesville, and the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars
25 (\$250,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is allocated to the Town of
26 Troutman. These funds shall be used for water or wastewater projects as set forth in the statutes
27 and rules governing the Drinking Water and Wastewater Reserves.

28
29 **WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS**

30 **SECTION 12.13.(a)** Allocation. – Funds appropriated in this act from the State
31 Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality for water and sewer
32 infrastructure shall be allocated as follows:

33 (1) Five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) to the Water Infrastructure Fund
34 for the Viable Utility Reserve to be used for the purposes set forth in
35 subdivisions (1) through (5) of G.S. 159G-32(d).

36 (2) Five hundred fifty million dollars (\$550,000,000) to the Water Infrastructure
37 Fund for the Drinking Water Reserve and the Wastewater Reserve to provide
38 project construction grants to public water systems and wastewater systems.
39 Of the funds allocated by this subdivision, two hundred fifty million dollars
40 (\$250,000,000) shall be used by the Department to provide project grants for
41 public water systems and wastewater systems that the Department categorizes
42 as at-risk. The limits set forth in G.S. 159G-36(c)(3) shall not apply to grants
43 awarded from funds allocated by this subdivision.

44 (3) Eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000) to the Water Infrastructure Fund for the
45 Drinking Water Reserve and the Wastewater Reserve for any of the following
46 grants:

47 a. Asset inventory and assessment grants as defined in
48 G.S. 159G-33(a)(3a) and G.S. 159G-34(a)(3a).

49 b. Rate study grants intended to determine a rate structure that will enable
50 a public water system or wastewater system to generate sufficient
51 revenues to adequately fund management and operations, personnel,

1 appropriate levels of maintenance, and reinvestment to facilitate the
2 provision of reliable water or wastewater services.

3 c. Merger/regionalization feasibility grants as defined in
4 G.S. 159G-33(a)(3) and G.S. 159G-34(a)(3).

5 d. Training grants to increase the capacity of a public water system or
6 wastewater system to operate efficiently and maintain adequate
7 maintenance and revenue collection practices.

8 e. Planning grants to conduct project engineering, design, or other
9 preconstruction activities.

10 **SECTION 12.13.(b)** Limitation on Certain Grants. – Notwithstanding
11 G.S. 159G-36, the amount of grants awarded under subdivision (a)(3) of this section may not
12 exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to the same grant recipient for the 2021-2023
13 fiscal biennium.

14 **SECTION 12.13.(c)** Directed Projects. – Of the funds allocated by subdivision (a)(2)
15 of this section, the following sums shall be granted to the indicated local governments and public
16 entities for water and wastewater infrastructure projects:

17 (1) Three million six hundred nineteen thousand dollars (\$3,619,000) to
18 Alexander County.

19 (2) Twenty-two million seven hundred thirty-three thousand seven hundred
20 dollars (\$22,733,700) to the Town of Benson.

21 (3) Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to Burke County.

22 (4) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the City of Burlington.

23 (5) Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to the Water and Sewer Authority of
24 Cabarrus County.

25 (6) Eight million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$8,800,000) to Catawba
26 County.

27 (7) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to Clay County.

28 (8) Twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) to the Town of Clayton, to be
29 allocated as follows:

30 a. Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for improvements to the Town's
31 water storage infrastructure.

32 b. Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) for a wastewater treatment
33 facility.

34 (9) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Town of Clyde.

35 (10) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to Davie County.

36 (11) Three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000) to the Town of Faison.

37 (12) Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to the Town of Four Oaks.

38 (13) One hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to the Town of
39 Franklin.

40 (14) Ten million four thousand dollars (\$10,004,000) to the City of Gastonia, to be
41 allocated as follows:

42 a. Four million four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$4,425,000)
43 for wastewater outfalls.

44 b. Five million five hundred seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$5,579,000)
45 for rehabilitation of a supervisory control and data acquisition system.

46 (15) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the Handy Sanitary District.

47 (16) Four million two hundred thousand dollars (\$4,200,000) to the City of
48 Hendersonville. These funds shall be used for the Edneyville High School line
49 extension.

50 (17) Sixteen million ninety thousand dollars (\$16,090,000) to the Town of Kenly.

- 1 (18) Ten million two hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$10,280,000) to the Town
2 of LaGrange.
- 3 (19) Eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to the Town of Lake Lure.
- 4 (20) Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to Lincoln County.
- 5 (21) Twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to Madison County.
- 6 (22) Eight million three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$8,350,000) to the Town
7 of Madison.
- 8 (23) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Town of Midland.
- 9 (24) Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to Montgomery
10 County.
- 11 (25) Eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to the Town of Mt. Pleasant.
- 12 (26) Two million eight hundred twenty-four thousand two hundred dollars
13 (\$2,824,200) to the Town of Ranlo.
- 14 (27) Three million one hundred thousand dollars (\$3,100,000) to the Town of Red
15 Springs.
- 16 (28) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to Rockingham County.
- 17 (29) Seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) to the Town of Rosman.
- 18 (30) Nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) to the Town of Salemburg.
- 19 (31) One million seven hundred seventeen thousand dollars (\$1,717,000) to
20 Sampson County.
- 21 (32) Seven million four hundred thousand dollars (\$7,400,000) to the City of
22 Shelby.
- 23 (33) One million two hundred sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$1,268,000) to the
24 Town of Sparta.
- 25 (34) Three million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$3,700,000) to the Town of
26 Spring Hope.
- 27 (35) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the Town of Surf City.
- 28 (36) One million two hundred five thousand one hundred thirty dollars
29 (\$1,205,130) to the Town of Taylorsville.
- 30 (37) Thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000) to Yancey County.
- 31 (38) Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to Union County for design, permitting, and
32 construction of an expansion of the Poplin Road pump station and the Twelve
33 Mile Creek Water Reclamation Facility to provide expanded service and
34 capacity to wastewater customers in the Town of Stallings. Funds allocated
35 by this subdivision that are not expended, made subject to an encumbrance, or
36 disbursed by June 30, 2023, shall revert to the State Fiscal Recovery Fund.
- 37 **SECTION 12.13.(d)** Economic Development Projects. – Of the funds allocated by
38 subdivision (a)(2) of this section for project construction grants, the Department of
39 Environmental Quality shall transfer the sum of twelve million two hundred eighty-six thousand
40 four hundred forty-four dollars (\$12,286,444) to the Department of Commerce to provide the
41 following grants for water and sewer infrastructure projects intended to advance economic
42 development or affordable housing objectives for the recipients:
- 43 (1) One million one hundred sixty-five thousand four hundred forty-four dollars
44 (\$1,165,444) to Alexander County.
- 45 (2) Five million eight hundred seventy-one thousand dollars (\$5,871,000) to the
46 City of Burlington.
- 47 (3) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to Habitat for Humanity of
48 Gaston County.
- 49 (4) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Town of Holly Springs. This
50 allocation shall be conditional upon Wake County providing five million
51 dollars (\$5,000,000) in matching funds.

1 The Department of Commerce may use one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the funds
2 allocated by this subsection for administrative costs.

3 **SECTION 12.13.(e)** Administrative Costs. – The Department may use one and
4 one-half percent (1.5%) of the funds allocated by this section (other than the funds transferred in
5 subsection (d) of this section) for administrative costs. The Department shall not charge the grant
6 fee authorized by G.S. 159G-24 for grants made from funds subjected to the one percent (1%)
7 administrative cost set aside authorized by this subsection.

8 9 **STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS**

10 **SECTION 12.14.(a)** Establishment of the Fund. – Funds appropriated in this act
11 from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality for stormwater
12 infrastructure shall be used by the Department to establish the Local Assistance for Stormwater
13 Infrastructure Investments Fund (Fund) as a special fund in the Department. The Fund shall be
14 used to provide grants to eligible entities as defined in this section for projects that will improve
15 or create infrastructure for controlling stormwater quantity and quality.

16 **SECTION 12.14.(b)** Eligible Entity. – An eligible entity for a grant under this
17 section shall be a city or county that (i) documents in a form and manner as the Department may
18 specify a stormwater quality or quantity issue and (ii) demonstrates that it would experience a
19 significant hardship raising the revenue necessary to finance stormwater management activities
20 within its jurisdiction based on income and unemployment data, population trends, and any other
21 data determined relevant by the Department.

22 **SECTION 12.14.(c)** Grant Types. – The Department may make the following types
23 of grants from the Fund:

- 24 (1) Construction grants. – A construction grant is available for the development
25 and implementation of a new stormwater utility or stormwater control
26 measure (SCM), the rehabilitation of existing SCMs, the retrofitting of
27 existing stormwater conveyances to provide SCMs for quantity and quality
28 control purposes, or the installation of innovative technologies or nature-based
29 solutions for flood control.
- 30 (2) Planning grants. – A planning grant is available for research or investigative
31 studies, alternatives analyses, the preparation of engineering concept plans or
32 engineering designs, and similar activities intended to help an eligible entity
33 determine the best solutions for the entity's stormwater quality or quantity
34 issue and to engineer and permit the solutions.

35 **SECTION 12.14.(d)** Allocation of Funds. – The Department shall use seventy
36 percent (70%) of the funds allocated in this section for construction grants as specified in
37 subdivision (c)(1) of this section and thirty percent (30%) of the funds allocated in this section
38 for planning grants as specified in subdivision (c)(2) of this section.

39 **SECTION 12.14.(e)** Limitation. – The following limits apply to grants from the
40 Fund:

- 41 (1) Construction grants may not exceed fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000).
42 (2) Planning grants may not exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

43 **SECTION 12.14.(f)** Administration. – The Department may adopt any policies or
44 procedures regarding the application process, applicant recordkeeping and reporting, and any
45 other administrative details not inconsistent with this section. The Department may use up to one
46 and one-half percent (1.5%) of the funds allocated by this section for the administrative costs of
47 establishing and implementing the program.

48 **SECTION 12.14.(g)** Report. – The Department shall submit a report no later than
49 October 31, 2021, and quarterly thereafter on the projects and activities funded by this section
50 until all funds have been expended by grant recipients. The Department shall include in its initial
51 report and may include in subsequent reports recommendations regarding legislative changes or

1 additional funding needed to assist small and financially distressed communities to comply with
2 stormwater standards and requirements and to mitigate the adverse impacts of extreme weather
3 events on stormwater-related flood events. The reports shall also include, at a minimum, the
4 following:

- 5 (1) The beginning and ending balance of the Fund for the quarter.
- 6 (2) A listing of grant recipients, amount provided to each recipient, and the grant
7 type funded.
- 8 (3) An overview of the use of funds by grant recipients, including a description
9 of projects constructed or planning milestones achieved.

10 **PART XIII. LABOR**

11 **BE PRO BE PROUD**

12
13 **SECTION 13.1.(a)** Program Established; Purpose. – The Department of Labor shall
14 use the funds allocated in this act for the Be Pro Be Proud program to create, implement, operate,
15 and support the Be Pro Be Proud initiative, a three-year mobile statewide workforce development
16 pilot program. The program shall focus on generating student, parent, and educator interest in
17 technical professions within the construction, manufacturing, transportation, and utility
18 industries by emphasizing the high-tech, high-wage potential of these student career paths. The
19 program shall also support progress towards North Carolina's postsecondary attainment goals to
20 increase postsecondary degrees and certificates in the skilled trade professions.

21
22 **SECTION 13.1.(b)** Components of the Program. – In meeting the goals of the pilot
23 program, Be Pro Be Proud shall provide for at least the following:

- 24 (1) A custom-built mobile workshop that brings elements of up to 12 skilled
25 professions to middle and high school students, through simulators and virtual
26 reality experiences. Students on board this state of the art workshop will learn
27 about various careers, job responsibilities, and average statewide wages for
28 each career while stepping virtually into these professions. Students can
29 engage directly with partners and are invited to sign up to learn more about
30 one or more professions of interest.
- 31 (2) Information and data collection for students by setting up a digital profile on
32 Be Pro Be Proud's national "Join the Movement" partnership. With the
33 consent of parents and students participating in the mobile workshops, the data
34 collected shall be shared with the Community Colleges System Office,
35 Department of Public Instruction, Department of Commerce, myFutureNC
36 Commission, industry associations, and companies that are prompted to
37 connect with the potential student recruits. The database management system
38 shall provide a connection for student internships, scholarships,
39 apprenticeships, full-time jobs, and other opportunities.
- 40 (3) Follow-up opportunities for interested students to pursue their interests
41 through hands-on leadership opportunities, including gaining onsite learning
42 experiences, volunteering, and participating in networking opportunities with
43 potential job and postsecondary school recruiters.
- 44 (4) Motivation for interested educators to stay engaged through a combination of
45 outreach and professional development opportunities.
- 46 (5) Operation of the pilot program to coincide with the public school instructional
47 calendar and various events for students that take place throughout the
48 summer. A Be Pro Be Proud team shall operate the day-to-day functions of
49 the statewide tour and engage with students. Additional volunteers shall be
50 recruited to assist with the pilot program, including partner associations,
51 companies, and schools, as well as teachers, parents, and students.

- 1 (6) In collaboration with the N.C. Trucking Association, the operation,
 2 implementation, and support for a workforce development program to
 3 increase operators with commercial drivers licenses, transportation
 4 dispatchers, and technicians across the State.

5 **SECTION 13.1.(c)** Administration. – The Department of Labor shall administer the
 6 program from funds available to the Department and shall coordinate with other interested public
 7 and private stakeholders to ensure the coordination of State efforts to develop a skilled trades
 8 workforce.

9 **SECTION 13.1.(d)** Retention of Funds. – Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-1-2(b), funds
 10 allocated in this act for the purposes set forth in this section shall not revert but shall remain
 11 available for nonrecurring expenditures for the purposes of this section until June 30, 2024.

12 **SECTION 13.1.(e)** Report. – The Department of Labor shall submit a report by April
 13 1 of each year in which it spends State funds appropriated by this act on the Be Pro Be Proud
 14 initiative to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural
 15 and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division regarding the activities undertaken
 16 with the funds appropriated by this section.

17 **PART XIV. NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

18 **DISPOSITION OF LAND AT CERTAIN HISTORIC SITES**

19 **SECTION 14.1.(a)** G.S. 146-30 reads as rewritten:

20 **"§ 146-30. Application of net proceeds.**

21 (a) The net proceeds of any disposition made in accordance with this Subchapter shall be
 22 handled in accordance with the following priority:

- 23 (1) First, in accordance with the provisions of any trust or other instrument of title
 24 whereby title to real property was acquired.
 25 (2) Second, as provided by any other act of the General Assembly.
 26 (3) Third, by depositing the net proceeds with the State Treasurer.

27 Nothing in this section, however, prohibits the disposition of any State lands by exchange for
 28 other lands, but if the appraised value in fee simple of any property involved in the exchange is
 29 at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), then the exchange shall not be made without
 30 consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

31 ...
 32 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Subchapter, the following exceptions
 33 apply:

- 34 ...
 35 (11) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the net proceeds derived from
 36 the sale of real property donated to the State and allocated to the Division of
 37 State Historic Sites or the Division of State History Museums in the
 38 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources shall be deposited in the State
 39 Historic Sites and Museums Fund, created in G.S. 121-7.7, and shall be used
 40 in accordance with that section.
 41 (12) The net proceeds derived from the sale of real property donated to the State
 42 and allocated to the Tryon Palace Historic Site and Gardens in the Department
 43 of Natural and Cultural Resources shall be deposited in the Tryon Palace
 44 Historic Sites and Gardens Fund, created in G.S. 121-21.1, and shall be used
 45 in accordance with that section.
 46 (13) The net proceeds derived from the sale of real property from the Bentonville
 47 Battlefield State Historic Site donated to the State and allocated to the
 48 Division of State Historic Sites in the Department of Natural and Cultural
 49 Resources shall be deposited in the State Historic Sites and Museums Fund, created in G.S. 121-7.7, and shall be used
 50 in accordance with that section.

Resources shall be deposited in the Bentonville Battlefield Fund, created in G.S. 121-7.5, and shall be used in accordance with that section.

(14) The net proceeds derived from the sale of real property from the North Carolina Transportation Museum donated to the State and allocated to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources shall be deposited in the North Carolina Transportation Museum Fund, created in G.S. 121-7.6, and shall be used in accordance with that section."

SECTION 14.1.(b) G.S. 121-7.7(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Fund. – The State Historic Sites and Museums Fund is created as a special, interest-bearing revenue fund in the Division of State Historic Sites and the Division of State History Museums. The Fund consists of all receipts derived from the lease or rental of property or facilities, disposition of structures or products of the land, donations, gifts, devises, and admissions and fees collected at the State Historic Sites, State History Museums, and Maritime Museums. The Fund also consists of the net proceeds derived from the sale of real property pursuant to G.S. 146-30(d)(11). The revenues in the Fund may be used only for the operation, interpretation, maintenance, preservation, development, and expansion of the individual State Historic Site, State History Museum, and Maritime Museum where the receipts are generated. The respective Division and the staff from each State Historic Site, State History Museum, and Maritime Museum shall determine how the funds shall be used at that Historic Site, State History Museum, and Maritime Museum."

SECTION 14.1.(c) G.S. 121-21.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 121-21.1. **Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens Fund.**

(a) Fund. – The Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens Fund is hereby created as a special, interest-bearing, and nonreverting fund in the Division of Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens. The Fund shall be treated as a special trust fund and shall be credited with interest by the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 147-69.2 and G.S. 147-69.3. The Fund shall be used for operation, interpretation, repair, renovation, expansion, and maintenance at Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens.

(b) ~~Disposition of Fees-Fund Makeup. – All entrance fee receipts shall be credited to the Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens Fund.~~ The Fund consists of all revenues derived from donations, gifts, devises, grants, admissions, and fees collected at the Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens. The Fund also consists of the net proceeds derived from the sale of real property pursuant to G.S. 146-30(d)(12).

...."

SECTION 14.1.(d) G.S. 121-7.5(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) ~~Disposition of Fees-Fund Makeup. –~~ Notwithstanding Chapter 146 of the General Statutes, all receipts derived from donations or the lease, rental, or other disposition of structures or products of the land owned by or under the supervision or control of the Division of Historic Sites in Johnston County shall be credited to the Fund. The Fund also consists of the net proceeds derived from the sale of real property pursuant to G.S. 146-30(d)(13)."

SECTION 14.1.(e) G.S. 121-7.6(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Monies Credited to the Fund. – Notwithstanding Chapter 146 of the General Statutes, all receipts derived from the lease, rental, or other disposition of structures or products of the land, as well as all admissions and fees, gifts, donations, grants, and bequests, shall be credited to the Fund. The Fund also consists of the net proceeds derived from the sale of real property pursuant to G.S. 146-30(d)(14). The Fund shall be credited with interest by the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 147-69.2 and G.S. 147-69.3."

**U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA BATTLESHIP COMMISSION DYNAMIC PRICING
CONFORMING CHANGE AND DNCR ATTRACTION RULEMAKING
EXEMPTIONS**

1 **SECTION 14.2.(a)** G.S. 143B-73 reads as rewritten:

2 "**§ 143B-73. U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship Commission – creation, powers, and duties.**

3 There is hereby created the U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship Commission of the Department
4 of Natural and Cultural Resources with the power and duty to adopt, amend, and rescind rules
5 ~~and regulations~~ under and not inconsistent with the laws of this State necessary in carrying out
6 the provisions and purposes of this ~~Part~~, Part, including the following:

- 7 (1) The U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship Commission is authorized and
8 empowered to adopt such rules ~~and regulations~~ not inconsistent with the
9 management responsibilities of the Secretary of the Department provided by
10 Chapter 143A of the General Statutes and laws of this State and this Chapter
11 that may be necessary and desirable for the operation and maintenance of the
12 U.S.S. North Carolina as a permanent memorial and exhibit commemorating
13 the heroic participation of the men and women of North Carolina in the
14 prosecution and victory of the Second World War and for the faithful
15 performance and fulfillment of its duties and obligations.
- 16 (2) The U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship Commission shall have the power and
17 duty to charge reasonable admission and related activity fees for admission to
18 the ship and to establish standards and adopt rules ~~and regulations: (i)~~
19 ~~establishing and providing for a proper charge for admission to the ship; and~~
20 ~~(ii) for the maintenance and operation of the ship as a permanent memorial~~
21 ~~and exhibit.~~
- 22 (3) The Commission shall adopt rules ~~and regulations~~ consistent with the
23 provisions of this Chapter. The Commission is exempt from the requirements
24 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes and G.S. 12-3.1 when adopting,
25 amending, or repealing rules for operating hours and admission fees or related
26 activity fees at the U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship. ~~The Commission shall~~
27 ~~submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture~~
28 ~~and Natural and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division on the~~
29 ~~amount and purpose of a fee change within 30 days following its effective~~
30 ~~date."~~

31 **SECTION 14.2.(b)** G.S. 150B-1(d) reads as rewritten:

32 "**§ 150B-1. Policy and scope.**

33 ...

34 (d) Exemptions from Rule Making. – Article 2A of this Chapter does not apply to the
35 following:

- 36 ...
- 37 (23) The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources with respect to operating
38 hours, admission fees ~~fees,~~ or related activity fees at historic sites and
39 museums pursuant to G.S. 121-7.3.
- 40 (24) Tryon Palace Commission with respect to operating hours, admission fees
41 fees, or related activity fees pursuant to G.S. 143B-71.
- 42 (25) U.S.S. Battleship Commission with respect to operating hours, admission fees
43 fees, or related activity fees pursuant to G.S. 143B-73.

44 "

45
46 **ADD MARKETING AS PERMISSIBLE USE OF ZOO AND AQUARIUM FUNDS**

47 **SECTION 14.3.(a)** G.S. 143B-135.188(b) reads as rewritten:

48 "(b) Fund. – The North Carolina Aquariums Fund is hereby created as a special fund. The
49 North Carolina Aquariums Fund shall be used for the following purposes with respect to the
50 aquariums and the pier operated by the Division of North Carolina Aquariums:

- 1 (1) Repair, renovation, expansion, maintenance, and educational exhibit
- 2 construction. Funds used for repair, renovation, and expansion projects may
- 3 be transferred to a capital projects fund to account for use of the funds for each
- 4 project.
- 5 (2) Payment of the debt service and lease payments related to the financing of
- 6 facility expansions, subject to G.S. 143B-135.190.
- 7 (3) Matching of private funds that are raised for these purposes.
- 8 (4) Marketing the North Carolina Aquariums."

9 **SECTION 14.3.(b)** G.S. 143B-135.209(a) reads as rewritten:

10 "(a) Fund. – The North Carolina Zoo Fund is created as a special fund. The North Carolina
11 Zoo Fund shall be used for the following types of projects and activities at the North Carolina
12 Zoological Park and to match private funds raised for these ~~types of projects~~projects and
13 activities:

- 14 (1) Repair, renovation, expansion, maintenance, and educational exhibit
- 15 construction. Funds used for repair, renovation, and expansion projects may
- 16 be transferred to a capital projects fund to account for use of the funds for each
- 17 project.
- 18 (2) Renovations of exhibits in habitat clusters, visitor services facilities, and
- 19 support facilities (including greenhouses and temporary animal holding
- 20 areas).
- 21 (3) The acquisition, maintenance, or replacement of tram equipment as required
- 22 to maintain adequate service to the public.
- 23 (4) Marketing the North Carolina Zoological Park."

24 **AUTHORIZE THE DAN RIVER STATE TRAIL**

25 **SECTION 14.4.(a)** The General Assembly authorizes the Department of Natural and
26 Cultural Resources to add the Dan River Trail in Stokes and Rockingham Counties to the State
27 Parks System as a State trail, as provided in G.S. 143B-135.54(b). The Department shall support,
28 promote, encourage, and facilitate the establishment of trail segments on State park lands and on
29 lands of other federal, State, local, and private landowners. On segments of the Dan River State
30 Trail that cross property controlled by agencies or owners other than the Department's Division
31 of Parks and Recreation, the laws, rules, and policies of those agencies or owners shall govern
32 the use of the property. The requirement of G.S. 143B-135.54(b) that additions be accompanied
33 by adequate appropriations for land acquisition, development, and operations shall not apply to
34 the authorization set forth in this section; provided, however, that the State may receive donations
35 of appropriate land and may purchase other needed lands for the Dan River State Trail with
36 existing funds in the Land and Water Fund, the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, the federal
37 Land and Water Conservation Fund, and other available sources of funding.

38 **SECTION 14.4.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

39 **PARTF PROJECTS**

40 **SECTION 14.5.** Funds appropriated in this act to the Parks and Recreation Trust
41 Fund for the 2021-2022 fiscal year are allocated for various projects in the following amounts:

- 42 (1) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the Department of Natural and Cultural
- 43 Resources for stabilization or renovation of structures located on the Vade
- 44 Mecum tract at Hanging Rock State Park as set forth in the July 2018 Hanging
- 45 Rock State Park Expansion Master Plan.
- 46 (2) Five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) to the Department of Natural
- 47 and Cultural Resources for the expansion of the Mayo River State Park.
- 48 (3) Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the Department of Natural and Cultural
- 49 Resources for the Bean Shoals Trail Project in Pilot Mountain State Park.
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- 1 (4) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to the Department of Natural and Cultural
2 Resources for the development of the Wilderness Gateway Trail.
- 3 (5) Three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to provide a grant to the City
4 of Cherryville for Westgate Park.
- 5 (6) One million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,850,000) to provide a
6 grant to the City of Gastonia for the Catawba Creek Greenway.
- 7 (7) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to provide a grant to Macon
8 County for a greenway project.
- 9 (8) Three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) to provide a grant
10 to the Town of Madison for development of the Lindsey Bridge river landing
11 and park.
- 12 (9) Three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$325,000) to provide a grant to
13 the Town of Pilot Mountain for streambank restoration.
- 14 (10) Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to provide a grant to the City of
15 Salisbury for the Bell Tower Park.
- 16 (11) Three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to provide a grant to the
17 Town of Spruce Pine for Brad Regan Park.
- 18 (12) Nine hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$975,000) to provide a grant to
19 MountainTrue, a nonprofit corporation, for the following projects in the
20 following amounts:
- 21 a. One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to expand fishing and
22 camping in the Watauga River Paddle Trail.
- 23 b. One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to expand fishing and
24 camping in the French Broad River Paddle Trail.
- 25 c. One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to improve public
26 access to Green River Game Lands.
- 27 d. One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to improve fish habitat by
28 removing Ward's Mill Dam on the Watauga River.
- 29 e. Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to improve outdoor
30 recreation on the Tuskegee River.
- 31 f. One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) to expand
32 fishing and canoeing on the Valley River.
- 33 g. One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to improve outdoor
34 recreation for the City of Shelby.
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36 PART XV. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

37 ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS

38 **SECTION 15.1.(a)** Funds appropriated in this act to the Wildlife Resources
39 Commission and allocated for removal of abandoned and derelict vessels shall be used by the
40 Commission in the manner set forth in subdivision (10) of Section 2.1 of S.L. 2019-224, as
41 amended by Section 4 of S.L. 2020-74.

42 **SECTION 15.1.(b)** The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and
43 Natural and Economic Resources shall assess the problem of abandoned and derelict vessels in
44 the waters of the State and upon the lands of the State and determine measures needed (i) to
45 facilitate the identification of owners or other responsible persons for abandoned or derelict
46 vessels for the purpose of requiring those persons to take responsibility for their vessels and, (ii)
47 in cases where no responsible owner may be found, to provide the State with adequate authority
48 and funding to expeditiously remove or otherwise dispose of the abandoned and derelict vessels.
49 In its study, the Committee shall also consider the efficacy and need for new or revised insurance
50 requirements for private vessel owners and for enhancement to civil or criminal remedies with
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1 respect to owners of abandoned or derelict vessels. The Committee shall provide its report to the
2 2022 Regular Session of the 2021 General Assembly upon its convening.

3 4 **PART XVI. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS**

5 6 **COLLECTION OF WORTHLESS CHECKS**

7 **SECTION 16.1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 7A-308(c), the Judicial
8 Department may use any balance remaining in the Collection of Worthless Checks Fund on June
9 30, 2021, for the purchase or repair of office or information technology equipment during the
10 2021-2022 fiscal year and may use any balance remaining in the Collection of Worthless Checks
11 Fund on June 30, 2022, for the purchase or repair of office or information technology equipment
12 during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Prior to using any funds under this section, the Judicial
13 Department shall report to the chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations
14 Committees on Justice and Public Safety and the Office of State Budget and Management on the
15 equipment to be purchased or repaired and the reasons for the purchases.

16 17 **MAGISTRATE/CLERK STAFFING PILOT PROJECT**

18 **SECTION 16.2.(a)** Notwithstanding the minimum staffing number in
19 G.S. 7A-133(c), the clerk of superior court in a county, with the written or emailed consent of
20 the chief district court judge, may hire one deputy or assistant clerk in lieu of one of the magistrate
21 positions allocated to that county. To provide accessibility for law enforcement and citizens, the
22 clerk of superior court's office shall provide some of the services traditionally provided by the
23 magistrates' office during some or all of the regular courthouse hours.

24 **SECTION 16.2.(b)** The Administrative Office of the Courts shall report by March
25 1, 2022, to the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and
26 Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety regarding
27 all hires made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

28 29 **DISTRICT ATTORNEYS/NO TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

30 **SECTION 16.3.** No Transfer of Funds. – For each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal
31 biennium, no funds may be transferred from Fund Code 12000-1600 (Office – District Attorney)
32 without the consent of the Conference of District Attorneys as communicated by the Conference's
33 Executive Director to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

34 35 **WAIVE EXPUNCTION COSTS FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

36 **SECTION 16.4.(a)** G.S. 15A-145.9 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
37 "(k) Costs Waived. – The costs of expunging the records shall not be taxed against the
38 petitioner."

39 **SECTION 16.4.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies
40 to expunction costs incurred on or after that date.

41 42 **ESTABLISH JUDICIALLY MANAGED ACCOUNTABILITY AND RECOVERY** 43 **COURTS**

44 **SECTION 16.5.(a)** Subchapter XIV of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes reads as
45 rewritten:

46 **"SUBCHAPTER XIV. ~~DRUG TREATMENT COURTS.~~ ACCOUNTABILITY AND**
47 **RECOVERY COURTS.**

48 "Article 62.

49 "North Carolina Drug Treatment Court Act. Judicially Managed Accountability and Recovery
50 Court Act.

51 **"§ 7A-790. Short title.**

1 This Article shall be known and may be cited as the "~~North Carolina Drug Treatment Court~~
2 ~~Act of 1995~~": "Judicially Managed Accountability and Recovery Court Act of 2021."

3 **"§ 7A-791. Purpose.**

4 The General Assembly recognizes that a critical need exists in this State for judicial programs
5 that will reduce the incidence of alcohol and other ~~drug-substance~~ abuse or dependence and
6 crimes, including the offense of driving while impaired, delinquent acts, and child abuse and
7 neglect committed as a result of alcohol and other ~~drug-substance~~ abuse or ~~dependence~~, and
8 ~~dependence~~; child abuse and neglect where alcohol and other ~~drug-substance~~ abuse or
9 dependence are significant factors in the child abuse and ~~neglect~~; ~~and offenses,~~
10 delinquent acts, and child abuse and neglect where mental, behavioral, or medical health is a
11 significant factor in commission of the offense or act. It is the intent of the General Assembly by
12 this Article to create a program to facilitate the creation and operation of local drug treatment
13 court programs and driving while impaired (DWI) treatment court programs-judicially managed
14 accountability and recovery courts.

15 **"§ 7A-792. Goals.**

16 The goals of the ~~drug treatment court programs-judicially managed accountability and~~
17 recovery courts funded under this Article include the following:

- 18 (1) To reduce alcoholism and other ~~drug-substance~~ abuse and dependencies
19 among adult and juvenile offenders and defendants and among respondents in
20 juvenile petitions for abuse, neglect, or both;
- 21 (2) To reduce criminal and delinquent recidivism and the incidence of child abuse
22 and neglect;
- 23 (3) To reduce the alcohol-related and other ~~drug-related-substance-related~~ court
24 workload;
- 25 (3a) To reduce the mental, behavioral, or medical health-related court workload;
- 26 (4) To increase the personal, familial, and societal accountability of adult and
27 juvenile offenders and defendants and respondents in juvenile petitions for
28 abuse, neglect, or both; and
- 29 (5) To promote effective ~~interaction and~~ interaction, collaboration, coordination,
30 and use of resources among criminal and juvenile justice personnel, child
31 protective services personnel, and community agencies.

32 **"§ 7A-793. Establishment of Program.**

33 The North Carolina ~~Drug Treatment Court~~ Judicially Managed Accountability and Recovery
34 Court Program is established in the Administrative Office of the Courts to facilitate the ~~creation~~
35 creation, administration, and funding of local drug treatment court programs-judicially managed
36 accountability and recovery courts. The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts shall
37 provide any necessary staff for planning, organizing, and administering the program. Local drug
38 treatment court programs funded pursuant to this Article shall be operated consistently with the
39 guidelines adopted pursuant to G.S. 7A-795. Local ~~drug treatment court programs-judicially~~
40 managed accountability and recovery courts established and funded pursuant to this Article may
41 consist of ~~adult drug treatment court programs, juvenile drug treatment court programs, family~~
42 ~~drug treatment court programs, or any combination of these programs.~~ programs approved by the
43 Administrative Office of the Courts. With the consent of either the chief district court judge or
44 the senior resident superior court judge, a judicially managed accountability and recovery court
45 may be established.

46 **"§ 7A-794. Fund administration.**

47 The ~~Drug Treatment Court Program Fund~~ is created in the Administrative Office of the
48 Courts and is administered by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts in
49 ~~consultation with the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee.~~ The Administrative
50 Office of the Courts shall administer funding related to the North Carolina Judicially Managed
51 Accountability and Recovery Court Program.

1 **"§ 7A-795. ~~State Drug Treatment Court~~ Judicially Managed Accountability and Recovery**
 2 **Court Advisory Committee.**

3 The State ~~Drug Treatment Court~~ Judicially Managed Accountability and Recovery Court
 4 Advisory Committee is established to develop and recommend to the Director of the
 5 Administrative Office of the Courts guidelines for the ~~drug treatment court~~ judicially managed
 6 accountability and recovery court program and to monitor local ~~programs~~ courts wherever they
 7 are ~~implemented~~ implemented and administered. The Committee shall be chaired by the Director
 8 or the Director's designee and shall consist of not less than seven members appointed by the
 9 Director and broadly representative of the courts, law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice,
 10 child protective services, and substance abuse treatment communities. In developing guidelines,
 11 the Advisory Committee shall ~~consider the Substance Abuse and the Courts Action Plan and~~
 12 ~~other recommendations of the Substance Abuse and the Courts State Task Force.~~ provide
 13 minimum standards of judicially managed accountability and recovery courts.

14 **"§ 7A-796. ~~Local drug treatment court management~~ judicially managed accountability and**
 15 **recovery court committee.**

16 Each judicial district choosing to establish a ~~drug treatment court~~ judicially managed
 17 accountability and recovery court shall form a local ~~drug treatment court management~~ judicially
 18 managed accountability and recovery court committee, which shall be comprised to assure
 19 representation appropriate to the type or types of ~~drug treatment court~~ judicially managed
 20 accountability and recovery court operations to be conducted in the district and shall consist of
 21 persons appointed by the senior resident superior court judge with the concurrence of the chief
 22 district court judge and the district attorney for that district, chosen from the following list:

- 23 (1) A judge of the superior court;
- 24 (2) A judge of the district court;
- 25 (3) A district attorney or assistant district attorney;
- 26 (4) A public defender or assistant public defender in judicial districts served by a
 27 public defender; defender, a member of the private criminal defense bar, or a
 28 member of the private bar who represents respondents in department of social
 29 services juvenile matters;
- 30 (5) An attorney representing a county department of social ~~services~~ services, the
 31 director or director's designee of the child welfare services division of a county
 32 department of social services, or a representative of the guardian ad litem from
 33 within the district;
- 34 (6) ~~A representative of the guardian ad litem;~~
- 35 (7) ~~A member of the private criminal defense bar;~~
- 36 (8) ~~A member of the private bar who represents respondents in department of~~
 37 ~~social services juvenile matters;~~
- 38 (9) A clerk of superior court;
- 39 (10) ~~The trial court administrator in judicial districts served by a trial court~~
 40 ~~administrator;~~
- 41 (11) ~~The director or member of the child welfare services division of a county~~
 42 ~~department of social services within the district;~~
- 43 (12) The chief juvenile court counselor for the district;
- 44 (13) A probation officer;
- 45 (13a) The sheriff or sheriff's designee;
- 46 (14) A local law enforcement officer;
- 47 (15) A representative of the local school administrative unit;
- 48 (16) A representative of the local community ~~college~~ college or other adjacent
 49 secondary educational institution with a school of social work;
- 50 (17) A representative of the treatment providers;

- 1 (18) A representative of the area mental health ~~program;~~entity managed care
2 organization;
3 (19) Any local ~~drug treatment~~ recovery court coordinator; and
4 (20) Any other persons selected by the local management committee.

5 The local ~~drug treatment court management~~ judicially managed accountability and recovery
6 court committee shall develop local guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with the State
7 ~~guidelines,~~ guidelines and minimum standards, that are necessary for the operation and
8 evaluation of the local ~~drug treatment court;~~ judicially managed accountability and recovery
9 court.

10 **"§ 7A-797. Eligible population; drug treatment court procedures.**

11 The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, in conjunction with the State ~~Drug~~
12 ~~Treatment Court~~ Judicially Managed Accountability and Recovery Court Advisory Committee,
13 shall develop criteria for ~~eligibility~~ eligibility, minimum standards, and other procedural and
14 substantive guidelines for ~~drug treatment court;~~ judicially managed accountability and recovery
15 court operation.

16 ...

17 **"§ 7A-799. Treatment not guaranteed.**

18 Nothing contained in this Article shall confer a right or an expectation of a right to treatment
19 or recovery management for a defendant or offender within the criminal or juvenile justice system
20 or a respondent in a juvenile petition for abuse, neglect, or both.

21 **"§ 7A-800. Payment of costs of treatment program.**

22 Each defendant, offender, or respondent in a juvenile petition for abuse, neglect, or both, who
23 receives treatment under a local ~~drug treatment court program~~ judicially managed accountability
24 and recovery court shall contribute to the cost of the alcohol and other ~~drug~~ substance abuse or
25 dependency treatment received in the ~~drug treatment court program,~~ judicially managed
26 accountability and recovery court, based upon guidelines developed by the local ~~drug treatment~~
27 ~~court management~~ judicially managed accountability and recovery court committee.

28 **"§ 7A-801. Monitoring and annual report.**

29 The Administrative Office of the Courts shall monitor all State-recognized and funded local
30 ~~drug treatment~~ judicially managed accountability and recovery courts, prepare an annual report
31 on the implementation, operation, and effectiveness of the statewide ~~drug treatment court~~
32 judicially managed accountability and recovery court program, and submit the report to the
33 General Assembly by March 1 of each year. Each ~~local drug treatment court program~~ judicially
34 managed accountability and recovery court shall submit evaluation reports to the Administrative
35 Office of the Courts as requested.

36 **"§ 7A-802. Exemption from Article.**

37 This Article does not apply to drug treatment courts or judicially managed accountability and
38 recovery courts in existence on or before December 1, 2021, to the extent that compliance with
39 this Article would disqualify the court for grant funding provided by the National Association of
40 Drug Court Professionals."

41 **SECTION 16.5.(b) Pilot Program.** – The Administrative Office of the Courts, in
42 coordination with the District Attorney's Offices in Harnett County, Haywood County, Onslow
43 County, Pitt County, Robeson County, and Wayne County shall establish a pilot program in each
44 county that creates a judicially managed accountability and recovery court, as governed by
45 Article 62 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes. The goals of each accountability and recovery
46 court are to reduce alcoholism and other substance abuse and dependencies among offenders, to
47 reduce recidivism, to reduce the drug-related court workload, to reduce the mental, behavioral,
48 or medical health-related court workload, to increase the personal, familial, and societal
49 accountability of offenders, and to promote effective interaction, collaboration, coordination, and
50 use of resources among criminal justice personnel. The judicially managed accountability and

1 recovery court established in this subsection in Onslow County shall prioritize participation of
 2 offenders that are veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

3 **SECTION 16.5.(c)** Report. – The Administrative Office of the Courts shall report to
 4 the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety on the results of these
 5 pilot programs no later than February 1 of each year following a year in which a pilot program
 6 receives funding from the State.

7 **SECTION 16.5.(d)** Policy. – It is the intent of the General Assembly that
 8 appropriations made to aid Harnett County, Haywood County, Onslow County, Pitt County,
 9 Robeson County, and Wayne County in the original creation and operation of each county's
 10 judicially managed accountability and recovery court will not continue beyond the 2022-2023
 11 fiscal year, but will instead be replaced by local expenditures, grants, and other available funding
 12 sources.

13 **SECTION 16.5.(e)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2021.

14
 15 **APPOINTED DISTRICT COURT JUDGES SHALL RUN IN NEXT GENERAL**
 16 **ELECTION**

17 **SECTION 16.6.(a)** G.S. 7A-142 reads as rewritten:

18 "**§ 7A-142. Vacancies in office.**

19 (a) A vacancy in the office of district judge occurring for causes other than expiration of
 20 term shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the Governor. The Governor, as
 21 provided in this section.

22 (b) An appointee shall hold office until January 1 next following the election for members
 23 of the General Assembly that is held more than 60 days after the vacancy occurs, at which time
 24 an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term of office. Provided, that when the unexpired
 25 term of the office in which the vacancy has occurred expires on the first day of January
 26 succeeding the next election for members of the General Assembly, the Governor shall appoint
 27 to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of office.

28 (c) Prior to the appointment, the bar of the judicial district, as defined in G.S. 84-19, shall
 29 nominate five persons who are residents of the judicial district who are duly authorized to practice
 30 law in the district for consideration by the Governor. The nominees shall be selected by vote of
 31 only those bar members who reside in the district. In the event fewer than five persons are
 32 nominated, upon providing the nominations to the Governor, the bar shall certify that there were
 33 insufficient nominations in the district to comply with this section. Prior to filling the vacancy,
 34 the Governor shall give due consideration to the nominations provided by the bar of the judicial
 35 district."

36 **SECTION 16.6.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to
 37 vacancies created on or after that date.

38
 39 **MODIFY THE LOCATION AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS**
 40 **DISTRICT COURT JUDGESHIPS**

41 **SECTION 16.7.(a)** G.S. 7A-133 reads as rewritten:

42 "**§ 7A-133. Numbers of judges by districts; numbers of magistrates and additional seats of**
 43 **court, by counties.**

44 (a) Each district court district shall have the numbers of judges as set forth in the
 45 following table:

<u>District</u>	<u>Judges</u>	<u>County</u>
1	5	Camden
		Chowan
		Currituck
		Dare
		Gates

1			Pasquotank
2			Perquimans
3	2	4	Martin
4			Beaufort
5			Tyrrell
6			Hyde
7			Washington
8	3A	6	Pitt
9	3B	6	Craven
10			Pamlico
11			Carteret
12	4	9	Sampson
13			Duplin
14			Jones
15			Onslow
16	5	9	New Hanover
17			Pender
18	6	4	Northampton
19			Bertie
20			Hertford
21			Halifax
22	7	7	Nash
23			Edgecombe
24			Wilson
25	8	6	Wayne
26			Greene
27			Lenoir
28	9	5	Granville
29			(part of Vance
30			see subsection
31			(b))
32			Franklin
33			Person
34	9B	2	Warren
35			(part of Vance
36			see subsection (b))
37	10A	3	(part of Wake
38			see subsection (b))
39	10B	3	(part of Wake
40			see subsection (b))
41	10C	3	(part of Wake
42			see subsection (b))
43	10D	5	(part of Wake
44			see subsection (b))
45	10E	3	(part of Wake
46			see subsection (b))
47	10F	3	(part of Wake
48			see subsection (b))
49	11	11	Harnett
50			Johnston
51			Lee

1	12	10	Cumberland
2	13	67	Bladen
3			Brunswick
4			Columbus
5	14	76	Durham
6	15A	4	Alamance
7	15B	5	Orange
8			Chatham
9	16A	4	Scotland
10			Anson
11			Richmond
12	16B	6	Robeson
13	17A	4	Caswell
14			Rockingham
15	17B	4	Stokes
16			Surry
17	18	14	Guilford
18	19A	6	Cabarrus
19	19B	5	Randolph
20	19C	5	Rowan
21	19D	4	Hoke
22			Moore
23	20A	3	Montgomery
24			Stanly
25	20B	1	(part of Union
26			see subsection
27			(b))
28	20C	2	(part of Union
29			see subsection
30			(b))
31	20D	2	Union
32	21	11	Forsyth
33	22A	6	Alexander
34			Iredell
35	22B	6	Davidson
36			Davie
37	23	4	Alleghany
38			Ashe
39			Wilkes
40			Yadkin
41	24	4	Avery
42			Madison
43			Mitchell
44			Watauga
45			Yancey
46	25	10	Burke
47			Caldwell
48			Catawba
49	26	21	Mecklenburg
50	27A	7	Gaston
51	27B	6	Cleveland

1			Lincoln
2	28	7	Buncombe
3	29A	4	McDowell
4			Rutherford
5	29B	4	Henderson
6			Polk
7			Transylvania
8	30	6	Cherokee
9			Clay
10			Graham
11			Haywood
12			Jackson
13			Macon
14			Swain.

15 ...
 16 (b2) The qualified voters of District Court District 13 shall elect all ~~six~~seven judges
 17 established for the District in subsection (a) of this section, but only persons who reside in Bladen
 18 County may be candidates for one of those judgeships, only persons who reside in Columbus
 19 County may be candidates for two of those judgeships, and only persons who reside in Brunswick
 20 County may be candidates for ~~three~~four of those judgeships. These district court judgeships shall
 21 be numbered and assigned for residency purposes as follows:

22 ...
 23 (7) Seat number seven, established for residents of Brunswick County by this
 24 section, shall be the seat created on January 1, 2023.

25 ...
 26 (b8) The qualified voters of District Court District 19D shall elect all judges established
 27 for District 19D in subsection (a) of this section, but only persons who reside in Hoke County
 28 may be candidates for one of the judgeships, and only persons who reside in Hoke or Moore
 29 County may be candidates for the remaining judgeships. These district court judgeships shall be
 30 numbered and assigned for residency purposes as follows:

- 31 (1) Seat number one, established for residents of Hoke County by this section,
 32 shall be the seat currently held by Judge Joe.
- 33 (2) Seat number two, established for residents of Hoke or Moore County by this
 34 section, shall be the seat currently held by Judge Bibey.
- 35 (3) Seat number three, established for residents of Hoke or Moore County by this
 36 section, shall be the seat currently held by Judge Creed.
- 37 (4) Seat number four, established for residents of Hoke or Moore County by this
 38 section, shall be the seat currently held by Judge McSweeney.

39"
 40 **SECTION 16.7.(b)** The designation of seat numbers for District Court District 19D
 41 judgeships in subsection (a) of this section shall be based upon the judges holding those seats as
 42 of May 28, 2021.

43 **SECTION 16.7.(c)** This section becomes effective January 1, 2023, and elections
 44 conducted in 2022 shall be conducted in accordance with the judgeships created, removed, and
 45 modified in this section.

46 **MODIFY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALLOCATION**

47 **SECTION 16.8.** G.S. 7A-60(a1) reads as rewritten:
 48 "(a1) **(Effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022)** The counties of the State
 49 are organized into prosecutorial districts, and each district has the counties and the number of
 50 full-time assistant district attorneys set forth in the following table:
 51

	<i>Prosecutorial District</i>	<i>Counties</i>	<i>No. of Full-Time Asst. District Attorneys</i>
1			
2			
3			
4	1	Camden, Chowan, Currituck,	12
5		Dare, Gates, Pasquotank,	
6		Perquimans	
7	2	Beaufort, Hyde, Martin,	8
8		Tyrrell, Washington	
9	3	Pitt	12
10	4	Carteret, Craven, Pamlico	13
11	5	Duplin, Jones, Onslow,	20
12		Sampson	
13	6	New Hanover, Pender	20
14	7	Bertie, Halifax, Hertford,	11
15		Northampton	
16	8	Edgecombe, Nash, Wilson	19
17	9	Greene, Lenoir, Wayne	15
18	10	Wake	42
19	11	Franklin, Granville, Person	15
20		Vance, Warren	
21	12	Harnett, Lee	12
22	13	Johnston	11 12
23	14	Cumberland	25
24	15	Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus	15
25	16	Durham	18
26	17	Alamance	12
27	18	Orange, Chatham	10
28	20	Robeson	13
29	21	Anson, Richmond, Scotland	<u>910</u>
30	22	Caswell, Rockingham	9
31	23	Stokes, Surry	8
32	24	Guilford	35
33	25	Cabarrus	10
34	26	Mecklenburg	<u>5857</u>
35	27	Rowan	9
36	29	Hoke, Moore	9
37	28	Montgomery, Stanly	6
38	30	Union	11
39	31	Forsyth	27
40	32	Alexander, Iredell	13
41	33	Davidson, Davie	12
42	34	Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes,	9
43		Yadkin	
44	35	Avery, Madison, Mitchell,	8
45		Watauga, Yancey	
46	36	Burke, Caldwell, Catawba	20
47	37	Randolph	10
48	38	Gaston	16
49	39	Cleveland,	13
50		Lincoln	
51	40	Buncombe	14

1	41	McDowell, Rutherford	8
2	42	Henderson, Polk, Transylvania	9
3	43	Cherokee, Clay, Graham,	13
4		Haywood, Jackson, Macon,	
5		Swain."	
6			

7 **TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF CONFLICTING LANGUAGE REGARDING**
8 **CONTINUANCES IN COURT CASES**

9 **SECTION 16.9.(a)** Section 2 of S.L. 2020-72 is repealed.

10 **SECTION 16.9.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

11
12 **JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT/USE OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

13 **SECTION 16.10.(a)** G.S. 7A-343 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

14 "(17) Review requests for private counsel for the defense of a Judicial Department
15 official or employee. The Director may approve the expenditure of lapsed
16 salary savings to retain private counsel to provide litigation services for the
17 defense of an official or employee of the Judicial Department in any action
18 arising from conduct undertaken in the course of the official's or employee's
19 official duties and in which the Attorney General has declined to provide the
20 litigation services. For purposes of this subdivision, the terms "litigation
21 services" and "private counsel" are as defined in G.S. 147-17 and
22 G.S. 114-2.3."

23 **SECTION 16.10.(b)** G.S. 143C-6-9(b) reads as rewritten:

24 "(b) Lapsed salary savings shall not be used to pay for litigation services provided by
25 private counsel. As used in this subsection, litigation services and private counsel are as defined
26 in G.S. 147-17(c1) and G.S. 114-2.3(d). This subsection does not apply to litigation services
27 provided by private counsel retained by the Judicial Department for the defense of an official or
28 employee of the Department in any action arising from conduct undertaken in the course of the
29 official's or employee's official duties and in which the Attorney General has declined to provide
30 the litigation services."

31 **SECTION 16.10.(c)** G.S. 114-2.3(a) reads as rewritten:

32 "(a) Every agency, institution, department, bureau, board, or commission of the State,
33 authorized by law to retain private counsel, shall obtain written permission from the Attorney
34 General prior to employing private counsel. This section does not apply to counties, cities, towns,
35 other municipal corporations or political subdivisions of the State, or any agencies of these
36 municipal corporations or political subdivisions, or to county or city boards of education. This
37 subsection does not apply to private counsel retained by the Judicial Department for the defense
38 of an official or employee of the Department in any action arising from conduct undertaken in
39 the course of the official's or employee's official duties and in which the Attorney General has
40 declined to provide the litigation services."

41 **SECTION 16.10.(d)** G.S. 147-17(a) reads as rewritten:

42 "(a) No department, officer, agency, institution, commission, bureau or other organized
43 activity of the State which receives support in whole or in part from the State shall employ private
44 counsel, except with the approval of the Governor. The Governor shall give his approval only if
45 the Attorney General has advised him, as provided in subsection (b) of this section, that it is
46 impracticable for the Attorney General to render the legal services. In any case or proceeding,
47 civil or criminal, in or before any court or agency of this State or any other state or the United
48 States, or in any other matter in which the State of North Carolina is interested, the Governor
49 may employ private counsel as he may deem proper or necessary to represent the interest of the
50 State, and may fix the compensation for their services, subject to the provisions of subsection
51 (c1) of this section. This subsection does not apply to private counsel retained by the Judicial

1 Department for the defense of an official or employee of the Department in any action arising
2 from conduct undertaken in the course of the official's or employee's official duties and in which
3 the Attorney General has declined to provide the litigation services."

4 **SECTION 16.10.(e)** This section is effective when it becomes law.
5

6 **COURTHOUSE RESPONSIVENESS RESOURCES**

7 **SECTION 16.11.** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal
8 Recovery Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts for temporary court personnel to
9 address a backlog in cases due to the COVID-19 pandemic, up to seven hundred ninety-nine
10 thousand one hundred seventy dollars (\$799,170) may be used to support up to 12.25 time-limited
11 positions in the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Beginning in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, any remaining
12 funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Administrative Office
13 of the Courts for temporary court personnel to address a backlog in cases due to the COVID-19
14 pandemic may be used to support up to 24.5 time-limited positions until the funds are expended.
15

16 **CLARIFYING DUTIES OF COURT OF APPEALS DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT** 17 **SHOP**

18 **SECTION 16.12.(a)** G.S. 7A-20(b) reads as rewritten:

19 "(b) Subject to approval of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals shall promulgate from
20 time to time a fee bill for services rendered by the clerk, and such fees shall be remitted to the
21 State Treasurer. Charges to litigants for document management and the reproduction of appellate
22 records and briefs shall be fixed by rule of the Supreme Court and remitted to the Appellate
23 Courts Printing and Computer Operations Fund established in G.S. 7A-343.3. The operations of
24 the Court of Appeals shall be subject to the oversight of the State Auditor pursuant to Article 5A
25 of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes."

26 **SECTION 16.12.(b)** G.S. 7A-343.3 reads as rewritten:

27 **"§ 7A-343.3. Appellate Courts Printing and Computer Operations Fund.**

28 The Appellate Courts Printing and Computer Operations Fund is established within the
29 Judicial Department as a nonreverting, interest-bearing special revenue account. Accordingly,
30 interest and other investment income earned by the Fund shall be credited to it. All moneys
31 collected through charges to litigants for document management and the reproduction of
32 appellate records and briefs under G.S. 7A-11 and G.S. 7A-20(b) shall be remitted to the State
33 Treasurer and held in this Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used to support the ~~print shop~~
34 document management shop operations of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals,
35 including personnel, maintenance, and capital costs. The Judicial Department may create and
36 maintain receipt-supported positions for these purposes but shall report to the Chairs of the Senate
37 and House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety prior
38 to creating such new positions."

39 **SECTION 16.12.(c)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to
40 services rendered on or after that date.
41

42 **TRANSFER CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION NETWORK TO AOC**

43 **SECTION 16.13.(a)** Article 29 of Subchapter VII of Chapter 7A of the General
44 Statutes reads as rewritten:

45 "Article 29.

46 "Administrative Office of the Courts.

47 "Part 1. General Provisions.

48 **"§ 7A-340. Administrative Office of the Courts; establishment; officers.**

49 There is hereby established a State office to be known as the Administrative Office of the
50 Courts. It shall be supervised by a Director, assisted by an assistant director.
51 ...

1 "§ 7A-352. Reserved for future codification purposes.

2 "Part 2. Criminal Justice Information.

3 "§ 7A-353. Reserved for future codification purposes.

4 "Part 3. North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission.

5 "**§ 7A-354. North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission.**

6 (a) Establishment. – There is established in the Administrative Office of the Courts the
7 North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission. For purposes of this section, "Commission"
8 means the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission.

9"

10 **SECTION 16.13.(b)** The Criminal Justice Information Network Governing Board
11 shall be transferred to the Administrative Office of the Courts as a Type II transfer.
12 G.S. 143B-1390, 143B-1391, 143B-1392, 143B-1393, and 143B-1394 in Part 9 of Article 15 of
13 Chapter 143B of the General Statutes are recodified as G.S. 7A-353, 7A-353.1, 7A-353.2,
14 7A-353.3, and 7A 353.4 in Part 2 of Article 29 of Subchapter VII of Chapter 7A of the General
15 Statutes, as amended by subsection (a) of this section.

16 **SECTION 16.13.(c)** Part 2 of Article 29 of Subchapter VII of Chapter 7A of the
17 General Statutes, as amended by subsections (a) and (b) of this section, reads as rewritten:

18 "Part 2. Criminal Justice Information.

19 "**§ 7A-353. Definitions.**

20 As used in this Part:

- 21 (1) "Board" means the Criminal Justice Information Network Governing Board
22 established by G.S. 143B-1391.
- 23 (2) "Local government user" means a unit of local government of this State having
24 authorized access to the Network.
- 25 (3) "Network" means the Criminal Justice Information Network established by
26 the Board pursuant to this Part.
- 27 (4) "Network user" or "user" means any person having authorized access to the
28 Network.
- 29 (5) "State agency" means any State department, agency, institution, board,
30 commission, or other unit of State government.

31 "**§ 7A-353.1. Criminal Justice Information Network Governing Board – creation; purpose;
32 membership; conflicts of interest.**

33 (a) The Criminal Justice Information Network Governing Board is established within the
34 ~~Department of Information Technology, Administrative Office of the Courts,~~ as a Type II
35 transfer, to operate the State's Criminal Justice Information Network, the purpose of which shall
36 be to provide the governmental and technical information systems infrastructure necessary for
37 accomplishing State and local governmental public safety and justice functions in the most
38 effective manner by appropriately and efficiently sharing criminal justice and juvenile justice
39 information among law enforcement, judicial, and corrections agencies. ~~The Notwithstanding~~
40 ~~G.S. 143A-6(b), the Board is established within the Administrative Office of the State Chief~~
41 ~~Information Officer, Courts~~ for organizational and budgetary purposes only and the Board shall
42 exercise all of its statutory powers in this Part independent of control by the Administrative
43 Office of the State Chief Information Officer-Courts.

44 ...

45 "**§ 7A-353.2. Compensation and expenses of Board members; travel reimbursements.**

46 Members of the Board shall serve without compensation but may receive travel and
47 subsistence as follows:

- 48 (1) Board members who are officials or employees of a State agency or unit of
49 local government, in accordance with G.S. 138-6.
- 50 (2) All other Board members, at the rate established in G.S. 138-5.

51 "**§ 7A-353.3. Powers and duties.**

(a) The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To establish and operate the Network as an integrated system of State and local government components for effectively and efficiently storing, communicating, and using criminal justice information at the State and local levels throughout North Carolina's law enforcement, judicial, juvenile justice, and corrections agencies, with the components of the Network to include electronic devices, programs, data, and governance and to set the Network's policies and procedures.

...
(8) To employ the services of an Executive Director who shall report solely to the Board.

(9) To exercise administrative control over the operational budget established by the Board and appropriated by the General Assembly.

(10) To exercise sole authority and control over employee positions allotted to the Board, including the authority to establish qualifications, classification, and salary levels for its employees and determine appropriate methods of screening for candidates, interviewing, hiring, and day-to-day management of Board employees.

...
"§ 7A-353.4. Election of officers; meetings; staff, etc.

...
(b) The staff of the Criminal Justice Information Network shall provide the Board with professional and clerical support and any additional support the Board needs to fulfill its mandate.

(c) The Board's staff shall use space provided by the Department of Information Technology-Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide office space and administrative support for the Board's staff and shall provide technical assistance to the Board at the request of the Board."

SECTION 16.13.(d) G.S. 143B-1320(a)(2) and G.S. 143B-1323(c)(2) are repealed.

SECTION 16.13.(e) G.S. 143B-1321(a)(30) reads as rewritten:

"(30) Support the operation of the CGIA, GICC, GDAC, ~~CJIN~~, and 911 Board."

SECTION 16.13.(f) G.S. 143B-1322(c)(19) reads as rewritten:

"(19) Supervise and support the operations of the CGIA, GICC, GDAC, ~~CJIN~~, and 911 Board."

FUND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPUTY CLERKS

SECTION 16.14. Of the one million one hundred twenty-nine thousand seventy dollars (\$1,129,070) appropriated in this act to the Administrative Office of the Courts in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to be used for domestic violence deputy clerks, the funds shall be used in counties currently employing these clerks and that have or are working toward electronic filing systems for domestic violence intake.

PART XVII. INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES

TRANSFER TWO ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS FROM DEFENDER DISTRICT 10 TO DEFENDER DISTRICT 16B

SECTION 17.1. The Commission on Indigent Defense Services shall transfer two assistant public defender positions from Defender District 10 to Defender District 16B.

CONTINGENCY RESERVE FOR PRIVATE ASSIGNED COUNSEL

SECTION 17.2. Of the funds appropriated to the Office of Indigent Defense Services (Office), the Office shall reserve the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in each

1 year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium in Budget Code: 12001; Fund Code: 1310 as a contingency
2 reserve to be available to provide funding for private assigned counsel as necessary. Funds in the
3 contingency reserve shall remain available until spent consistent with this section. The Office
4 shall report on the use of the funds to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and
5 Public Safety and the Fiscal Research Division by February 1, 2022, and no later than February
6 1 of each year thereafter until the funds reserved in accordance with this section are expended.

7 8 **DEBT SETOFF MODIFICATION**

9 **SECTION 17.3.(a)** Notwithstanding the time limitations applicable to notice by a
10 State agency pursuant to G.S. 105A-8, for notices to a debtor a State agency failed to timely send
11 between March of 2020 and February of 2021 for reasons beyond the control of the Office of
12 Indigent Defense Services, including the inability to obtain the information necessary to send the
13 notice, the Office may send notice to the debtor within 30 days of the date this section becomes
14 law; provided, the notice and rights afforded to the debtor otherwise complies with the
15 requirements of G.S. 105A-8.

16 **SECTION 17.3.(b)** This section is effective when this act becomes law.
17

18 **PART XVIII. JUSTICE**

19 20 **NO HIRING OF SWORN STAFF POSITIONS FOR NC STATE CRIME LAB**

21 **SECTION 18.1.** Article 9 of Chapter 114 of the General Statutes is amended by
22 adding a new section to read:

23 **"§ 114-63.1. No hiring of sworn personnel to fill vacant positions.**

24 The Department of Justice shall not hire sworn personnel to fill vacant positions in the North
25 Carolina State Crime Laboratory. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the
26 termination of sworn personnel or to affect North Carolina State Crime Laboratory personnel
27 who are sworn and employed by the Laboratory as of the effective date of this section and who
28 continue to meet the sworn status retention standards mandated by the North Carolina Criminal
29 Justice Education and Standards Commission."
30

31 **MICROSCOPIC HAIR COMPARISON/PROVIDE RECORDS FOR REVIEW OF** 32 **CASES**

33 **SECTION 18.2.(a)** Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term
34 "Memorandum of Understanding" means the Memorandum of Understanding, dated June 28,
35 2019, and any amendments entered into between the North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence
36 (Center), a nonprofit corporation, and the Department of Justice (Department) on behalf of the
37 North Carolina State Crime Lab (Crime Lab).

38 **SECTION 18.2.(b)** Requirement. – Subject to any restrictions imposed under federal
39 law, by December 1, 2021, the Crime Lab shall provide to the Center all information and records
40 set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding that are to be provided by the Crime Lab to the
41 Center. Additionally, the Crime Lab shall provide all services set forth in the Memorandum of
42 Understanding that are to be provided by the Crime Lab to the Center. If the Crime Lab is unable
43 to provide certain information, records, or services required under this subsection, the Crime Lab
44 shall provide the Center with written justification detailing why the Crime Lab was unable to
45 provide the information, record, or service.

46 **SECTION 18.2.(c)** Report on Compliance. – By December 15, 2021, the Center
47 shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
48 and the Fiscal Research Division detailing what information, records, and services required under
49 subsection (b) of this section (i) have been provided by the Crime Lab and (ii) have not been
50 provided and the reason provided by the Crime Lab for not providing the information, record, or
51 service.

1 **SECTION 18.2.(d)** Report on Findings. – By December 1, 2022, the Center shall
2 submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight committee on Justice and Public Safety and the
3 Fiscal Research Division detailing its findings from its review of any information or records
4 provided under subsection (b) of this section to determine which court cases involved the use of
5 microscopic hair comparison and whether the results in each court case were properly stated,
6 challenged, and confirmed.

7
8 **REQUIRE APPROVAL OF COUNCIL OF STATE PRIOR TO ATTORNEY GENERAL**
9 **INTERVENING IN CERTAIN CASES**

10 **SECTION 18.3.(a)** G.S. 114-2 reads as rewritten:

11 **"§ 114-2. Duties.**

12 (a) Pursuant to Section 7(2) of Article III of the North Carolina Constitution, it shall be
13 the duty of the Attorney General:

14 (1) ~~To~~ Subject to the condition set forth in subsection (b) of this section, to defend
15 all actions in the appellate division in which the State shall be interested, or a
16 party, and to appear for the State in any other court or tribunal in any cause or
17 matter, civil or criminal, in which the State may be a party or interested. The
18 duty to represent the State in criminal appeals shall not be delegated to any
19 district attorney's office or any other entity.

20 ...
21 (8) Subject to the provisions of ~~G.S. 62-20~~:G.S. 62-20 and the condition set forth
22 in subsection (b) of this section:

23 a. To intervene, when ~~he~~ the Attorney General deems it to be advisable
24 in the public interest, in proceedings before any courts, regulatory
25 officers, agencies and bodies, both State and federal, in a
26 representative capacity for and on behalf of the using and consuming
27 public of this State. ~~He~~ The Attorney General shall also have the
28 authority to institute and originate proceedings before such courts,
29 officers, agencies or bodies and shall have authority to appear before
30 agencies on behalf of the State and its agencies and citizens in all
31 matters affecting the public interest.

32 b. Upon the institution of any proceeding before any State agency by
33 application, petition or other pleading, formal or informal, the outcome
34 of which will affect a substantial number of residents of North
35 Carolina, such agency or agencies shall furnish the Attorney General
36 with copies of all such applications, petitions and pleadings so filed,
37 and, when the Attorney General deems it advisable in the public
38 interest to intervene in such proceedings, ~~he~~ the Attorney General is
39 authorized to file responsive pleadings and to appear before such
40 agency either in a representative capacity in behalf of the using and
41 consuming public of this State or in behalf of the State or any of its
42 agencies.

43 ...

44 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Attorney General shall not
45 intervene for, or otherwise participate on behalf of, the State in any ongoing proceeding before
46 an out-of-state or federal court, regulatory officer, agency, or body that does not involve the
47 recovery of damages or other relief by the State or a State department, agency, institution,
48 commission, or bureau, unless the intervention or other participation is approved by a majority
49 vote of the Council of State. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as prohibiting the
50 Attorney General from participating in a proceeding before a court, regulatory officer, agency,
51 or body in which the State or a State department, agency, institution, commission, or bureau is a

1 party. For purposes of this subsection, the term "Attorney General" includes any attorney
2 employed by or contracting with the Department of Justice."

3 **SECTION 18.3.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to
4 proceedings commenced on or after that date.

5
6 **ESTABLISH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DISCIPLINE AND**
7 **DECERTIFICATION STATEWIDE DATABASE**

8 **SECTION 18.4.(a)** Article 1 of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes is amended by
9 adding a new section to read:

10 **"§ 17C-14. Database of law enforcement officer certification suspensions and revocations.**

11 The Commission shall develop and maintain a statewide database accessible to the public on
12 its website that contains all revocations and suspensions of law enforcement officer certifications
13 by the Commission."

14 **SECTION 18.4.(b)** Chapter 17E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
15 section to read:

16 **"§ 17E-14. Database of justice officer certification suspensions and revocations.**

17 The Commission shall develop and maintain a statewide database accessible to the public on
18 its website that contains all revocations and suspensions of justice officer certifications by the
19 Commission."

20 **SECTION 18.4.(c)** Subpart A of Part 4 of Article 13 of Chapter 143B of the General
21 Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

22 **"§ 143B-907. Public law enforcement database regulation.**

23 (a) Any database (i) created by a State agency or political subdivision of this State, (ii)
24 accessible to the public, and (iii) created for the purpose of compiling and making available
25 information regarding disciplinary actions taken against law enforcement officers may be
26 established if all of the following are met:

27 (1) The database is created by act of the General Assembly.

28 (2) The information made public does not violate personnel and privacy laws.

29 (3) The officer has received notice of the disciplinary action prior to it being
30 added to the database.

31 (4) The officer has been afforded some opportunity to be heard regarding the
32 disciplinary action prior to it being added to the database.

33 (5) The database only publishes final dispositions in disciplinary actions.

34 (6) The database provides for the removal of records of the disciplinary action in
35 the event the action is later rescinded.

36 (b) For purposes of this section, "law enforcement officers" means sworn law
37 enforcement officers with the power of arrest, both State and local."

38 **SECTION 18.4.(d)** Subsection (c) of this section is effective when it becomes law.
39 The remainder of this section becomes effective October 1, 2021.

40
41 **ESTABLISH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CRITICAL INCIDENT STATEWIDE**
42 **DATABASE**

43 **SECTION 18.5.(a)** G.S. 17C-2 reads as rewritten:

44 **"§ 17C-2. Definitions.**

45 Unless the context clearly otherwise requires, the following definitions apply in this Article:

46 ...

47 (3a) Critical incident. – An incident involving any use of force by a law
48 enforcement officer that results in death or serious bodily injury to a person.

49"

50 **SECTION 18.5.(b)** Article 1 of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes is amended by
51 adding a new section to read:

1 **"§ 17C-15. Database for law enforcement officer critical incident information.**

2 (a) The Division shall develop and maintain a statewide database for use by law
3 enforcement agencies that tracks all critical incident data of law enforcement officers in North
4 Carolina.

5 (b) All law enforcement agencies in the State that employ personnel certified by the
6 Commission shall provide any information requested by the Division to maintain the database
7 required by subsection (a) of this section.

8 (c) Information collected under this section that is confidential under State or federal law
9 shall remain confidential.

10 (d) A law enforcement officer who is reported to the Division as having been involved in
11 a critical incident who disputes being involved in a critical incident has a right, prior to being
12 placed in the database, to request a contested case hearing regarding that determination pursuant
13 to and in accordance with the provisions of Article 3A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes."

14 **SECTION 18.5.(c)** G.S. 17E-2 reads as rewritten:

15 **"§ 17E-2. Definitions.**

16 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following definitions apply to this Chapter:

17 ...

18 (4) "Critical incident" means an incident involving any use of force by a law
19 enforcement officer that results in death or serious bodily injury to a person."

20 **SECTION 18.5.(d)** Chapter 17E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
21 section to read:

22 **"§ 17E-15. Database for justice officer critical incident information.**

23 (a) The Division shall develop and maintain a statewide database for use by law
24 enforcement agencies that tracks all critical incident data of justice officers in North Carolina.

25 (b) All law enforcement agencies in the State that employ personnel certified by the
26 Commission shall provide any information requested by the Commission to maintain the
27 database required by subsection (a) of this section.

28 (c) Information collected under this section that is confidential under State or federal law
29 shall remain confidential.

30 (d) A law enforcement officer who is reported to the Division as having been involved in
31 a critical incident who disputes being involved in a critical incident has a right, prior to being
32 placed in the database, to request a contested case hearing regarding that determination pursuant
33 to and in accordance with the provisions of Article 3A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes."

34 **SECTION 18.5.(e)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to
35 critical incidents on or after that date.

36
37 **EXPAND CRIMINAL JUSTICE FELLOWS PROGRAM**

38 **SECTION 18.6.(a)** G.S. 17C-20 reads as rewritten:

39 **"§ 17C-20. Definitions.**

40 As used in this Article, the following definitions apply:

41 ...

42 (5) Eligible county. – A county with a population of less than ~~425,000~~ 200,000
43 according to the latest federal decennial census or a county designated as a
44 development tier one area pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.08, or both.

45"

46 **SECTION 18.6.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to
47 Criminal Justice Fellows Program applicants selected on or after that date.

48
49 **PROHIBIT COLLUSIVE SETTLEMENTS BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

50 **SECTION 18.7.(a)** G.S. 114-2.2 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 "(a2) Where a dispute, claim, or controversy is challenging a North Carolina statute or
2 provision of the North Carolina Constitution, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
3 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate (i) have jointly intervened on behalf of the General
4 Assembly in accordance with G.S. 1-72.2 or (ii) are otherwise jointly named in their official
5 capacities as parties to the dispute, claim, or controversy, a consent judgment shall be jointly
6 approved by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
7 Senate, or by and through counsel of their choice, before the judgment may be entered."

8 **SECTION 18.7.(b)** G.S. 114-2.4 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 "(a2) Where a dispute, claim, or controversy is challenging a North Carolina statute or
10 provision of the North Carolina Constitution, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
11 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate (i) have intervened on behalf of the General
12 Assembly in accordance with G.S. 1-72.2 or (ii) are otherwise jointly named in their official
13 capacities as parties to the dispute, claim, or controversy, a proposed settlement agreement or
14 other agreement that would dispose of the dispute, claim, or controversy shall be jointly approved
15 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or
16 by and through counsel of their choice, before the agreement may be entered."

17 **SECTION 18.7.(c)** G.S. 163-22.2 reads as rewritten:

18 "**§ 163-22.2. Power of State Board to promulgate temporary rules and regulations.**

19 In the event any portion of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes or any State election law or
20 form of election of any county board of commissioners, local board of education, or city officer
21 is held unconstitutional or invalid by a State or federal court or is unenforceable because of
22 objection interposed by the United States Justice Department under the Voting Rights Act of
23 1965 and such ruling adversely affects the conduct and holding of any pending primary or
24 election, the State Board of Elections shall have authority to make reasonable interim rules and
25 regulations with respect to the pending primary or election as it deems advisable so long as they
26 do not conflict with any provisions of this Chapter 163 of the General Statutes and such rules and
27 regulations shall become null and void 60 days after the convening of the next regular session of
28 the General Assembly. ~~The State Board of Elections shall also be authorized, upon~~
29 ~~recommendation of the Attorney General, to enter into agreement with the courts in lieu of~~
30 ~~protracted litigation until such time as the General Assembly convenes."~~

31 **SECTION 18.7.(d)** Subsections (a) and (b) of this section are effective when they
32 become law and apply to consent judgments, settlement agreements, or other agreements that
33 would dispose of a dispute, claim, or controversy entered on or after that date. Subsection (c) of
34 this section is effective when it becomes law and applies to rulings on or after that date.

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36 **PART XIX. PUBLIC SAFETY**

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38 **PART XIX-A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION**

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40 **JPS GRANT REPORTING**

41 **SECTION 19A.1.(a)** Article 29 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes is amended
42 by adding a new section to read:

43 "**§ 7A-350.1. Annual report on grant funds received or preapproved for receipt.**

44 The Judicial Department shall report by May 1 of each year to the chairs of the House of
45 Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate
46 Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety on grant funds received or preapproved
47 for receipt by the Department. The report shall include information on the amount of grant funds
48 received or preapproved for receipt by the Department, the use of the funds, the State match
49 expended to receive the funds, and the period to be covered by each grant. If the Department
50 intends to continue the program beyond the end of the grant period, the Department shall report
51 on the proposed method for continuing the funding of the program at the end of the grant period.

1 The Department shall also report on any information it may have indicating that the State will be
2 requested to provide future funding for a program presently supported by a local grant."

3 **SECTION 19A.1.(b)** Article 1 of Chapter 114 of the General Statutes is amended
4 by adding a new section to read:

5 **"§ 114-2.5B. Annual report on grant funds received or preapproved for receipt.**

6 The Department of Justice shall report by May 1 of each year to the chairs of the House of
7 Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate
8 Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety on grant funds received or preapproved
9 for receipt by the Department. The report shall include information on the amount of grant funds
10 received or preapproved for receipt by the Department, the use of the funds, the State match
11 expended to receive the funds, and the period to be covered by each grant. If the Department
12 intends to continue the program beyond the end of the grant period, the Department shall report
13 on the proposed method for continuing the funding of the program at the end of the grant period.
14 The Department shall also report on any information it may have indicating that the State will be
15 requested to provide future funding for a program presently supported by a local grant."

16 **SECTION 19A.1.(c)** Article 13 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended
17 by adding a new section to read:

18 **"§ 143B-602.2. Annual report on grant funds received or preapproved for receipt.**

19 The Department of Public Safety shall report by May 1 of each year to the chairs of the House
20 of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate
21 Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety on grant funds received or preapproved
22 for receipt by the Department. The report shall include information on the amount of grant funds
23 received or preapproved for receipt by the Department, the use of the funds, the State match
24 expended to receive the funds, and the period to be covered by each grant. If the Department
25 intends to continue the program beyond the end of the grant period, the Department shall report
26 on the proposed method for continuing the funding of the program at the end of the grant period.
27 The Department shall also report on any information it may have indicating that the State will be
28 requested to provide future funding for a program presently supported by a local grant."

30 **NO TRANSFER OF POSITIONS TO OTHER STATE AGENCIES**

31 **SECTION 19A.2.(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except as
32 otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Office of State Budget and Management
33 shall not transfer any positions, personnel, or funds from the Department of Public Safety to any
34 other State agency during the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium unless the transfer was included in the
35 base budget for one or both fiscal years of the biennium.

36 **SECTION 19A.2.(b)** This section shall not apply to consolidation of information
37 technology positions into the Department of Information Technology pursuant to
38 G.S. 143B-1325.

40 **ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS TO SHERIFFS' OFFICES IN TIER ONE AND** 41 **TIER TWO COUNTIES**

42 **SECTION 19A.3.(a)** Of the two million seventy thousand dollars (\$2,070,000)
43 appropriated in this act to the Department of Public Safety in the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be
44 used to provide grant funds to county sheriffs' offices, the funds shall be allocated in equal
45 amounts to the sheriffs' offices located in development tier one and tier two areas, as defined in
46 G.S. 143B-437.08.

47 **SECTION 19A.3.(b)** Of the five million two hundred sixty-nine thousand dollars
48 (\$5,269,000) appropriated in this act to the Department of Public Safety in the 2022-2023 fiscal
49 year to be used to provide grant funds to county sheriffs' offices, the funds shall be allocated in
50 equal amounts to the sheriffs' offices located in development tier one and tier two areas, as
51 defined in G.S. 143B-437.08.

1 **SECTION 19A.3.(c)** The grants provided to sheriffs' offices in this section shall be
2 used for expenses incurred by the offices from enforcing the laws of this State and carrying out
3 other duties set by law.

4 5 **INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN INVESTIGATIONS**

6 **SECTION 19A.4.(a)** Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Safety,
7 the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in nonrecurring funds in each
8 year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be allocated to the North Carolina Sheriffs'
9 Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to be used as grants to sheriffs' offices and other local
10 law enforcement agencies to investigate reports of internet crimes against children.

11 **SECTION 19A.4.(b)** The grant funds allocated under subsection (a) of this section
12 shall be administered by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, which shall develop guidelines
13 and procedures for the administration and distribution of grants to participating sheriffs' offices
14 and local law enforcement agencies. These guidelines and procedures shall include the following
15 requirements and limitations:

- 16 (1) The maximum grant amount shall not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars
17 (\$75,000) per recipient per fiscal year.
- 18 (2) Recipient agencies shall be required to enter into a memorandum of agreement
19 with the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) governing the investigation of
20 internet crimes against children.

21 **SECTION 19A.4.(c)** The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association shall submit the
22 following reports to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public
23 Safety, to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public
24 Safety, and to the Fiscal Research Division:

- 25 (1) No later than November 1, 2021, a report on the guidelines and procedures
26 that will govern distribution and administration of grant funds distributed
27 pursuant to this section.
- 28 (2) No later than August 1, 2022, a report on the grant funds distributed pursuant
29 to this section during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- 30 (3) No later than August 1, 2023, a report on the grant funds distributed pursuant
31 to this section during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

32 **SECTION 19A.4.(d)** It is the intent of the General Assembly to strongly encourage
33 sheriffs to enter into memoranda of agreement with the SBI to expeditiously investigate reports
34 and tips regarding internet crimes against children and to consult with the SBI Computer Crimes
35 Unit and North Carolina Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

36 37 **PART XIX-B. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

38 39 **STATE CAPITOL POLICE/CREATION OF RECEIPT-SUPPORTED POSITIONS**

40 **SECTION 19B.1.(a)** Creation of Receipt-Supported Positions Authorized. – The
41 State Capitol Police may contract with State agencies for the creation of receipt-supported
42 positions to provide security services to the buildings occupied by those agencies.

43 **SECTION 19B.1.(b)** Annual Report Required. – No later than September 1 of each
44 fiscal year, the State Capitol Police shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
45 Justice and Public Safety the following information for the fiscal year in which the report is due:

- 46 (1) A list of all positions in the State Capitol Police. For each position listed, the
47 report shall include at least the following information:
 - 48 a. The position type.
 - 49 b. The agency to which the position is assigned.
 - 50 c. The source of funding for the position.

- 1 (2) For each receipt-supported position listed, the contract and any other terms of
2 the contract.

3 **SECTION 19B.1.(c)** Additional Reporting Required Upon Creation of
4 Receipt-Supported Positions. – In addition to the report required by subsection (b) of this section,
5 the State Capitol Police shall report the creation of any position pursuant to subsection (a) of this
6 section to the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and
7 Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and to the
8 Fiscal Research Division within 30 days of the position's creation. A report submitted pursuant
9 to this section shall include at least all of the following information:

- 10 (1) The position type.
11 (2) The agency to which the position is being assigned.
12 (3) The position salary.
13 (4) The total amount of the contract.
14 (5) The terms of the contract.

15 **SECTION 19B.1.(d)** Format of Reports. – Reports submitted pursuant to this section
16 shall be submitted electronically and in accordance with any applicable General Assembly
17 standards.

18 **USE OF SEIZED AND FORFEITED PROPERTY**

19 **SECTION 19B.2.(a)** Seized and forfeited assets transferred to the Department of
20 Justice or to the Department of Public Safety during the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium pursuant to
21 applicable federal law shall be credited to the budget of the recipient department and shall result
22 in an increase of law enforcement resources for that department. The Department of Public Safety
23 and the Department of Justice shall each make the following reports to the chairs of the House
24 of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate
25 Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety:

- 26 (1) A report upon receipt of any assets.
27 (2) A report that shall be made prior to use of the assets on their intended use and
28 the departmental priorities on which the assets may be expended.
29 (3) A report on receipts, expenditures, encumbrances, and availability of these
30 assets for the previous fiscal year, which shall be made no later than
31 September 1 of each year.

32 **SECTION 19B.2.(b)** The General Assembly finds that the use of seized and forfeited
33 assets transferred pursuant to federal law for new personnel positions, new projects, acquisition
34 of real property, repair of buildings where the repair includes structural change, and construction
35 of or additions to buildings may result in additional expenses for the State in future fiscal periods.
36 Therefore, the Department of Justice and the Department of Public Safety are prohibited from
37 using these assets for such purposes without the prior approval of the General Assembly.

38 **SECTION 19B.2.(c)** Nothing in this section prohibits State law enforcement
39 agencies from receiving funds from the United States Department of Justice, the United States
40 Department of the Treasury, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

41 **SECTION 19B.2.(d)** The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and
42 Public Safety shall study the impact on State and local law enforcement efforts of the receipt of
43 seized and forfeited assets. The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations prior
44 to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session of the 2021 General Assembly.

45 **INVESTIGATION OF OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS AND OTHER INCIDENTS** 46 **RESULTING IN DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY**

47 **SECTION 19B.3.(a)** G.S. 143B-919 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

48 "(b1) The Bureau shall, upon request of the Governor, investigate and prepare evidence in
49 the event of any of the following:
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51

- 1 (1) A sworn law enforcement officer with the power to arrest discharges the
2 officer's firearm in the performance of the officer's duties, excluding during
3 training exercises.
- 4 (2) A sworn law enforcement officer with the power to arrest uses force against
5 an individual in the performance of the officer's duties that results in the death
6 of, or serious bodily injury to, the individual.
- 7 (3) An individual in the custody of the Department of Public Safety, a State
8 prison, a county jail, or a local confinement facility, regardless of the physical
9 location of the individual, dies or suffers serious bodily injury."

10 **SECTION 19B.3.(b)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2021.

11

12 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ISSUE NEW REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**
13 **FOR VIPER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE**

14 **SECTION 19B.4.(a)** Prior to using the funds appropriated in this act for the
15 maintenance of the Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) System, the
16 Department of Public Safety shall issue a request for proposal for that maintenance.

17 **SECTION 19B.4.(b)** The Department of Public Safety shall submit the results of the
18 request for proposal issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the Joint Legislative
19 Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety.

20 **SECTION 19B.4.(c)** After 60 days have passed following the submission of its
21 report pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the Department of Public Safety may use the
22 funds appropriated in this act to contract with a vendor to maintain the VIPER System.

23

24 **TRANSFER ELECTIONS INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION TO STATE BUREAU OF**
25 **INVESTIGATION**

26 **SECTION 19B.5.(a)** The Investigations Division in the State Board of Elections is
27 transferred to the State Bureau of Investigation in the Department of Public Safety. This transfer
28 has all of the elements of a Type I transfer, as described in G.S. 143A-6.

29 **SECTION 19B.5.(b)** G.S. 143B-919 reads as rewritten:

30 "**§ 143B-919. Investigations of lynchings, election frauds, etc.; services subject to call of**
31 **Governor; witness fees and mileage for employees.**

32 (a) The Bureau shall, upon request of the Governor, investigate and prepare evidence in
33 the event of any lynching or mob violence in the ~~State; shall investigate all cases arising from~~
34 ~~frauds in connection with elections when requested to do so by the Board of Elections, and when~~
35 ~~so directed by the Governor.~~ State. Such investigation, however, shall in nowise interfere with
36 the power of the Attorney General to make such investigation as the Attorney General is
37 authorized to make under the laws of the State. The Bureau is authorized further, at the request
38 of the Governor, to investigate cases of frauds arising under the Social Security Laws of the State,
39 of violations of the gaming laws, and lottery laws, and matters of similar kind when called upon
40 by the Governor so to do. In all such cases it shall be the duty of the Department to keep such
41 records as may be necessary and to prepare evidence in the cases investigated, for the use of
42 enforcement officers and for the trial of causes. The services of employees of the Bureau may be
43 required by the Governor in connection with the investigation of any crime committed anywhere
44 in the State when called upon by the enforcement officers of the State, and when, in the judgment
45 of the Governor, such services may be rendered with advantage to the enforcement of the criminal
46 law. The State Bureau of Investigation is hereby authorized to investigate the following without
47 the request request:

- 48 (1) The attempted arson of, or arson of, damage of, theft from, or theft of, or
49 misuse of, any State-owned personal property, buildings, or other real
50 property or any assault upon or threats against any legislative officer named

1 in G.S. 147-2(1), (2), or (3), any executive officer named in G.S. 147-3(c), or
2 any court officer as defined in G.S. 14-16.10(1).

3 (2) All cases arising from frauds in connection with elections in any county and
4 municipality and special district and shall report any violations of the election
5 laws to the Attorney General or district attorney or prosecutor of the district
6 for further investigation and prosecution. In conducting investigations under
7 this subdivision, the Bureau shall have the authority to administer oaths, issue
8 subpoenas, summon witnesses, and compel the production of papers, books,
9 records, and other evidence.

10"

11 **SECTION 19B.5.(c)** G.S. 163-20 reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 163-20. Meetings of Board; quorum; minutes.**

13 ...

14 (c) Meetings to Investigate Alleged Violations of This Chapter. – When called upon to
15 investigate or hear sworn alleged violations of this Chapter, the State Board of Elections shall
16 meet and hear the matter in the county in which the violations are alleged to have occurred. The
17 State Board of Elections shall report any alleged incidents of frauds in elections to the State
18 Bureau of Investigation to investigate as provided in G.S. 143B-919.

19"

20 **SECTION 19B.5.(d)** G.S. 163-22 reads as rewritten:

21 **"§ 163-22. Powers and duties of State Board of Elections.**

22 ...

23 (d) The State Board of Elections shall investigate when necessary or advisable, the
24 administration of election ~~laws, frauds and laws~~ and irregularities in elections in any county and
25 municipality and special district, and shall report violations of the election laws to the Attorney
26 General or district attorney or prosecutor of the district for further investigation and prosecution.
27 The State Board of Elections shall report any alleged incidents of frauds in elections to the State
28 Bureau of Investigation to investigate as provided in G.S. 143B-919.

29 ...

30 (j1) Notwithstanding G.S. 153A-98 or any other provision of law, all officers, employees,
31 and agents of a county board of elections are required to give to the State Board of Elections,
32 upon request, all information, documents, and data within their possession, or ascertainable from
33 their records, including any internal investigation or personnel documentation and are required
34 to make available, upon request pursuant to an investigation under subsection (d) of this ~~section,~~
35 section or an investigation under G.S. 143B-919 by the State Bureau of Investigation, any county
36 board employee for interview and to produce any equipment, hardware, or software for
37 inspection. These requirements are mandatory and shall be timely complied with as specified in
38 a request made by any four members of the State Board.

39"

40 **SECTION 19B.5.(e)** G.S. 163-33 reads as rewritten:

41 **"§ 163-33. Powers and duties of county boards of elections.**

42 The county boards of elections within their respective jurisdictions shall exercise all powers
43 granted to such boards in this Chapter, and they shall perform all the duties imposed upon them
44 by law, which shall include the following:

45 ...

46 (3) To investigate (i) irregularities, nonperformance of duties, and violations of
47 laws-laws, except cases arising from frauds in connection with an election, by
48 election officers and other persons, and to report violations to the State Board
49 of Elections. Elections and (ii) cases arising from frauds in connection with
50 an election by election officers or other persons and to report any violations
51 to the State Bureau of Investigation. In exercising the powers and duties of

1 this subdivision, the board may act only when a majority of its members are
2 present at any meeting at which such powers or duties are exercised. Provided
3 that in any hearing on an irregularity no board of elections shall consider as
4 evidence the testimony of a voter who cast a ballot, which ballot that voter
5 was not eligible to cast, as to how that voter voted on that ballot.

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7 **SECTION 19B.5.(f)** G.S. 163-278 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 163-278. Duty of investigating and prosecuting violations of this Article.**

9 (a) It shall be the duty of the State Board of Elections and the district attorneys to
10 investigate any violations of this Article, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, and
11 the State Board and district attorneys are authorized and empowered to subpoena and compel the
12 attendance of any person before them for the purpose of making such investigation. The State
13 Board and the district attorneys are authorized to call upon the Director of the State Bureau of
14 Investigation to furnish assistance by the State Bureau of Investigation in making the
15 investigations of such violations. The State Board shall furnish the district attorney a copy of its
16 investigation. The district attorney shall initiate prosecution and prosecute any violations of this
17 Article. The provisions of G.S. 163-278.28 shall be applicable to violations of this Article.

18 (b) It shall be the duty of the State Bureau of Investigation and the district attorneys to
19 investigate any violations of this Article arising from frauds, and the State Bureau of
20 Investigation and district attorneys are authorized and empowered to subpoena and compel the
21 attendance of any person before them for the purpose of making such investigation. The State
22 Bureau of Investigation shall furnish the district attorney a copy of its investigation. The district
23 attorney shall initiate prosecution and prosecute any violations of this Article."

24 **SECTION 19B.5.(g)** Any investigation ongoing as of the effective date of this
25 section is not abated or affected by this section. Prosecutions for offenses or violations committed
26 before the effective date of this section are not abated or affected by this section, and the statutes
27 that would be applicable but for this section remain applicable to those prosecutions.

28 **SECTION 19B.5.(h)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2021.

29 30 **PART XIX-C. ADULT CORRECTION**

31 32 **CENTER FOR COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS/CONTRACT AND REPORT**

33 **SECTION 19C.1.** The Department of Public Safety may continue to contract with
34 The Center for Community Transitions, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the purchase of prison
35 beds for minimum security female inmates during the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium. The Center for
36 Community Transitions, Inc., shall report by February 1 of each year to the chairs of the House
37 of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate
38 Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety on the annual cost per inmate and the
39 average daily inmate population compared to bed capacity using the same methodology as that
40 used by the Department of Public Safety.

41 42 **STATEWIDE MISDEMEANANT CONFINEMENT PROGRAM REPORT**

43 **SECTION 19C.2.** G.S. 148-32.1(b2) reads as rewritten:

44 "(b2) The Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program is established. The Program
45 shall provide for the housing of misdemeanants from all counties serving sentences imposed for
46 a period of more than 90 days and for all sentences imposed for impaired driving under
47 G.S. 20-138.1, regardless of length. Those misdemeanants shall be confined in local confinement
48 facilities except as provided in subsections (b3) and (b4) of this section. The Program shall
49 address methods for the placement and transportation of inmates and reimbursement to counties
50 for the housing of those inmates. Any county that voluntarily agrees to house misdemeanants

1 from that county or from other counties pursuant to the Program may enter into a written
2 agreement with the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice to do so.

3 The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association shall:

4 (1) Report no later than the fifteenth day of each month to the Office of State
5 Budget and Management and the Fiscal Research Division on the Statewide
6 Misdemeanant Confinement Program. Each monthly report shall include all
7 of the following:

8 a. The daily population delineated by misdemeanor or DWI monthly
9 housing.

10 b. The cost of housing prisoners under the Program.

11 c. The cost of transporting prisoners under the Program.

12 d. Personnel costs.

13 e. Inmate medical care costs.

14 f. The number of counties that volunteer to house inmates under the
15 Program.

16 g. The administrative costs paid to the Sheriffs' Association and to the
17 Department of Public Safety.

18 (2) Report no later than October 1 of each year to the chairs of the House of
19 Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and
20 the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the
21 Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety on the
22 Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program. The report shall include the
23 following with respect to the prior fiscal year:

24 a. The cost of housing prisoners by county under the Program.

25 b. The cost of transporting prisoners by county under the Program.

26 c. Personnel costs by county.

27 d. Inmate medical care costs by county.

28 e. The number of counties that volunteer to house inmates under the
29 Program.

30 f. The administrative costs paid to the Sheriffs' Association and to the
31 Department of Public Safety."

32 **STATEWIDE MISDEMEANANT CONFINEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING TRANSFER**

33 **SECTION 19C.3.** Of the funds appropriated in this act for the Statewide
34 Misdemeanant Confinement Program:

35 (1) The sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be transferred each fiscal
36 year to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation,
37 to support the Program and for administrative and operating expenses of the
38 Association and its staff.

39 (2) The sum of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) shall be
40 allocated each fiscal year to the Division of Adult Correction for its
41 administrative and operating expenses for the Program.
42
43

44 **INTERSTATE COMPACT FEES TO SUPPORT TRAINING PROGRAMS AND** 45 **EQUIPMENT PURCHASES SECTIONS**

46 **SECTION 19C.4.(a)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 148-65.7, fees
47 collected for the Interstate Compact Fund during the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium may be used by
48 the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety during
49 the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to provide training programs and equipment purchases for the
50 Section of Community Corrections, but only to the extent sufficient funds remain available in the
51 Fund to support the mission of the Interstate Compact Program.

1 **SECTION 19C.4.(b)** No later than October 1 of each fiscal year, the Department of
2 Public Safety shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public
3 Safety on the amount of funds used pursuant to this section and for what purposes the funds were
4 used.

5 6 **NURSE STAFFING AT STATE PRISONS REPORT**

7 **SECTION 19C.5.(a)** The Department of Public Safety shall report the following
8 information to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by
9 February 1, 2022, and by February 1, 2023:

- 10 (1) The total number of permanent nursing positions allocated to the Department,
11 the number of filled positions, the number of positions that have been vacant
12 for more than six months, and information regarding the location of both filled
13 and vacant positions.
- 14 (2) The extent to which temporary contract services are being used to staff vacant
15 nursing positions, the method for funding the contract services, and any cost
16 differences between the use of permanent employees versus contract
17 employees.
- 18 (3) A progress report on the implementation of its plan to (i) reduce the use of
19 contract services to provide nursing in State prisons and (ii) attract and retain
20 qualified nurses for employment in permanent positions in State prisons.

21 **SECTION 19C.5.(b)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department
22 of Public Safety may, in its discretion and subject to the approval of the Office of State Budget
23 and Management, convert funds appropriated for contractual nursing services to permanent
24 nursing positions when it is determined to promote security, generate cost savings, and improve
25 health care quality. The Department shall report on any such conversions to the Fiscal Research
26 Division.

27 28 **DEPARTMENT REPORT ON PRISON PERSONNEL MATTERS**

29 **SECTION 19C.6.** The Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction
30 and Juvenile Justice, shall report the following information to the Joint Legislative Oversight
31 Committee on Justice and Public Safety by February 1, 2022, and by February 1, 2023:

- 32 (1) The number of Division employees charged with the commission of a criminal
33 offense committed in a State prison and during the employee's work hours.
34 The information shall be provided by State facility and shall specify the
35 offense charged and the outcome of the charge.
- 36 (2) The number of employees disciplined, demoted, or separated from service due
37 to personal misconduct. To the extent it does not disclose confidential
38 personnel records, the information shall be organized by type of misconduct,
39 nature of corrective action taken, and outcome of the corrective action.
- 40 (3) The hiring and screening process, including any required credentials or skills,
41 criminal background checks, and personality assessments. The information
42 shall also include the process the Division uses to verify the information
43 provided by an applicant.

44 45 **REIMBURSE COUNTIES FOR HOUSING AND EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL** 46 **EXPENSES**

47 **SECTION 19C.7.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-9, the Department of Public Safety
48 may use funds available to the Department for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to reimburse
49 counties for the cost of housing convicted inmates, parolees, and post-release supervisees
50 awaiting transfer to the State prison system, as provided in G.S. 148-29. The reimbursement may
51 not exceed forty dollars (\$40.00) per day per prisoner awaiting transfer. Beginning October 1,

2021, the Department shall report quarterly to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety on the expenditure of funds to reimburse counties for prisoners awaiting transfer.

DOT CONTRACT OF INMATE LITTER CREW

SECTION 19C.8.(a) After the issuance of a request for information (RFI) and receipt of bids by the Department of Transportation for litter pickup on State highways and roads, the Department of Transportation shall first offer the contract to the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice upon the same terms and conditions as the most favorable bid received by the Department of Transportation from a suitable contractor. The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall have 30 days to accept or decline the offered contract.

SECTION 19C.8.(b) It is the policy of the General Assembly that the Department of Transportation shall utilize inmate litter crews for litter pickup on State highways and roads as often as is necessary and practicable.

CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION AND OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES

SECTION 19C.9.(a) The Department of Adult Correction is established in this Part as a single, unified cabinet-level department. All functions, powers, duties, and obligations vested in the following programs, divisions, and entities located in the Department of Public Safety are transferred to, vested in, and consolidated within the Department of Adult Correction in the manner of a Type I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6:

- (1) Prisons Section.
- (2) Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Treatment Program, except the DART-Cherry and the Black Mountain Substance Abuse Treatment Center for Women.
- (3) Health Services Section.
- (4) Correction Enterprises Section.

SECTION 19C.9.(b) The Grievance Resolution Board is transferred to the Department of Adult Correction in the manner of a Type II transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6.

SECTION 19C.9.(c) G.S. 143B-2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-2. Interim applicability of the Executive Organization Act of 1973.

The Executive Organization Act of 1973 shall be applicable only to the following named departments:

...

(12) Department of Adult Correction."

SECTION 19C.9.(d) G.S. 143B-6 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-6. Principal departments.

In addition to the principal departments enumerated in the Executive Organization Act of 1971, all executive and administrative powers, duties, and functions not including those of the General Assembly and its agencies, the General Court of Justice and the administrative agencies created pursuant to Article IV of the Constitution of North Carolina, and higher education previously vested by law in the several State agencies, are vested in the following principal departments:

...

(14) Department of Adult Correction."

SECTION 19C.9.(e) G.S. 126-5(d)(1) reads as rewritten:

- "(d) (1) Exempt Positions in Cabinet Department. – Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, which is known as the North Carolina Human Resources Act, the

Governor may designate a total of 425 exempt positions throughout the following departments and offices:

...
o. Department of Adult Correction."

SECTION 19C.9.(f) Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 16.

"Department of Adult Correction.

"Part 1. Organization; General Provisions for Department.

"§ 143B-1440. Organization.

There is established the Department of Adult Correction. The Department shall perform all functions of the executive branch of the State in relation to the detention and correction of adult offenders.

"§ 143B-1442. Powers and duties of the Secretary.

The head of the Department is the Secretary of the Department of Adult Correction. The Secretary shall have the powers and duties as are conferred on the Secretary by this Article, delegated to the Secretary by the Governor, and conferred on the Secretary by the Constitution and laws of this State. The Secretary is authorized to adopt rules and procedures for the implementation of this Article.

"§ 143B-1444. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following meanings shall apply:

- (1) Department. – The Department of Adult Correction.
- (2) Justice and Public Safety Appropriations Committees. – The Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety.
- (3) Program. – The Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Treatment Program.
- (4) Secretary. – The Secretary of the Department of Adult Correction."

SECTION 19C.9.(g) G.S. 143B-711 is repealed. G.S. 143B-630 of Part 1A of Article 13 of Chapter 143B and G.S. 143B-701 through 143B-705, 143B-707, 143B-707.4, and 143B-709 of Subpart A of Part 2 of Article 13 of Chapter 143B are recodified as Part 2 of Article 16 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes as follows:

<u>Former Citation</u>	<u>Recodified Citation</u>
Part 1A	Part 2
143B-630	143B-1450
Subpart A	
143B-701	143B-1451
143B-702	143B-1452
143B-703	143B-1453
143B-704	143B-1454
143B-705	143B-1455
143B-707	143B-1456
143B-707.4	143B-1457
143B-709	143B-1458

SECTION 19C.9.(h) G.S. 143B-707.5 through 707.10 of Subpart A of Part 2 of Article 13 of Chapter 143B are recodified as Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes as follows:

<u>Former Citation</u>	<u>Recodified Citation</u>
Subpart A	Part 3
143B-707.3	143B-1470
143B-707.5	143B-1471
143B-707.6	143B-1472

1	143B-707.7	143B-1473
2	143B-707.8	143B-1474
3	143B-707.9	143B-1475
4	143B-707.10	143B-1476

5 **SECTION 19C.9.(i)** Parts 2 and 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 143B of the General
6 Statutes read as rewritten:

7 "Part 2. General Provisions for Division of Prisons.

8 "**§ 143B-1450. Creation of Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~; Prisons**
9 **powers.**

10 There is hereby created and established a division to be known as the Division of ~~Adult~~
11 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety.~~ Prisons within the
12 Department. The Division of Prisons shall have the power and duty to implement ~~Parts 2 and 3~~
13 Part 2 of this Article and shall have such other powers and duties as are set forth in this ~~Chapter~~
14 Article and are prescribed by the ~~Secretary of the Department of Public Safety.~~ Secretary.

15 "**§ 143B-1451. Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of~~**
16 **Public Safety Prisons – duties.**

17 It shall be the duty of the Division of Prisons to provide the necessary custody, supervision,
18 and treatment to control and rehabilitate criminal offenders and thereby to reduce the rate and
19 cost of crime and delinquency.

20 "**§ 143B-1452. Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of~~**
21 **Public Safety Prisons – rules and regulations.**

22 The Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety~~
23 Prisons shall adopt rules and regulations related to the conduct, supervision, rights and privileges
24 of persons in its custody or under its supervision. Such rules and regulations shall be filed with
25 and published by the office of the Attorney General and shall be made available by the Division
26 for public inspection. The rules and regulations shall include a description of the organization of
27 the Division. A description or copy of all forms and instructions used by the Division, except
28 those relating solely to matters of internal management, shall also be filed with the office of the
29 Attorney General.

30 "**§ 143B-1453. Repair or replacement of personal property.**

31 (a) The Secretary of ~~Public Safety~~ may adopt rules governing repair or replacement of
32 personal property items excluding private passenger vehicles that belong to employees of State
33 facilities within the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Prisons~~ of the Department
34 ~~of Public Safety~~ and that are damaged or stolen by inmates of the State facilities provided that
35 the item is determined by the Secretary to be damaged or stolen on or off facility grounds during
36 the performance of employment and necessary for the employee to have in ~~his~~ the employee's
37 possession to perform ~~his~~ the employee's assigned duty.

38 ...

39 (e) The Secretary of ~~Public Safety~~ shall establish by rule an appeals process consistent
40 with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes.

41 "**§ 143B-1454. Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of~~**
42 **Public Safety Prisons – functions with respect to adults.**

43 (a) The functions of the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the~~
44 ~~Department of Public Safety Prisons~~ shall include all functions of the executive branch of the
45 State in relation to corrections and the rehabilitation of adult offenders, including ~~detention,~~
46 ~~parole, and aftercare supervision,~~ detention and further including those prescribed powers, duties,
47 and functions enumerated in the laws of this State. All such functions, powers, duties, and
48 obligations heretofore vested in the State Department of Correction and Commission of
49 Correction are hereby transferred to and vested in the Division of Prisons of the Department of
50 Adult Correction except as otherwise provided by the Executive Organization Act of 1973.

1 (b) ~~All such functions, powers, duties, and obligations heretofore vested in the~~
 2 ~~Department of Social Rehabilitation and Control and any agency enumerated in Article 14 of~~
 3 ~~Chapter 143A of the General Statutes and laws of this State are hereby transferred to and vested~~
 4 ~~in the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety~~
 5 ~~except as otherwise provided by the Executive Organization Act of 1973. They shall include, by~~
 6 ~~way of extension and not of limitation, the functions of:~~

- 7 (1) ~~The State Department of Correction and Commission of Correction,~~
 8 (2) ~~Repealed by Session Laws 1999-423, s. 8, effective July 1, 1999.~~
 9 (3) ~~The State Probation Commission,~~
 10 (4) ~~The State Board of Paroles,~~
 11 (5) ~~The Interstate Agreement on Detainers, and~~
 12 (6) ~~The Uniform Act for Out-of-State Parolee Supervision.~~

13 ...

14 (d) ~~The Division shall establish an alcoholism and chemical dependency treatment~~
 15 ~~program. the Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Treatment Program. The program Program~~
 16 ~~shall consist of a continuum of treatment and intervention services for male and female inmates,~~
 17 ~~established in medium and minimum custody prison facilities, and for male and female~~
 18 ~~probationers and parolees, established in community-based residential treatment facilities.~~

19 ...

20 "**§ 143B-1455. Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of**
 21 **Public Safety-Prisons – Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Treatment**
 22 **Program.**

23 (a) ~~The Program established by G.S. 143B-704-G.S. 143B-1454 shall be offered in~~
 24 ~~correctional facilities, or a portion of correctional facilities that are self-contained, so that the~~
 25 ~~residential and program space is separate from any other programs or inmate housing, and shall~~
 26 ~~be operational by January 1, 1988, at those facilities as the Secretary or the Secretary's designee~~
 27 ~~may designate.~~

28 (b) ~~A Section Chief deputy director for the Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency~~
 29 ~~Treatment Program shall be employed and shall report directly to a deputy director for the~~
 30 ~~Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice as designated by the Deputy Commissioner the~~
 31 ~~Director for the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice-Prisons. The duties of the~~
 32 ~~Section Chief deputy director and staff shall include the following:~~

- 33 (1) ~~Administer and coordinate all substance abuse programs, grants, contracts,~~
 34 ~~and related functions in the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~
 35 ~~Prisons of the Department of Public Safety-Adult Correction.~~
 36 (2) ~~Develop and maintain working relationships and agreements with agencies~~
 37 ~~and organizations that will assist in developing and operating alcoholism and~~
 38 ~~chemical dependency treatment and recovery programs in the Division of~~
 39 ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice-Prisons of the Department of Public~~
 40 ~~Safety-Adult Correction.~~

41 ...

- 42 (5) ~~Develop programs that provide effective treatment for inmates, probationers,~~
 43 ~~and parolees inmates with alcohol and chemical dependency problems.~~

44 ...

- 45 (7) ~~Supervise directly the facility and district program managers, other~~
 46 ~~specialized personnel, and programs that exist or may be developed in the~~
 47 ~~Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice-Prisons of the Department~~
 48 ~~of Public Safety-Adult Correction.~~

- 49 (8) ~~Repealed by Session Laws 2012-83, s. 10, effective June 26, 2012.~~

50 (c) ~~In each prison that houses an alcoholism and chemical dependency program, there~~
 51 ~~shall be a unit superintendent under the Section Division of Prisons of the Division of Department~~

1 ~~of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ and other custodial, administrative, and support staff as
2 required to maintain the proper custody level at the facility. The unit superintendent shall be
3 responsible for all matters pertaining to custody and administration of the unit. The ~~Section Chief~~
4 ~~deputy director~~ of the Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Treatment Program shall designate
5 and direct employees to manage treatment programs at each location. Duties of unit treatment
6 program managers shall include program development and implementation, supervision of
7 personnel assigned to treatment programs, adherence to all pertinent policy and procedural
8 requirements of the Department, and other duties as assigned.

9 ...
10 **"§ 143B-1456. Reports to the General Assembly.**

11 The Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Prisons~~ of the Department of ~~Public~~
12 ~~Safety Adult Correction~~ shall report by March 1 of each year to the Chairs of the ~~Senate and~~
13 ~~House Appropriations Committees and the Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations~~
14 ~~Subcommittees in~~ Justice and Public Safety Appropriations Committees on their efforts to
15 provide effective treatment to offenders with substance abuse problems. The report shall include:

16 ...

17 (3) ~~Utilization of the community based programs at DART Cherry and Black~~
18 ~~Mountain Substance Abuse Treatment Center for Women.~~

19 ...

20 (7) Evaluation of each substance abuse treatment program funded by the Division
21 of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Prisons~~ of the Department of ~~Public~~
22 ~~Safety Adult Correction~~. Evaluation measures shall include reduction in
23 alcohol and drug dependency, improvements in disciplinary and infraction
24 rates, recidivism (defined as return-to-prison rates), and other measures of the
25 programs' success.

26 **"§ 143B-1457. Annual report on safekeepers.**

27 The Department of ~~Public Safety~~ shall report by October 1 of each year to the chairs of the
28 ~~House of Representatives and Senate Justice and Public Safety Appropriations Committees on~~
29 ~~Justice and Public Safety~~ and the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice
30 and Public Safety on county prisoners housed in the State prison system pursuant to safekeeping
31 orders under G.S. 162-39. The report shall include:

32 ...

33 **"§ 143B-1458. Security Staffing.**

34 (a) The Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Prisons~~ of the Department of
35 ~~Public Safety Adult Correction~~ shall conduct:

36 ...

37 (b) The Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Prisons~~ of the Department of
38 ~~Public Safety Adult Correction~~ shall update the security staffing relief formula at least every
39 three years. Each update shall include a review of all annual training requirements for security
40 staff to determine which of these requirements should be mandatory and the appropriate
41 frequency of the training. The Division shall survey other states to determine which states use a
42 vacancy factor in their staffing relief formulas.

43 "Part 3. Medical Costs; Medicaid Services.

44 **"§ 143B-1470. Medical costs for ~~inmates and juvenile offenders~~ inmates.**

45 (a) The Department of ~~Public Safety Adult Correction~~ shall reimburse those providers
46 and facilities providing approved medical services to inmates ~~and juvenile offenders~~ outside the
47 correctional ~~or juvenile~~ facility the lesser amount of either a rate of seventy percent (70%) of the
48 provider's then-current prevailing charge or two times the then-current Medicaid rate for any
49 given service. The Department shall have the right to audit any given provider to determine the
50 actual prevailing charge to ensure compliance with this provision.

1 This section does apply to vendors providing services that are not billed on a fee-for-service
2 basis, such as temporary staffing. Nothing in this section shall preclude the Department from
3 contracting with a provider for services at rates that provide greater documentable cost avoidance
4 for the State than do the rates contained in this section or at rates that are less favorable to the
5 State but that will ensure the continued access to care.

6 (b) The Department of ~~Public Safety-Adult Correction~~ shall make every effort to contain
7 medical costs for inmates ~~and juvenile offenders~~ by making use of its own hospital and health
8 care facilities to provide health care services to ~~inmates and juvenile offenders~~. inmates. To the
9 extent that the Department of ~~Public Safety-Adult Correction~~ must utilize other facilities and
10 services to provide health care services to ~~inmates and juvenile offenders~~, inmates, the
11 Department shall make reasonable efforts to make use of hospitals or other providers with which
12 it has a contract or, if none is reasonably available, hospitals with available capacity or other
13 health care facilities in a region to accomplish that goal. The Department shall make reasonable
14 efforts to equitably distribute inmates ~~and juvenile offenders~~ among all hospitals or other
15 appropriate health care facilities.

16 (c) The Department of ~~Public Safety-Adult Correction~~ shall report quarterly to the Joint
17 Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the chairs of the ~~House of~~
18 ~~Representatives and Senate Justice and Public Safety Appropriations Committees on Justice and~~
19 ~~Public Safety~~ on:

20 (1) The percentage of the total inmates ~~and juvenile offenders~~ requiring
21 hospitalization or hospital services who receive that treatment at each hospital.

22 ...

23 (5) The volume of inpatient medical services provided to Medicaid-eligible
24 ~~inmates and juvenile offenders~~, inmates, the cost of treatment, the estimated
25 savings of paying the nonfederal portion of Medicaid for the services, and the
26 length of time between the date the claim was filed and the date the claim was
27 paid.

28 ...

29 (6) The hospital utilization, including the amount paid to individual hospitals, the
30 number of inmates ~~and juvenile offenders~~ served, the number of claims, and
31 whether the hospital was a contracted or noncontracted facility.

32 ...

33 (d) ~~The Department of Public Safety shall study whether contracts to provide inmate~~
34 ~~health services can be expanded to additional hospitals. The Department shall report the findings~~
35 ~~of its study to the chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees~~
36 ~~on Justice and Public Safety no later than February 1, 2017. The report shall include a list of~~
37 ~~hospitals considered for expansion and reasons for or against expanding to each hospital.~~

38 **"§ 143B-1471. Medicaid services for inmates.**

39 (a) ~~The Department of Public Safety-Division of Health Services of the Department of~~
40 Adult Correction and the Department of Health and Human Services shall work together to
41 enable social workers in the Department of Public Safety, Health Services Section, to qualify for
42 and receive federal reimbursement for performing administrative activities related to Medicaid
43 eligibility for inmates. The Department of ~~Public Safety, Health Services Section, Adult~~
44 Correction, Division of Health Services, shall develop policies and procedures to account for the
45 time social workers in the Division of Health Services Section spend on administrative activities
46 related to Medicaid eligibility for inmates. All social workers in the Division of Health Services
47 ~~Section~~ who perform administrative activities related to Medicaid eligibility shall be required to
48 receive eligibility determination training provided by the Department of Health and Human
49 Services at least quarterly.

1 (b) The Department of ~~Public Safety, Health Services Section, Adult Correction, Division~~
2 ~~of Health Services~~, shall require each social worker performing administrative activities related
3 to Medicaid eligibility for inmates to document the following:

4 ...

5 (3) The number of 24-hour community provider stays prescreened for potential
6 applications, the number of applications submitted, and the number and
7 percentage of applications approved, denied, and withdrawn, which shall be
8 reported to the Health Services ~~Section-Division~~ Director on a monthly basis.

9 (c) In addition to the requirements in subsection (b) of this section, each Department of
10 ~~Public Safety, Health Services Section, Adult Correction, Division of Health Services, social~~
11 ~~workers-worker~~ performing administrative activities related to Medicaid eligibility for inmates
12 shall submit Medicaid applications and any supporting documents electronically through the
13 ePass portal in the Department of Health and Human Services or through other electronic means,
14 unless paper copies are required by federal law or regulation.

15 **"§ 143B-1472. Medication losses related to inmate transfer.**

16 (a) The Health Services ~~Section-Division~~ shall collect data on medication losses that
17 occur during inmate transfer. The collection methods shall provide, at a minimum, for all of the
18 following:

19 ...

20 (c) The Department shall also establish disciplinary actions for staff who are found to be
21 responsible for inmate medication losses during transfer. The Health Services Section shall be
22 responsible for addressing disciplinary actions for ~~DPS-Health Services~~ prison staff who are
23 found to be responsible for medications lost during inmate transfers and shall refer incidents
24 involving custody staff to the appropriate unit for action.

25 **"§ 143B-1473. Contract for limited use of local purchase of inmate pharmacy needs.**

26 (a) The Health Services ~~Section-Division~~ shall adopt a statewide reimbursement for local
27 purchases of limited quantities of medicine. The statewide reimbursement rate shall be based on
28 the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees reimbursement rate for
29 prescription drugs. Any pharmacy willing to accept the statewide reimbursement rate shall have
30 the right to participate in the plan.

31 (b) The Health Services ~~Section-Division~~ shall obtain monthly electronic invoices of
32 prescriptions filled by each prison from the vendor chosen under subsection (a) of this section
33 and shall develop a mechanism to collect information on purchases made outside the contract.
34 At a minimum, the following information shall be collected for each prescription: (i) the inmate's
35 prison, (ii) the requesting provider, (iii) the medication requested, (iv) the quantity of the
36 medication requested, and (v) the total cost of the prescription.

37 (c) The Department shall establish a formal oversight mechanism to ensure prescriptions
38 written by providers to be filled at local pharmacies do not exceed the quantities specified in the
39 Department's policy. The Health Services ~~Section-Division~~ central office shall be responsible for
40 implementing the oversight function, shall use the data collected under subsections (a) and (b) of
41 this section to implement the function, and shall implement corrective and disciplinary actions
42 as needed.

43 **"§ 143B-1474. Federal 340B Program – Department of ~~Public Safety/Department Adult~~
44 ~~Correction/Department of Health and Human Services~~ partnership.**

45 The Department of ~~Public Safety (DPS)-Adult Correction (DAC)~~ shall establish and
46 implement a partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in order
47 for ~~DPS-DAC~~ to be eligible to operate as a 340B covered entity. The ~~Department of Public Safety~~
48 ~~DAC~~ shall contract for consultant services in order to implement this section. In order to
49 implement the requirements of this section, ~~DPS-DAC~~ shall do all of the following:

50 ...

- 1 (3) Ensure that the ~~DPS-DAC~~ Apex Central Pharmacy, and any other ~~DPS-DAC~~
 2 pharmacies necessary, are compliant dispensing pharmacies under the 340B
 3 Program.
 4 ...

5 **"§ 143B-1475. Federal 340B Program – Department of ~~Public Safety/University Adult~~
 6 ~~Correction/University of North Carolina Health Care System~~ partnership.**

7 (a) The Department of Public Safety shall partner with the University of North Carolina
 8 Health Care System (UNC-HCS) by October 1, 2019, to begin receiving all 340B Program
 9 savings realized from medications prescribed to inmates, but not administered, at a 340B
 10 Program-registered UNC-HCS site for non-HIV and non-HCV medications pursuant to
 11 subsections (b) and (c) of this section. The Department of Adult Correction (DAC) shall be the
 12 successor in interest for the partnership established under this section.

13 (b) Pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, ~~DPS-DAC~~ shall direct that the prescribing
 14 authority of ~~DPS-DAC~~ providers be transferred to UNC-HCS providers for identified inmates
 15 treated at a 340B Program-registered UNC-HCS site.

16 (c) By October 1, 2019, DPS and UNC-HCS shall:

- 17 ...
 18 (3) Develop mechanisms to ensure that the communication between the
 19 UNC-HCS prescriber and the ~~DPS-DAC~~ physician maintains the quality and
 20 continuity of care that inmates currently receive.
 21 (4) Select the UNC-HCS pharmacy, the ~~DPS-DAC~~ Apex Central Pharmacy, or a
 22 combination of both, as the pharmacy through which medications will be
 23 dispensed pursuant to this section.

24 **"§ 143B-1476. Reports related to the federal 340B Program.**

25 (a) The Department of ~~Public Safety Adult Correction~~ shall report to the Joint Legislative
 26 Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Fiscal Research Division by October
 27 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, regarding:

28 ...

29 (b) The Department of ~~Public Safety Adult Correction~~ shall report to the Joint Legislative
 30 Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Fiscal Research Division by October
 31 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, on savings achieved from the partnerships between the four
 32 prison regions and North Carolina 340B Program entities for the provision of inmate medications
 33 and services under the federal 340B Program."
 34

35 **CONFORMING CHANGES REGARDING DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION**

36 **SECTION 19C.9.(j)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
 37 "Department of Public Safety" wherever it appears and substituting "Department of Adult
 38 Correction": G.S. 15-188, 15-194, 58-31-26, 97-13, 130A-4.4, and 143-134.

39 **SECTION 19C.9.(k)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
 40 "Secretary of Public Safety" wherever it appears and substituting "Secretary of the Department
 41 of Adult Correction": G.S. 15-10.2, 15-10.3, 15A-1340.36, 15A-1371, 122C-312, 130A-25,
 42 148-4, 148-5, 148-10.1, 148-11, 148-18.1, 148-19, 148-20, 148-22, 148-22.1, 148-24, 148-25,
 43 148-26, 148-26.5, 148-28, 148-33, 148-33.1, 148-33.2, 148-36, 148-37, 148-41, 148-45,
 44 148-46, 148-46.2, 148-74, 148-78, 148-118.6, 148-118.8, 148-118.9, 148-121, 148-122,
 45 162-39, and 164-37.

46 **SECTION 19C.9.(l)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
 47 "Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety" wherever
 48 it appears and substituting "Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction":
 49 G.S. 1-110, 7A-109.3, 7A-313, 7A-451, 7A-474.18, 7A-498.3, 7B-2517, 14-202, 14-208.20,
 50 14-208.22, 14-254.5, 14-258.1, 14-258.3, 15-6.1, 15-10.1, 15-194, 15-196.3, 15A-544.3,
 51 15A-544.5, 15A-615, 15A-821, 15A-1340.13, 15A-1340.20, 15A-1353, 15A-1354, 15A-1355,

1 15A-1368.2, 15A-1368.3, 15B-31, 15B-32, 20-81.12, 65-4, 66-25, 66-58, 97-13, 122C-55,
 2 122C-62, 122C-312, 122C-313, 122C-402, 131E-98, 131E-214.1, 143-300.7, 143-599, 146-33,
 3 147-12, 148-2, 148-3, 148-4, 148-6, 148-10, 148-10.1, 148-10.2, 148-10.3, 148-10.4, 148-10.5,
 4 148-12, 148-18, 148-18.1, 148-19, 148-19.2, 148-22, 148-22.1, 148-23, 148-23.1, 148-23.2,
 5 148-24, 148-26, 148-26.5, 148-28, 148-32.1, 148-32.2, 148-33, 148-33.1, 148-36, 148-37,
 6 148-37.3, 148-41, 148-45, 148-46.1, 148-59, 148-64, 148-64.1, 148-66, 148-67, 148-70, 148-74,
 7 148-78, 148-118.1, 148-118.2, 148-118.4, 148-118.5, 148-118.6, 148-118.8, 153A-221,
 8 153A-230.1, 153A-230.2, 153A-230.3, 153A-230.5, 162-39, and 163-82.20A.

9 **SECTION 19C.9.(m)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
 10 "Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice" wherever it appears and substituting
 11 "Division of Prisons": G.S. 14-208.40A, 14-208.40B, 14-208.42, 14-208.44, 20-79.4, 126-23,
 12 143B-1154, 148-10.4, 148-19.2, 148-32.1, 160A-287, 162-39, 164-42, and 164-50.

13 **SECTION 19C.9.(n)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
 14 "Section of Prisons of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice" wherever it appears
 15 and substituting "Division of Prisons": G.S. 14-208.6, 14-208.40C, 14-258.2, 66-58, 130A-25,
 16 148-11, and 148-18.

17 **SECTION 19C.9.(o)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
 18 "Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety" wherever
 19 it appears and substituting "Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction, the
 20 Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety":
 21 G.S. 15A-145, 15A-145.1, 15A-145.2, 15A-145.7, 15A-145.8A, 15A-146, 15A-147, and
 22 15A-149.

23 24 **MODIFICATIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL** 25 **PROVISIONS**

26 **SECTION 19C.9.(p)** G.S. 143B-601(10) is repealed.

27 **SECTION 19C.9.(q)** G.S. 143B-604(a) reads as rewritten:

28 "(a) The Secretary shall establish the State Reentry Council Collaborative (SRCC). The
 29 SRCC shall include up to two representatives from each of the following:

30 ...

31 (5) The Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ Community
 32 Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety.

33"

34 35 **CREATE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

36 **SECTION 19C.9.(r)** Subpart A of Part 3 of Article 13 of Chapter 143B of the
 37 General Statutes reads as rewritten:

38 "Part 3. Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section Justice.~~

39 "Subpart A. Creation of Division.

40 "**§ 143B-800. Creation of Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division of Adult~~
 41 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety.~~**

42 There is hereby created and constituted a ~~section~~ division to be known as the "Juvenile
 43 Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of~~
 44 the Department of Public Safety", with the organization, powers, and duties as set forth in this
 45 Article or as prescribed by the Director of the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice.~~

46 "**§ 143B-801. Transfer of Office of Juvenile Justice authority to the Division of Juvenile
 47 Justice ~~Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the~~
 48 Department of Public Safety.**

49 (a) All (i) statutory authority, powers, duties, and functions, including directives of S.L.
 50 1998-202, rule making, budgeting, and purchasing, (ii) records, (iii) personnel, personnel
 51 positions, and salaries, (iv) property, and (v) unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations,

1 reserves, support costs, and other funds of the Office of Juvenile Justice under the Office of the
2 Governor are transferred to and vested in the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division~~
3 ~~of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the Department of Public Safety. This transfer has all
4 of the elements of a Type I transfer as defined in G.S. 143A-6.

5 (b) The ~~Section~~ Division shall be considered a continuation of the Office of Juvenile
6 Justice for the purpose of succession to all rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the Office
7 and of those rights, powers, duties, and obligations exercised by the Office of the Governor on
8 behalf of the Office of Juvenile Justice. Where the Office of Juvenile Justice or the Division of
9 Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety is referred to by law,
10 contract, or other document, that reference shall apply to the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section~~
11 ~~of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~. Where the Office of the Governor is
12 referred to by contract or other document, where the Office of the Governor is acting on behalf
13 of the Office of Juvenile Justice, that reference shall apply to the ~~Section~~ Division.

14 (c) All institutions previously operated by the Office of Juvenile Justice and the ~~present~~
15 central office of the Office of Juvenile Justice, including land, buildings, equipment, supplies,
16 personnel, or other properties rented or controlled by the Office or by the Office of the Governor
17 for the Office of Juvenile Justice, shall be administered by the Division of Juvenile Justice
18 ~~Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the Department of Public
19 Safety.

20 "**§ 143B-802. Medical costs for juvenile offenders.**

21 (a) The Department of Public Safety shall reimburse those providers and facilities
22 providing approved medical services to juvenile offenders outside the juvenile facility the lesser
23 amount of either a rate of seventy percent (70%) of the provider's then-current prevailing charge
24 or two times the then-current Medicaid rate for any given service. The Department shall have the
25 right to audit any given provider to determine the actual prevailing charge to ensure compliance
26 with this provision.

27 This section does apply to vendors providing services that are not billed on a fee-for-service
28 basis, such as temporary staffing. Nothing in this section shall preclude the Department from
29 contracting with a provider for services at rates that provide greater documentable cost avoidance
30 for the State than do the rates contained in this section or at rates that are less favorable to the
31 State but that will ensure the continued access to care.

32 (b) The Department shall make every effort to contain medical costs for juvenile
33 offenders by making use of health care facilities to provide health care services to juvenile
34 offenders. To the extent that the Department must utilize other facilities and services to provide
35 health care services to juvenile offenders, the Department shall make reasonable efforts to make
36 use of hospitals or other providers with which it has a contract or, if none is reasonably available,
37 hospitals with available capacity or other health care facilities in a region to accomplish that goal.
38 The Department shall make reasonable efforts to equitably distribute juvenile offenders among
39 all hospitals or other appropriate health care facilities.

40 (c) The Department shall report quarterly to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
41 on Justice and Public Safety and the chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate
42 Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public Safety on:

- 43 (1) The percentage of the total juvenile offenders requiring hospitalization or
44 hospital services who receive that treatment at each hospital.
- 45 (2) The volume of scheduled and emergent services listed by hospital and, of that
46 volume, the number of those services that are provided by contracted and
47 noncontracted providers.
- 48 (3) The volume of scheduled and emergent admissions listed by hospital and, of
49 that volume, the percentage of those services that are provided by contracted
50 and noncontracted providers.

- 1 (4) The volume of inpatient medical services provided to Medicaid-eligible
 2 juvenile offenders, the cost of treatment, the estimated savings of paying the
 3 nonfederal portion of Medicaid for the services, and the length of time
 4 between the date the claim was filed and the date the claim was paid.
 5 (5) The status of the implementation of the claims processing system and efforts
 6 to address the backlog of unpaid claims.
 7 (6) The hospital utilization, including the amount paid to individual hospitals, the
 8 number of juvenile offenders served, the number of claims, and whether the
 9 hospital was a contracted or noncontracted facility.
 10 (7) A list of hospitals under contract.
 11 (8) The reimbursement rate for contracted providers. The Department shall
 12 randomly audit high-volume contracted providers to ensure adherence to
 13 billing at the contracted rate.

14 Reports submitted on August 1 shall include totals for the previous fiscal year for all the
 15 information requested."

16 **SECTION 19C.9.(s)** G.S. 143B-805 reads as rewritten:

17 "**§ 143B-805. Definitions.**

18 In this Part, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following words have the listed
 19 meanings:

- 20 (1) Chief court counselor. – The person responsible for administration and
 21 supervision of juvenile intake, probation, and post-release supervision in each
 22 judicial district, operating under the supervision of the Division of Juvenile
 23 Justice ~~Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the
 24 Department of Public Safety.

25 ...

- 26 (9a) Division. – The Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public
 27 Safety.

28 ...

- 29 (19a) ~~Section.—The Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Correction~~
 30 ~~and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety.~~

31 "

32 **SECTION 19C.9.(t)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
 33 "Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice" wherever it appears and substituting
 34 "Division of Juvenile Justice": G.S. 7B-1501, 7B-2204, 7B-2055, 106-915, 115C-106.3,
 35 115C-107.6, 115C-108.1, 115C-296.2, 115C-325.10, 126-5, and 143B-853.

36 **SECTION 19C.9.(u)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
 37 "Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice" wherever it
 38 appears and substituting "Division of Juvenile Justice": G.S. 7A-109.3, 7A-302, 7B-3100,
 39 14-239, 14-258.1, 14-316.1, 15-6, 15A-1301, 66-58, 114-12.1, 115D-1, 122C-113, 122C-115.4,
 40 122C-117, 143B-152.14, 143B-153, 143B-806, 143B-809, 143B-853, 143B-935, 143B-1391,
 41 148-32.1, 153A-221.1, and 162-60.

42 **SECTION 19C.9.(v)** The following statutes are amended by deleting the language
 43 "Section" wherever it appears and substituting "Division": G.S. 15A-1301, 143B-807, 143B-808,
 44 143B-815, 143B-816, 143B-817, 143B-818, 143B-819, 143B-820, 143B-821, 143B-830,
 45 143B-840, and 143B-851.

46
 47 **CREATE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND REENTRY**

48 **SECTION 19C.9.(w)** G.S. 143B-1152 reads as rewritten:

49 "**§ 143B-1152. Definitions.**

50 The following definitions apply in this Subpart:

51 ...

(2) Division. – The Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~. Community Supervision and Reentry.

...

(6) Secretary. – The Secretary of the Department of Public Safety.

(6a) ~~Section. – The Section of Community Corrections of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice.~~

...."

SECTION 19C.9.(x) G.S. 143B-1155 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-1155. Duties of Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~. Community Supervision and Reentry.

(a) In addition to those otherwise provided by law, the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~. Community Supervision and Reentry shall have the following duties:

...

(b) ~~The Section~~. Division of Community Corrections of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice. Supervision and Reentry shall develop and publish a recidivism reduction plan for the State that accomplishes the following:

...

(c) The Department of Public Safety, ~~Community Correction Section~~, Division of Community Supervision and Reentry, shall report by March 1 of each year to the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety on the status of the programs funded through the Treatment for Effective Community Supervision Program. The report shall include the following information from each of the following components:

...."

SECTION 19C.9.(y) G.S. 143B-1161 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-1161. Justice Reinvestment Council.

(a) The Justice Reinvestment Council is established to act as an advisory body to the ~~Commissioner of Adult Correction~~. Director of the Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety with regard to this Subpart. The Council shall consist of 13 members as follows, to be appointed as provided in subsection (b) of this section:

...

(d) The purpose of the Justice Reinvestment Council in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety, Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~, Community Supervision and Reentry, is to:

...."

SECTION 19C.9.(z) The following statutes are amended by deleting the language "Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice" wherever it appears and substituting "Division of Community Supervision and Reentry": G.S. 14-208.40, 14-208.43, 14-208.45, 15-206, 15-209, 15A-534, 15A-534.1, 15A-1332, 15A-1343.3, 15A-1368, 15A-1368.4, 15A-1374, 20-19, 20-28, 20-179, 50-13.2, 135-1, 143B-708, 143B-720, 143B-1156, 148-53, 148-54, and 148-65.7.

SECTION 19C.9.(aa) The following statutes are amended by deleting the language "Section of Community Corrections of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice" wherever it appears and substituting "Division of Community Supervision and Reentry": G.S. 7B-3000, 7B-3001, 7B-3100, 14-208.40C, 14-208.41, 15A-837, 15A-1342, 15A-1368.4, 15A-1369.4, 15A-1371, 20-179.3, 105-259, 115C-46.2, 143B-708, and 148-65.6.

OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES

SECTION 19C.9.(bb) G.S. 7B-1402(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The Task Force shall be composed of 36 members, 12 of whom shall be ex officio members, four of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, 10 of whom shall be appointed by

1 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and 10 of whom shall be appointed by the President
 2 Pro Tempore of the Senate. The ex officio members other than the Chief Medical Examiner may
 3 designate representatives from their particular departments, divisions, or offices to represent
 4 them on the Task Force. In making appointments or designating representatives, appointing
 5 authorities and ex officio members shall use best efforts to select members or representatives
 6 with sufficient knowledge and experience to effectively contribute to the issues examined by the
 7 Task Force and, to the extent possible, to reflect the geographical, political, gender, and racial
 8 diversity of this State. The members shall be as follows:

9 ...

10 (11a) The Director of the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section, Division of Adult~~
 11 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice, Justice of the~~ Department of Public Safety.

12"

13 **SECTION 19C.9.(cc)** G.S. 7B-1501 reads as rewritten:

14 "**§ 7B-1501. Definitions.**

15 In this Subchapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following words have
 16 the listed meanings. The singular includes the plural, unless otherwise specified:

17 (1) Chief court counselor. – The person responsible for administration and
 18 supervision of juvenile intake, probation, and post-release supervision in each
 19 judicial district, operating under the supervision of the Division of ~~Adult~~
 20 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the Department of Public Safety.

21 ...

22 (10a) Division. – The Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the
 23 Department of Public Safety created under Article ~~12-13~~ of Chapter 143B of
 24 the General Statutes.

25"

26 **SECTION 19C.9.(dd)** G.S. 7B-1905(b) reads as rewritten:

27 "(b) Pursuant to G.S. 7B-1903(b), (c), or (d), a juvenile may be temporarily detained in an
 28 approved detention facility. It shall be unlawful for a sheriff or any unit of government to operate
 29 a juvenile detention facility unless the facility meets the standards and rules adopted by the
 30 Department of Public Safety and has been approved by the ~~Juvenile Justice Section of the~~
 31 Division of Juvenile Justice for operation as a juvenile detention facility."

32 **SECTION 19C.9.(ee)** G.S. 14-196.3(b) reads as rewritten:

33 "(b) It is unlawful for a person to:

34 ...

35 (5) Knowingly install, place, or use an electronic tracking device without consent,
 36 or cause an electronic tracking device to be installed, placed, or used without
 37 consent, to track the location of any person. The provisions of this subdivision
 38 do not apply to the installation, placement, or use of an electronic tracking
 39 device by any of the following:

40 a. A law enforcement officer, judicial officer, probation or parole officer,
 41 or employee of the Division of ~~Corrections, Prisons,~~ Department of
 42 ~~Public Safety, Adult Correction,~~ when any such person is engaged in
 43 the lawful performance of official duties and in accordance with State
 44 or federal law.

45"

46 **SECTION 19C.9.(ff)** G.S. 14-415.10 reads as rewritten:

47 "**§ 14-415.10. Definitions.**

48 The following definitions apply to this Article:

49 ...

50 (4a) Qualified retired correctional officer. – An individual who retired from service
 51 as a State correctional officer, other than for reasons of mental disability, who

has been retired as a correctional officer two years or less from the date of the permit application and who meets all of the following criteria:

- a. Immediately before retirement, the individual met firearms training standards of the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety and was authorized by the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety to carry a handgun in the course of assigned duties.
- b. The individual retired in good standing and was never a subject of a disciplinary action by the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety that would have prevented the individual from carrying a handgun.

...

(4c) Qualified retired probation or parole certified officer. – An individual who retired from service as a State probation or parole certified officer, other than for reasons of mental disability, who has been retired as a probation or parole certified officer two years or less from the date of the permit application and who meets all of the following criteria:

- a. Immediately before retirement, the individual met firearms training standards of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety and was authorized by the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety to carry a handgun in the course of duty.
- b. The individual retired in good standing and was never a subject of a disciplinary action by the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety that would have prevented the individual from carrying a handgun.

...."

SECTION 19C.9.(gg) G.S. 14-258.7(a) reads as rewritten

"(a) The Department of Public Safety and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Adult Correction shall each report the following to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by March 15 of each year:

...."

SECTION 19C.9.(hh) G.S. 14-269(b)(9) reads as rewritten:

"(b) This prohibition shall not apply to the following persons:

...

- (9) State correctional officers, when off-duty, provided that an officer does not carry a concealed weapon while consuming alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance or while alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance remains in the officer's body. If the concealed weapon is a handgun, the correctional officer must meet the firearms training standards of the Division Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety-Correction."

SECTION 19C.9.(ii) G.S. 15A-145.2(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of (i) any felony offense under any state or federal laws; (ii) any offense under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes; or (iii) an offense under any statute of the United States or any state relating to controlled substances included in any schedule of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes or to that paraphernalia included

1 in Article 5B of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes, pleads guilty to or has been found guilty of
2 a misdemeanor under Article 5 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes by possessing a controlled
3 substance included within Schedules I through VI of Chapter 90, or by possessing drug
4 paraphernalia as prohibited by G.S. 90-113.22 or pleads guilty to or has been found guilty of a
5 felony under G.S. 90-95(a)(3), the court may, upon application of the person not sooner than 12
6 months after conviction, order cancellation of the judgment of conviction and expunction of the
7 records of the person's arrest, indictment or information, trial, and conviction. A conviction in
8 which the judgment of conviction has been canceled and the records expunged pursuant to this
9 subsection shall not be thereafter deemed a conviction for purposes of this subsection or for
10 purposes of disqualifications or liabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime, except as
11 provided in G.S. 15A-151.5. Cancellation and expunction under this subsection may occur only
12 once with respect to any person. Disposition of a case under this subsection at the district court
13 division of the General Court of Justice shall be final for the purpose of appeal.

14 ...

15 The court shall also order all law enforcement agencies, the Division of Prisons of the
16 Department of Adult Correction, the Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of the
17 Department of Public Safety, the Division of Motor Vehicles, and any other State or local
18 agencies identified by the petitioner as bearing records of the conviction and records relating
19 thereto to expunge their records of the conviction. The clerk shall notify State and local agencies
20 of the court's order as provided in G.S. 15A-150.

21"

22 **SECTION 19C.9.(jj)** G.S. 15A-521 reads as rewritten:

23 **"§ 15A-521. Commitment to detention facility pending trial.**

24 (a) Commitment. – Every person charged with a crime and held in custody who has not
25 been released pursuant to Article 26 of this Chapter, Bail, must be committed by a written order
26 of the judicial official who conducted the initial appearance as provided in Article 24 to an
27 appropriate detention facility as provided in this section. If the person being committed by written
28 order is under the age of 18, that person must be committed to a detention facility approved by
29 the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~
30 to provide secure confinement and care for juveniles, or to a holdover facility as defined in
31 G.S. 7B-1501(11). If the person being committed reaches the age of 18 years while held in
32 custody, the person shall be transported by personnel of the Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the~~
33 Division, or personnel approved by the Juvenile Justice ~~Section, Division,~~ to the custody of the
34 sheriff of the county where the charges arose.

35 ...

36 (c) Copies and Use of Order, Receipt of Prisoner. –

- 37 (1) The order of commitment must be delivered to a law-enforcement officer, who
38 must deliver the order and the prisoner to the detention facility named therein.
- 39 (2) The jailer or personnel of the Juvenile Justice ~~Section~~ Division must receive
40 the prisoner and the order of commitment, and note on the order of
41 commitment the time and date of receipt. As used in this subdivision, "jailer"
42 includes any person having control of a detention facility and "personnel of
43 the Juvenile Justice ~~Section~~ Division" includes personnel approved by the
44 Juvenile Justice ~~Section~~ Division.
- 45 (3) Upon releasing the prisoner pursuant to the terms of the order, or upon
46 delivering the prisoner to the court, the jailer or personnel of the Juvenile
47 Justice ~~Section~~ Division must note the time and date on the order and return it
48 to the clerk. Personnel of the Juvenile Justice ~~Section, Division,~~ or personnel
49 approved by the Juvenile Justice ~~Section, Division,~~ shall transport the person
50 under the age of 18 from the juvenile detention facility or holdover facility to

1 court and shall transfer the person back to the juvenile detention facility or
2 holdover facility.

3"

4 **SECTION 19C.9.(kk)** G.S. 15A-830(a)(3) reads as rewritten:

5 "(a) The following definitions apply in this Article:

6 ...

7 (3) Custodial agency. – The agency that has legal custody of an accused or
8 defendant arising from a charge or conviction of a crime covered by this
9 Article including, but not limited to, local jails or detention facilities, regional
10 jails or detention facilities, facilities designated under G.S. 122C-252 for the
11 custody and treatment of involuntary clients, the Department of Adult
12 Correction, or the ~~Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the~~
13 Department of Public Safety."

14 **SECTION 19C.9.(ll)** G.S. 15A-832(g) reads as rewritten:

15 "(g) At the sentencing hearing, the prosecuting attorney shall submit to the court a copy
16 of a form containing the identifying information set forth in G.S. 15A-831(c) about any victim's
17 electing to receive further notices under this Article. The clerk of superior court shall include the
18 form with the final judgment and commitment, or judgment suspending sentence, transmitted to
19 the ~~Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the~~ Department of Public Safety ~~Safety~~,
20 the Department of Adult Correction, or other agency receiving custody of the defendant and shall
21 be maintained by the custodial agency as a confidential file."

22 **SECTION 19C.9.(mm)** G.S. 15A-1340.14(f) reads as rewritten:

23 "(f) Proof of Prior Convictions. – A prior conviction shall be proved by any of the
24 following methods:

- 25 (1) Stipulation of the parties.
26 (2) An original or copy of the court record of the prior conviction.
27 (3) A copy of records maintained by the Department of Public Safety, the
28 Department of Adult Correction, the Division of Motor Vehicles, or of the
29 Administrative Office of the Courts.
30 (4) Any other method found by the court to be reliable.

31 The State bears the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that a prior
32 conviction exists and that the offender before the court is the same person as the offender named
33 in the prior conviction. The original or a copy of the court records or a copy of the records
34 maintained by the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Adult Correction, the Division
35 of Motor Vehicles, or of the Administrative Office of the Courts, bearing the same name as that
36 by which the offender is charged, is prima facie evidence that the offender named is the same
37 person as the offender before the court, and that the facts set out in the record are true. For
38 purposes of this subsection, "a copy" includes a paper writing containing a reproduction of a
39 record maintained electronically on a computer or other data processing equipment, and a
40 document produced by a facsimile machine. The prosecutor shall make all feasible efforts to
41 obtain and present to the court the offender's full record. Evidence presented by either party at
42 trial may be utilized to prove prior convictions. Suppression of prior convictions is pursuant to
43 G.S. 15A-980. If a motion is made pursuant to that section during the sentencing stage of the
44 criminal action, the court may grant a continuance of the sentencing hearing. If asked by the
45 defendant in compliance with G.S. 15A-903, the prosecutor shall furnish the defendant's prior
46 criminal record to the defendant within a reasonable time sufficient to allow the defendant to
47 determine if the record available to the prosecutor is accurate. Upon request of a sentencing
48 services program established pursuant to Article 61 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes, the
49 district attorney shall provide any information the district attorney has about the criminal record
50 of a person for whom the program has been requested to provide a sentencing plan pursuant to
51 G.S. 7A-773.1."

1 **SECTION 19C.9.(nn)** G.S. 15A-1340.16(d) reads as rewritten:

2 "(d) Aggravating Factors. – The following are aggravating factors:

3 ...

4 (6) The offense was committed against or proximately caused serious injury to a
5 present or former law enforcement officer, employee of the ~~Division of Adult~~
6 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice of the~~ Department of Public Safety, the
7 Department of Adult Correction, jailer, fireman, emergency medical
8 technician, ambulance attendant, social worker, justice or judge, clerk or
9 assistant or deputy clerk of court, magistrate, prosecutor, juror, or witness
10 against the defendant, while engaged in the performance of that person's
11 official duties or because of the exercise of that person's official duties.

12 "

13 **SECTION 19C.9.(oo)** G.S. 15A-1340.18 reads as rewritten:

14 "**§ 15A-1340.18. Advanced supervised release.**

15 ...

16 (b) The Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction ~~and Juvenile Justice~~
17 ~~of the Department of Public Safety~~ is authorized to create risk reduction incentives consisting of
18 treatment, education, and rehabilitative programs. The incentives shall be designed to reduce the
19 likelihood that the prisoner who receives the incentive will reoffend.

20 (c) When imposing an active sentence for an eligible defendant, the court, in its discretion
21 and without objection from the prosecutor, may order that the Department of Adult Correction
22 admit the defendant to the ASR program. The Department of Adult Correction shall admit to the
23 ASR program only those defendants for which ASR is ordered in the sentencing judgment.

24 "

25 **SECTION 19C.9.(pp)** G.S. 15A-1340.21(c) reads as rewritten:

26 "(c) Proof of Prior Convictions. – A prior conviction shall be proved by any of the
27 following methods:

28 (1) Stipulation of the parties.

29 (2) An original or copy of the court record of the prior conviction.

30 (3) A copy of records maintained by the Department of Public Safety, the
31 Department of Adult Correction, the Division of Motor Vehicles, or of the
32 Administrative Office of the Courts.

33 (4) Any other method found by the court to be reliable.

34 The State bears the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that a prior
35 conviction exists and that the offender before the court is the same person as the offender named
36 in the prior conviction. The original or a copy of the court records or a copy of the records
37 maintained by the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Adult Correction, the Division
38 of Motor Vehicles, or of the Administrative Office of the Courts, bearing the same name as that
39 by which the offender is charged, is prima facie evidence that the offender named is the same
40 person as the offender before the court, and that the facts set out in the record are true. For
41 purposes of this subsection, "copy" includes a paper writing containing a reproduction of a record
42 maintained electronically on a computer or other data processing equipment, and a document
43 produced by a facsimile machine. Evidence presented by either party at trial may be utilized to
44 prove prior convictions. Suppression of prior convictions is pursuant to G.S. 15A-980. If a
45 motion is made pursuant to that section during the sentencing stage of the criminal action, the
46 court may grant a continuance of the sentencing hearing."

47 **SECTION 19C.9.(qq)** G.S. 15A-1343 reads as rewritten:

48 "**§ 15A-1343. Conditions of probation.**

49 ...

1 (a1) Community and Intermediate Probation Conditions. – In addition to any conditions a
2 court may be authorized to impose pursuant to G.S. 15A-1343(b1), the court may include any
3 one or more of the following conditions as part of a community or intermediate punishment:

4 ...

5 (3) Submission to a period or periods of confinement in a local confinement
6 facility for a total of no more than six days per month during any three separate
7 months during the period of probation. The six days per month confinement
8 provided for in this subdivision may only be imposed as two-day or three-day
9 consecutive periods. When a defendant is on probation for multiple
10 judgments, confinement periods imposed under this subdivision shall run
11 concurrently and may total no more than six days per month. If the person
12 being ordered to a period or periods of confinement is under the age of 18,
13 that person must be confined in a detention facility approved by the Division
14 of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile~~
15 ~~Justice~~ to provide secure confinement and care for juveniles or to a holdover
16 facility as defined in G.S. 7B-1501(11). If the person being ordered to a period
17 or periods of confinement reaches the age of 18 years while in confinement,
18 the person may be transported by personnel of the Division of Juvenile Justice
19 ~~Section of the Division, Justice,~~ or personnel approved by the Division of
20 Juvenile Justice Section, Justice, to the custody of the sheriff of the applicable
21 local confinement facility.

22 ...

23 (b) Regular Conditions. – As regular conditions of probation, a defendant must:

24 ...

25 In addition to these regular conditions of probation, a defendant required to serve an active
26 term of imprisonment as a condition of special probation pursuant to G.S. 15A-1344(e) or
27 G.S. 15A-1351(a) shall, as additional regular conditions of probation, obey the rules and
28 regulations of the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice
29 ~~of the Department of Public Safety~~ governing the conduct of inmates while imprisoned and report
30 to a probation officer in the State of North Carolina within 72 hours of his discharge from the
31 active term of imprisonment.

32 ...

33 (b2) Special Conditions of Probation for Sex Offenders and Persons Convicted of Offenses
34 Involving Physical, Mental, or Sexual Abuse of a Minor. – As special conditions of probation, a
35 defendant who has been convicted of an offense which is a reportable conviction as defined in
36 G.S. 14-208.6(4), or which involves the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor, must:

37 ...

38 (9) Submit at reasonable times to warrantless searches by a probation officer of
39 the probationer's person and of the probationer's vehicle and premises while
40 the probationer is present, for purposes specified by the court and reasonably
41 related to the probation supervision, but the probationer may not be required
42 to submit to any other search that would otherwise be unlawful. For purposes
43 of this subdivision, warrantless searches of the probationer's computer or other
44 electronic mechanism which may contain electronic data shall be considered
45 reasonably related to the probation supervision. Whenever the warrantless
46 search consists of testing for the presence of illegal drugs, the probationer may
47 also be required to reimburse the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile
48 Justice-Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public
49 Safety for the actual cost of drug screening and drug testing, if the results are
50 positive.

51 ...

1 (b3) Screening and Assessing for Chemical Dependency. – A defendant ordered to submit
2 to a period of residential treatment in the Drug Alcohol Recovery Treatment program (DART)
3 or the Black Mountain Substance Abuse Treatment Center for Women operated by the Division
4 of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department
5 of Public Safety must undergo a screening to determine chemical dependency. If the screening
6 indicates the defendant is chemically dependent, the court shall order an assessment to determine
7 the appropriate level of treatment. The assessment may be conducted either before or after the
8 court imposes the condition, but participation in the program shall be based on the results of the
9 assessment.

10 (b4) Intermediate Conditions. – The following conditions of probation apply to each
11 defendant subject to intermediate punishment:

- 12 (1) If required in the discretion of the defendant's probation officer, perform
13 community service under the supervision of the ~~Section~~ Division of
14 ~~Community of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~
15 Supervision and Reentry and pay the fee required by G.S. 143B-708.

16 ...

17 (c) Statement of Conditions. – A defendant released on supervised probation must be
18 given a written statement explicitly setting forth the conditions on which the defendant is being
19 released. If any modification of the terms of that probation is subsequently made, the defendant
20 must be given a written statement setting forth the modifications.

21 Upon entry of an order of supervised probation by the court, a defendant shall submit to the
22 Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ Community Supervision and Reentry for filing
23 with the clerk of superior court a signed document stating that:

24"

25 **SECTION 19C.9.(rr)** G.S. 15A-1343.2 reads as rewritten:

26 **"§ 15A-1343.2. Special probation rules for persons sentenced under Article 81B.**

27 ...

28 (b) Purposes of Probation for Community and Intermediate Punishments. – The Division
29 of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department
30 of Public Safety shall develop a plan to handle offenders sentenced to community and
31 intermediate punishments. The probation program designed to handle these offenders shall have
32 the following principal purposes: to hold offenders accountable for making restitution, to ensure
33 compliance with the court's judgment, to effectively rehabilitate offenders by directing them to
34 specialized treatment or education programs, and to protect the public safety.

35 (b1) Departmental Risk Assessment by Validated Instrument Required. – As part of the
36 probation program developed by the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~
37 Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety pursuant to subsection
38 (b) of this section, the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ Community Supervision
39 and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety shall use a validated instrument to assess each
40 probationer for risk of reoffending and shall place a probationer in a supervision level based on
41 the probationer's risk of reoffending and criminogenic needs.

42 ...

43 (e) Delegation to Probation Officer in Community Punishment. – Unless the presiding
44 judge specifically finds in the judgment of the court that delegation is not appropriate, the ~~Section~~
45 Division of ~~Community of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ Supervision and
46 Reentry of the Department of Public Safety may require an offender sentenced to community
47 punishment to do any of the following:

48 ...

49 If the ~~Section~~ Division imposes any of the above requirements, then it may subsequently reduce
50 or remove those same requirements.

1 The probation officer may exercise authority delegated to him or her by the court pursuant to
2 subsection (e) of this section after administrative review and approval by a Chief Probation
3 Officer. The offender may file a motion with the court to review the action taken by the probation
4 officer. The offender shall be given notice of the right to seek such a court review. However, the
5 offender shall have no right of review if he or she has signed a written waiver of rights as required
6 by this subsection. The ~~Section-Division~~ may exercise any authority delegated to it under this
7 subsection only if it first determines that the offender has failed to comply with one or more of
8 the conditions of probation imposed by the court or the offender is determined to be high risk
9 based on the results of the risk assessment in G.S. 15A-1343.2, except that the condition at
10 subdivision (5) of this subsection may not be imposed unless the ~~Section-Division~~ determines
11 that the offender failed to comply with one or more of the conditions imposed by the court.
12 Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the availability of the procedures authorized
13 under G.S. 15A-1345.

14 The Division shall adopt guidelines and procedures to implement the requirements of this
15 section, which shall include a supervisor's approval prior to exercise of the delegation of authority
16 authorized by this section. Prior to imposing confinement pursuant to subdivision (5) of this
17 subsection, the probationer must first be presented with a violation report, with the alleged
18 violations noted and advised of the right (i) to a hearing before the court on the alleged violation,
19 with the right to present relevant oral and written evidence; (ii) to have counsel at the hearing,
20 and that one will be appointed if the probationer is indigent; (iii) to request witnesses who have
21 relevant information concerning the alleged violations; and (iv) to examine any witnesses or
22 evidence. The probationer may be confined for the period designated on the violation report upon
23 the execution of a waiver of rights signed by the probationer and by two officers acting as
24 witnesses. Those two witnesses shall be the probation officer and another officer to be designated
25 by the ~~Chief-Director~~ of the Community ~~Section-Supervision and Reentry Division~~ in written
26 Division policy.

27 (f) Delegation to Probation Officer in Intermediate Punishments. – Unless the presiding
28 judge specifically finds in the judgment of the court that delegation is not appropriate, the
29 ~~Section-Division~~ of Community ~~of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~
30 ~~Supervision and Reentry~~ of the Department of Public Safety may require an offender sentenced
31 to intermediate punishment to do any of the following:

32 ...

- 33 (6) Submit to a period or periods of confinement in a local confinement facility
34 for a total of no more than six days per month during any three separate
35 months during the period of probation. The six days per month confinement
36 provided for in this subdivision may only be imposed as two-day or three-day
37 consecutive periods. When a defendant is on probation for multiple
38 judgments, confinement periods imposed under this subdivision shall run
39 concurrently and may total no more than six days per month. If the person
40 being ordered to a period or periods of confinement is under the age of 18,
41 that person must be confined in a detention facility approved by the Division
42 of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile~~
43 ~~Justice~~ to provide secure confinement and care for juveniles or to a holdover
44 facility as defined in G.S. 7B-1501(11). If the person being ordered to a period
45 or periods of confinement reaches the age of 18 years while in confinement,
46 the person may be transported by personnel of the Division of Juvenile Justice
47 ~~Section of the Division, Justice,~~ or personnel approved by the Juvenile Justice
48 Section, to the custody of the sheriff of the applicable local confinement
49 facility.

50 ...

1 If the ~~Section~~Division of Community Supervision and Reentry imposes any of the above
2 requirements, then it may subsequently reduce or remove those same requirements.

3 The probation officer may exercise authority delegated to him or her by the court pursuant to
4 subsection (f) of this section after administrative review and approval by a Chief Probation
5 Officer. The offender may file a motion with the court to review the action taken by the probation
6 officer. The offender shall be given notice of the right to seek such a court review. However, the
7 offender shall have no right of review if he or she has signed a written waiver of rights as required
8 by this subsection. The ~~Section~~Division may exercise any authority delegated to it under this
9 subsection only if it first determines that the offender has failed to comply with one or more of
10 the conditions of probation imposed by the court or the offender is determined to be high risk
11 based on the results of the risk assessment in G.S. 15A-1343.2, except that the condition at
12 subdivision (6) of this subsection may not be imposed unless the ~~Section~~Division determines
13 that the offender failed to comply with one or more of the conditions imposed by the court.
14 Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the availability of the procedures authorized
15 under G.S. 15A-1345.

16 The Division shall adopt guidelines and procedures to implement the requirements of this
17 section, which shall include a supervisor's approval prior to exercise of the delegation of authority
18 authorized by this section. Prior to imposing confinement pursuant to subdivision (6) of this
19 subsection, the probationer must first be presented with a violation report, with the alleged
20 violations noted and advised of the right (i) to a hearing before the court on the alleged violation,
21 with the right to present relevant oral and written evidence; (ii) to have counsel at the hearing,
22 and that one will be appointed if the probationer is indigent; (iii) to request witnesses who have
23 relevant information concerning the alleged violations; and (iv) to examine any witnesses or
24 evidence. The probationer may be confined for the period designated on the violation report upon
25 the execution of a waiver of rights signed by the probationer and by two officers acting as
26 witnesses. Those two witnesses shall be the probation officer and another officer to be designated
27 by the ~~Chief Director~~ of the Division of Community ~~Section~~ Supervision and Reentry in written
28 Division policy.

29"

30 **SECTION 19C.9.(ss)** G.S. 15A-1344 reads as rewritten:

31 "**§ 15A-1344. Response to violations; alteration and revocation.**

32 ...

33 (c) Procedure on Altering or Revoking Probation; Returning Probationer to District
34 Where Sentenced. – When a judge reduces, terminates, extends, modifies, or revokes probation
35 outside the county where the judgment was entered, the clerk must send a copy of the order and
36 any other records to the court where probation was originally imposed. A court on its own motion
37 may return the probationer to the district court district as defined in G.S. 7A-133 or superior court
38 district or set of districts as defined in G.S. 7A-41.1, as the case may be, where probation was
39 imposed or where the probationer resides for reduction, termination, continuation, extension,
40 modification, or revocation of probation. In cases where the probation is revoked in a county
41 other than the county of original conviction the clerk in that county must issue a commitment
42 order and must file the order revoking probation and the commitment order, which will constitute
43 sufficient permanent record of the proceeding in that court, and must send a certified copy of the
44 order revoking probation, the commitment order, and all other records pertaining thereto to the
45 county of original conviction to be filed with the original records. The clerk in the county other
46 than the county of original conviction must issue the formal commitment to the Division of ~~Adult~~
47 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety~~Prisons of the Department of
48 Adult Correction.

49 ...

50 (d2) Confinement in Response to Violation. – When a defendant under supervision for a
51 felony conviction has violated a condition of probation other than G.S. 15A-1343(b)(1) or

1 G.S. 15A-1343(b)(3a), the court may impose a period of confinement of 90 consecutive days to
2 be served in the custody of the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ Community
3 Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety. The court may not revoke probation
4 unless the defendant has previously received a total of two periods of confinement under this
5 subsection. A defendant may receive only two periods of confinement under this subsection. The
6 90-day term of confinement ordered under this subsection for a felony shall not be reduced by
7 credit for time already served in the case. Any such credit shall instead be applied to the
8 suspended sentence. However, if the time remaining on the maximum imposed sentence on a
9 defendant under supervision for a felony conviction is 90 days or less, then the term of
10 confinement is for the remaining period of the sentence. Confinement under this section shall be
11 credited pursuant to G.S. 15-196.1.

12 When a defendant under supervision for a misdemeanor conviction sentenced pursuant to
13 Article 81B of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes has violated a condition of probation other
14 than G.S. 15A-1343(b)(1) or G.S. 15A-1343(b)(3a), the court may impose a period of
15 confinement pursuant to G.S. 15A-1343(a1)(3). If the person being ordered to a period of
16 confinement is under the age of 18, that person must be confined in a detention facility approved
17 by the ~~Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ to provide
18 secure confinement and care for juveniles or to a holdover facility as defined in
19 G.S. 7B-1501(11). If the person being ordered to a period of confinement reaches the age of 18
20 years while in confinement, the person may be transported by personnel of the Division of
21 Juvenile Justice Section of the Division, Justice, or personnel approved by the Division of
22 Juvenile Justice Section, Justice, to the custody of the sheriff of the applicable local confinement
23 facility. The court may not revoke probation unless the defendant has previously received at least
24 two periods of confinement for violating a condition of probation other than G.S. 15A-1343(b)(1)
25 or G.S. 15A-1343(b)(3a). Those periods of confinement may have been imposed pursuant to
26 G.S. 15A-1343(a1)(3), 15A-1343.2(e)(5), or 15A-1343.2(f)(6). The second period of
27 confinement must have been imposed for a violation that occurred after the defendant served the
28 first period of confinement. Confinement under this section shall be credited pursuant to
29 G.S. 15-196.1.

30 ...

31 (e) Special Probation in Response to Violation. – When a defendant has violated a
32 condition of probation, the court may modify the probation to place the defendant on special
33 probation as provided in this subsection. In placing the defendant on special probation, the court
34 may continue or modify the conditions of probation and in addition require that the defendant
35 submit to a period or periods of imprisonment, either continuous or noncontinuous, at whatever
36 time or intervals within the period of probation the court determines. In addition to any other
37 conditions of probation which the court may impose, the court shall impose, when imposing a
38 period or periods of imprisonment as a condition of special probation, the condition that the
39 defendant obey the rules and regulations of the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~
40 ~~of the Department of Public Safety~~ Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction governing
41 conduct of inmates, and this condition shall apply to the defendant whether or not the court
42 imposes it as a part of the written order. If imprisonment is for continuous periods, the
43 confinement may be in either the custody of the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~
44 Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety or a local confinement
45 facility. Noncontinuous periods of imprisonment under special probation may only be served in
46 a designated local confinement or treatment facility. If the person being ordered to a period or
47 periods of imprisonment, either continuous or noncontinuous, is under the age of 18, that person
48 must be imprisoned in a detention facility approved by the Division of Juvenile Justice Section
49 ~~of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ to provide secure confinement and care
50 for juveniles or to a holdover facility as defined in G.S. 7B-1501(11). If the person being ordered
51 to a period or periods of imprisonment reaches the age of 18 years while imprisoned, the person

1 may be transported by personnel of the Division of Juvenile Justice Section of the Division,
2 Justice, or personnel approved by the Division of Juvenile Justice Section, Justice, to the custody
3 of the sheriff of the applicable local confinement facility.

4 ...

5 (e1) Criminal Contempt in Response to Violation. – If a defendant willfully violates a
6 condition of probation, the court may hold the defendant in criminal contempt as provided in
7 Article 1 of Chapter 5A of the General Statutes. A finding of criminal contempt by the court shall
8 not revoke the probation. If the offender serves a sentence for contempt in a local confinement
9 facility, the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Community Supervision and
10 Reentry of the Department of Public Safety shall pay for the confinement at the standard rate set
11 by the General Assembly pursuant to G.S. 148-32.1(a) regardless of whether the offender would
12 be eligible under the terms of that subsection.

13"

14 **SECTION 19C.9.(tt)** G.S. 15A-1351(a) reads as rewritten:

15 "(a) The judge may sentence to special probation a defendant convicted of a criminal
16 offense other than impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1, if based on the defendant's prior record
17 or conviction level as found pursuant to Article 81B of this Chapter, an intermediate punishment
18 is authorized for the class of offense of which the defendant has been convicted. A defendant
19 convicted of impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1 may also be sentenced to special probation.
20 Under a sentence of special probation, the court may suspend the term of imprisonment and place
21 the defendant on probation as provided in Article 82, Probation, and in addition require that the
22 defendant submit to a period or periods of imprisonment in the custody of the Division of Adult
23 Correction and Juvenile Justice Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public
24 Safety or a designated local confinement or treatment facility at whatever time or intervals within
25 the period of probation, consecutive or nonconsecutive, the court determines, as provided in this
26 subsection. For probationary sentences for misdemeanors, including impaired driving under
27 G.S. 20-138.1, all imprisonment under this subsection shall be in a designated local confinement
28 or treatment facility. If the person being ordered to a period or periods of imprisonment is under
29 the age of 18, that person must be imprisoned in a detention facility approved by the Division of
30 Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice to provide
31 secure confinement and care for juveniles or to a holdover facility as defined in
32 G.S. 7B-1501(11). If the person being ordered to a period or periods of imprisonment reaches
33 the age of 18 years while imprisoned, the person may be transported by personnel of the Division
34 of Juvenile Justice Section of the Division, Justice, or personnel approved by the Division of
35 Juvenile Justice Section, Justice, to the custody of the sheriff of the applicable local confinement
36 facility. In addition to any other conditions of probation which the court may impose, the court
37 shall impose, when imposing a period or periods of imprisonment as a condition of special
38 probation, the condition that the defendant obey the Rules and Regulations of the Division of
39 Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public
40 Safety governing conduct of inmates, and this condition shall apply to the defendant whether or
41 not the court imposes it as a part of the written order. Except for probationary sentences for
42 misdemeanors, including impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1, if imprisonment is for
43 continuous periods, the confinement may be in the custody of either the Division of Adult
44 Correction and Juvenile Justice Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public
45 Safety or a local confinement facility. Noncontinuous periods of imprisonment under special
46 probation may only be served in a designated local confinement or treatment facility. If the person
47 being ordered continuous or noncontinuous periods of imprisonment is under the age of 18, that
48 person must be imprisoned in a detention facility approved by the Division of Juvenile Justice
49 Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice to provide secure confinement
50 and care for juveniles or to a holdover facility as defined in G.S. 7B-1501(11). If the person being
51 ordered to a period or periods of imprisonment reaches the age of 18 years while imprisoned, the

1 person may be transported by personnel of the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the~~
2 ~~Division, Justice,~~ or personnel approved by the Juvenile Justice ~~Section, Division,~~ to the custody
3 of the sheriff of the applicable local confinement facility. Except for probationary sentences of
4 impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1, the total of all periods of confinement imposed as an
5 incident of special probation, but not including an activated suspended sentence, may not exceed
6 one-fourth the maximum sentence of imprisonment imposed for the offense, and no confinement
7 other than an activated suspended sentence may be required beyond two years of conviction. For
8 probationary sentences for impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1, the total of all periods of
9 confinement imposed as an incident of special probation, but not including an activated
10 suspended sentence, shall not exceed one-fourth the maximum penalty allowed by law. In
11 imposing a sentence of special probation, the judge may credit any time spent committed or
12 confined, as a result of the charge, to either the suspended sentence or to the imprisonment
13 required for special probation. The original period of probation, including the period of
14 imprisonment required for special probation, shall be as specified in G.S. 15A-1343.2(d), but
15 may not exceed a maximum of five years, except as provided by G.S. 15A-1342(a). The court
16 may revoke, modify, or terminate special probation as otherwise provided for probationary
17 sentences."

18 **SECTION 19C.9.(uu)** G.S. 15A-1352 reads as rewritten:

19 "**§ 15A-1352. Commitment to Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction**
20 **~~and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety~~ or local confinement**
21 **facility.**

22 (a) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, a person sentenced to
23 imprisonment for a misdemeanor under this Article or for nonpayment of a fine for conviction
24 of a misdemeanor under Article 84 of this Chapter shall be committed for the term designated by
25 the court to the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program as provided in G.S. 148-32.1 or,
26 if the period is for 90 days or less, to a local confinement facility, except as provided for in
27 G.S. 148-32.1(b).

28 If a person is sentenced to imprisonment for a misdemeanor under this Article or for
29 nonpayment of a fine under Article 84 of this Chapter, the sentencing judge may make a finding
30 of fact as to whether the person would be suitable for placement in a county satellite jail/work
31 release unit operated pursuant to G.S. 153A-230.3. If the sentencing judge makes a finding of
32 fact that the person would be suitable for placement in a county satellite jail/work release unit
33 and the person meets the requirements listed in G.S. 153A-230.3(a)(1), then the custodian of the
34 local confinement facility may transfer the misdemeanant to a county satellite jail/work release
35 unit.

36 If the person sentenced to imprisonment is under the age of 18, the person must be committed
37 to a detention facility approved by the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division of~~
38 ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ to provide secure confinement and care for juveniles.
39 Personnel of the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division~~ or personnel approved by
40 the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section~~ shall transport the person to the detention facility. If the
41 person sentenced to imprisonment reaches the age of 18 years while imprisoned, the person may
42 be transported by personnel of the Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division,~~ or personnel approved
43 by the Juvenile Justice ~~Section, Division,~~ to the custody of the sheriff of the applicable local
44 confinement facility.

45 (b) A person sentenced to imprisonment for a felony under this Article or for nonpayment
46 of a fine for conviction of a felony under Article 84 of this Chapter shall be committed for the
47 term designated by the court to the custody of the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult
48 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety, Correction.~~

49 ...

50 (f) A person sentenced to imprisonment of any duration for impaired driving under
51 G.S. 20-138.1, other than imprisonment required as a condition of special probation under

1 G.S. 15A-1351(a) or G.S. 15A-1344(e), shall be committed to the Statewide Misdemeanant
2 Confinement Program established under G.S. 148-32.1.

3 If the person sentenced to imprisonment is under the age of 18, the person must be committed
4 to a detention facility approved by the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division of~~
5 ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ to provide secure confinement and care for juveniles.
6 Personnel of the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section~~ or personnel approved by the Division of
7 Juvenile Justice ~~Section~~ shall transport the person to the detention facility. If the person sentenced
8 to imprisonment reaches the age of 18 years while imprisoned, the person may be transported by
9 personnel of the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division, Justice,~~ or personnel
10 approved by the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section, Justice,~~ to the custody of the sheriff of the
11 applicable local confinement facility."

12 **SECTION 19C.9.(vv)** G.S. 15A-1368.6 reads as rewritten:

13 **"§ 15A-1368.6. Arrest and hearing on post-release supervision violation.**

14 ...

15 (c) Officers to Conduct Preliminary Hearing. – The preliminary hearing on post-release
16 supervision violation shall be conducted by a judicial official, or by a hearing officer designated
17 by the Commission. A person employed by the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~
18 Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety shall not serve as a
19 hearing officer at a hearing provided by this section unless that person is a member of the
20 Commission, or is employed solely as a hearing officer.

21 (d) Procedure for Preliminary Hearing. – The Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile~~
22 Justice-Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety shall give the
23 supervisee notice of the preliminary hearing and its purpose, including a statement of the
24 violations alleged. At the hearing, the supervisee may appear and speak in the supervisee's own
25 behalf, may present relevant information, and may, on request, personally question witnesses and
26 adverse informants, unless the hearing officer finds good cause for not allowing confrontation.
27 If the person holding the hearing determines there is probable cause to believe the supervisee
28 violated conditions of supervision, the hearing officer shall summarize the reasons for the
29 determination and the evidence relied on. Formal rules of evidence do not apply at the hearing.
30 If probable cause is found, the supervisee may be held in the custody of the Division of Prisons
31 of the Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice ~~of the Department of Public Safety~~
32 to serve the appropriate term of imprisonment, subject to the outcome of a revocation hearing
33 under subsection (e) of this section.

34"

35 **SECTION 19C.9.(ww)** G.S. 15A-1369 reads as rewritten:

36 **"§ 15A-1369. Definitions.**

37 For purposes of this Article, the term:

38 ...

39 (1a) "Department" means the Department of Adult Correction.

40 (2) ~~"Division" means the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the~~
41 ~~Department of Public Safety.~~

42 ...

43 (4) "Inmate" means any person sentenced to the custody of the ~~Division of Adult~~
44 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public~~
45 ~~Safety.~~Department.

46"

47 **SECTION 19C.9.(xx)** G.S. 15A-1369.1 reads as rewritten:

48 **"§ 15A-1369.1. Authority to release.**

49 The Commission shall establish a medical release program to be administered by the
50 ~~Department.~~ Department in conjunction with the Division of Community Supervision and
51 Reentry of the Department of Public Safety. The Commission shall prescribe when and under

1 what conditions an inmate may be released for medical release, consistent with the provisions of
2 G.S. 15A-1369.4. The Commission may adopt rules to implement the medical release program."

3 **SECTION 19C.9.(yy)** G.S. 15A-1369.4(a) reads as rewritten:

4 "(a) The Commission shall set reasonable conditions upon an inmate's medical release that
5 shall apply through the date upon which the inmate's sentence would have expired. These
6 conditions shall ~~include~~include all of the following:

- 7 (1) That the released inmate's care be consistent with the care specified in the
8 medical release plan as approved by the ~~Commission~~Commission.
- 9 (2) That the released inmate shall cooperate with and comply with the prescribed
10 medical release plan and with reasonable requirements of medical providers
11 to whom the released inmate is to be referred to continued
12 ~~treatment~~treatment.
- 13 (3) That the released inmate shall be subject to supervision by the ~~Section of~~
14 ~~Community Corrections of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile~~
15 ~~Justice~~Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of
16 Public Safety and shall permit officers from the Division to visit the inmate at
17 reasonable times at the inmate's home or ~~elsewhere~~elsewhere.
- 18 (4) That the released inmate shall comply with any conditions of release set by
19 the ~~Commission~~and Commission.
- 20 (5) That the Commission shall receive periodic assessments from the inmate's
21 treating physician."

22 **SECTION 19C.9.(zz)** G.S. 15A-1376 reads as rewritten:

23 "**§ 15A-1376. Arrest and hearing on parole violation.**

24 ...

25 (c) Officers to Conduct Hearing. – The preliminary hearing on parole violation must be
26 conducted by a judicial official, or by a hearing officer designated by the Post-Release
27 Supervision and Parole Commission. No person employed by the Division of ~~Adult Correction~~
28 ~~and Juvenile Justice~~Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety
29 may serve as a hearing officer at a hearing provided in this section unless he is a member of the
30 Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission or is employed solely as a hearing officer.

31 (d) Procedure for Preliminary Hearing on Parole Violation. – The Division of ~~Adult~~
32 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice~~Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public
33 Safety must give the parolee notice of the preliminary hearing and its purpose, including a
34 statement of the violations alleged. At the hearing, the parolee may appear and speak in his own
35 behalf, may present relevant information, and may, on request, personally question witnesses and
36 adverse informants, unless the hearing officer finds good cause for not allowing confrontation.
37 If the person holding the hearing determines there is probable cause to believe the parolee
38 violated his parole, he must summarize the reasons for his determination and the evidence he
39 relied on. Formal rules of evidence do not apply at the hearing. If probable cause is found, the
40 parolee may be held in the custody of the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult
41 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety~~ to serve the appropriate term
42 of imprisonment, subject to the outcome of a revocation hearing under subsection (e).

43"

44 **SECTION 19C.9.(aaa)** G.S. 15A-2000(e) reads as rewritten:

45 "(e) Aggravating Circumstances. – Aggravating circumstances which may be considered
46 are limited to the following:

47 ...

- 48 (8) The capital felony was committed against a law-enforcement officer,
49 employee of the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction
50 ~~and Juvenile Justice~~Correction, an employee of the Division of Community
51 Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety, an employee of

1 the Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety, jailer,
2 fireman, judge or justice, former judge or justice, prosecutor or former
3 prosecutor, juror or former juror, or witness or former witness against the
4 defendant, while engaged in the performance of his official duties or because
5 of the exercise of his official duty.

6 "

7 **SECTION 19C.9.(bbb)** G.S. 15B-21 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 15B-21. Annual report.**

9 The Commission shall, by March 15 each year, prepare and transmit to the chairs of the Joint
10 Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety and to the chairs of the House and
11 Senate Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public Safety a report of its activities in the
12 prior fiscal year and the current fiscal year to date. The report shall include:

13 ...

- 14 (9) The amount of funds expected to be received in the current fiscal year, as well
15 as the amount actually received in the current fiscal year on the date of the
16 report, from ~~the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the~~
17 Department of Public Safety-Safety, the Department of Adult Correction, and
18 from the compensation fund established pursuant to the Victims Crime Act of
19 1984, 42 U.S.C. § 10601, et seq.

20 "

21 **SECTION 19C.9.(ccc)** G.S. 17C-3 reads as rewritten:

22 "**§ 17C-3. North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission**
23 **established; members; terms; vacancies.**

24 (a) There is established the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training
25 Standards Commission, hereinafter called "the Commission." The Commission shall be
26 composed of ~~34-36~~ members as follows:

27 ...

- 28 (3) Departments. – The Attorney General of the State of North Carolina; the
29 Secretary of Public Safety; the Secretary of the Department of Adult
30 Correction, the Director of the State Bureau of Investigation, the Commander
31 of the State Highway Patrol, and the President of the North Carolina
32 Community Colleges System.

33 ...

- 34 (6) ~~Adult Correction Prisons, Community Supervision and Reentry,~~ and Juvenile
35 Justice. – Four correctional officers in management positions ~~employed by~~
36 ~~the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of~~
37 ~~Public Safety~~ shall be appointed, two from the ~~Section~~ Division of
38 Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety upon
39 the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two
40 from the ~~Section of~~ Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction
41 upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
42 Appointments by the General Assembly shall be made in accordance with
43 G.S. 120-122. Appointments by the General Assembly shall serve two-year
44 terms to conclude on June 30th in odd-numbered years or until the appointee
45 no longer serves in a management position with the ~~Division of Adult~~
46 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice, Division,~~ whichever occurs first. The
47 Governor shall appoint one correctional officer employed by the Division of
48 Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the
49 ~~Department of Public Safety~~ and assigned to the Office of Staff Development
50 and Training, one employee of the Division of Community Supervision and
51 Reentry of the Department of Public Safety assigned to the Office of State

1 Development and Training, and one juvenile justice officer employed by the
2 Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division of Adult Correction and~~
3 ~~Juvenile Justice~~ of the Department of Public Safety. The Governor's
4 appointments shall serve three-year terms or until the appointee is no longer
5 assigned to the Office of Staff Development and Training or is no longer a
6 juvenile justice officer, whichever occurs first.

7 (b) The members shall be appointed for staggered terms. The initial appointments shall
8 be made prior to September 1, 1983, and the appointees shall hold office until July 1 of the year
9 in which their respective terms expire and until their successors are appointed and qualified as
10 provided hereafter:

11 ...

12 The Attorney General, the President of The University of North Carolina, the Dean of the
13 School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the President of the
14 North Carolina Community Colleges System, the Director of the State Bureau of Investigation,
15 the Commander of the State Highway Patrol, the Secretary of Adult Correction, and the Secretary
16 of Public Safety shall be continuing members of the Commission during their tenure. These
17 members of the Commission shall serve ex officio and shall perform their duties on the
18 Commission in addition to the other duties of their offices. The ex officio members may elect to
19 serve personally at any or all meetings of the Commission or may designate, in writing, one
20 member of their respective office, department, university or agency to represent and vote for
21 them on the Commission at all meetings the ex officio members are unable to attend.

22 "

23 **SECTION 19C.9.(ddd)** G.S. 90-113.75E(a) reads as rewritten:

24 "(a) There is hereby created the Opioid and Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory
25 Committee, to be housed in and staffed by the Department. The Committee shall develop and,
26 through its members, implement a statewide strategic plan to combat the problem of opioid and
27 prescription drug abuse. The Committee shall include representatives from the following, as well
28 as any other persons designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services:

29 ...

30 (5) ~~The Divisions of Adult Correction and~~ Division of Juvenile Justice of the
31 Department of Public Safety.

32 (5a) The Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of
33 Public Safety.

34 (5b) The Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction.

35 "

36 **SECTION 19C.9.(eee)** G.S. 108A-14(a)(9) reads as rewritten:

37 "(a) The director of social services shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

38 ...

39 (9) To assist and cooperate with the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Prisons of~~
40 the Department of Adult Correction, the Division of Juvenile Justice of the
41 Department of Public Safety, and the Division of Community Supervision and
42 Reentry of the Department of Public Safety and their respective
43 representatives;"

44 **SECTION 19C.9.(fff)** G.S. 115C-112.1(b) reads as rewritten:

45 "(b) The Council shall consist of a minimum of 24 members to be appointed as follows:
46 four ex officio members; one individual with a disability and one representative of a private
47 school appointed by the Governor; one member of the Senate and one parent of a child with a
48 disability between the ages of birth and 26 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
49 one member of the House of Representatives and one parent of a child with a disability appointed
50 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and 14 members appointed by the State Board
51 of Education. The State Board shall appoint members who represent individuals with disabilities,

1 teachers, local school administrative units, institutions of higher education that prepare special
 2 education and related services personnel, administrators of programs for children with
 3 disabilities, charter schools, parents of children with disabilities, a State or local official who
 4 carries out activities under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, vocational,
 5 community, or business organizations concerned with the provision of transition services, and
 6 others as required by IDEA. The majority of members on the Council shall be individuals with
 7 disabilities or parents of children with disabilities. The Council shall designate a chairperson
 8 from among its members. The designation of the chairperson is subject to the approval of the
 9 State Board of Education. The Board shall adopt rules to carry out this subsection.

10 Ex officio members of the Council shall be the following:

11 ...

12 (2) The Secretary of Public Safety or the Secretary's designee.

13 (3) The Secretary of ~~Public Safety~~ Adult Correction or the Secretary's designee.

14"

15 **SECTION 19C.9.(ggg)** G.S. 115D-5 reads as rewritten:

16 **"§ 115D-5. Administration of institutions by State Board of Community Colleges;**
 17 **personnel exempt from North Carolina Human Resources Act; extension**
 18 **courses; tuition waiver; in-plant training; contracting, etc., for establishment**
 19 **and operation of extension units of the community college system; use of existing**
 20 **public school facilities.**

21 ...

22 (b) In order to make instruction as accessible as possible to all citizens, the teaching of
 23 curricular courses and of noncurricular extension courses at convenient locations away from
 24 institution campuses as well as on campuses is authorized and shall be encouraged. A pro rata
 25 portion of the established regular tuition rate charged a full-time student shall be charged a
 26 part-time student taking any curriculum course. In lieu of any tuition charge, the State Board of
 27 Community Colleges shall establish a uniform registration fee, or a schedule of uniform
 28 registration fees, to be charged students enrolling in extension courses for which instruction is
 29 financed primarily from State funds. The State Board of Community Colleges may provide by
 30 general and uniform regulations for waiver of tuition and registration fees for the following:

31 ...

32 (2) Courses requested by the following entities that support the organizations'
 33 training needs and are on a specialized course list approved by the State Board
 34 of Community Colleges:

35 ...

36 g. The Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction and the
 37 Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety for the
 38 training of full-time custodial employees and employees of the
 39 ~~Division~~ Divisions required to be certified under Article 1 of Chapter
 40 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the Criminal Justice and
 41 Training Standards Commission.

42"

43 **SECTION 19C.9.(hhh)** G.S. 120-12.1 reads as rewritten:

44 **"§ 120-12.1. Reports on vacant positions in the ~~Judicial Department~~ and two other various**
 45 **departments.**

46 The Judicial Department, the Department of Justice, the Department of Adult Correction, and
 47 the Department of Public Safety shall each report by February 1 of each year to the Chairs of the
 48 House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Chairs of the House and Senate
 49 Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on all positions within that
 50 department that have remained vacant for 12 months or more. The report shall include the original

1 position vacancy dates, the dates of any postings or repostings of the positions, and an
 2 explanation for the length of the vacancies."

3 **SECTION 19C.9.(iii)** G.S. 120-70.94(a) reads as rewritten:

4 "(a) The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety shall
 5 examine, on a continuing basis, the correctional, law enforcement, and juvenile justice systems
 6 in North Carolina, in order to make ongoing recommendations to the General Assembly on ways
 7 to improve those systems and to assist those systems in realizing their objectives of protecting
 8 the public and of punishing and rehabilitating offenders. In this examination, the Committee
 9 shall:

10 (1) Study the budget, programs, and policies of the Department of Public Safety
 11 and the Department of Adult Correction to determine ways in which the
 12 General Assembly may improve the effectiveness of the
 13 ~~Department.~~~~Departments.~~

14 (2) Examine the effectiveness of the Division of Prisons of the Department of
 15 Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety in
 16 implementing the public policy stated in G.S. 148-26 of providing work
 17 assignments and employment for inmates as a means of reducing the cost of
 18 maintaining the inmate population while enabling inmates to acquire or retain
 19 skills and work habits needed to secure honest employment after their release.

20 ...
 21 (2b) Examine the effectiveness of the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile~~
 22 ~~Justice of the Department of Public Safety~~ in implementing the duties and
 23 responsibilities charged to the Division in Part 3 of Article 13 of Chapter 143B
 24 of the General Statutes and the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the
 25 juvenile justice system in the State.

26 ...
 27 (10) Study the needs of juveniles. This study may include, but is not limited to:
 28 a. Determining the adequacy and appropriateness of services:
 29 1. To children and youth receiving child welfare
 30 ~~services;~~services.
 31 2. To children and youth in the juvenile court ~~system;~~system.
 32 3. Provided by the Division of Social Services of the Department
 33 of Health and Human Services and the Division of ~~Adult~~
 34 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public~~
 35 ~~Safety;~~Safety.
 36 4. To children and youth served by the Mental Health,
 37 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services
 38 system.

39"

40 **SECTION 19C.9.(jjj)** G.S. 122C-22(a) reads as rewritten:

41 "(a) All of the following are excluded from the provisions of this Article and are not
 42 required to obtain licensure under this Article:

43 ...
 44 (10) Inpatient chemical dependency or substance abuse facilities that provide
 45 services exclusively to inmates of the ~~Division~~ Department of Adult
 46 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety,~~ offenders
 47 under the supervision of the Division of Community Supervision and Reentry
 48 of the Department of Public Safety, as described in G.S. 148-19.1.

49"

50 **SECTION 19C.9.(kkk)** The title of Part 10 of Article 5 of Chapter 122C of the
 51 General Statutes reads as rewritten:

"Part 10. Voluntary Admissions, Involuntary Commitments and Discharges, Inmates and Parolees, ~~Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety-Parolees.~~"

SECTION 19C.9.(III) G.S. 122C-421(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) These special police officers may exercise any and all of the powers enumerated in this Part upon or in pursuit from the property formerly occupied by the Black Mountain Center and now occupied by the Division of ~~Adult Correction-Community Supervision and Reentry~~ of the Department of Public Safety. These special police officers shall exercise said powers upon the property transferred to the Division of ~~Adult Correction-Community Supervision and Reentry~~ of the Department of Public Safety only by agreement of the Division of ~~Adult Correction-Community Supervision and Reentry~~ of the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Health and Human Services."

SECTION 19C.9.(mmm) G.S. 127A-54(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Any defendant whose sentence by a military court includes confinement shall be placed into the custody of the Division of ~~Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety-Correction.~~ The Division of ~~Adult Correction-Prisons~~ of the Department of ~~Public Safety-Adult Correction~~ is authorized to transfer physical custody of the defendant to a local confinement facility."

SECTION 19C.9.(nnn) G.S. 131E-184(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) In accordance with, and subject to the limitations of G.S. 148-19.1, the Department shall exempt from certificate of need review the construction and operation of a new chemical dependency or substance abuse facility for the purpose of providing inpatient chemical dependency or substance abuse services solely to inmates of the ~~Division-Department~~ of Adult Correction and ~~Juvenile Justice~~ offenders under the supervision of the Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety. If an inpatient chemical dependency or substance abuse facility provides services both to inmates of the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice-Correction, offenders under the supervision of the Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public ~~Safety~~ Safety, and to members of the general public, only the portion of the facility that serves inmates and offenders shall be exempt from certificate of need review."

SECTION 19C.9.(ooo) G.S. 143-63.1(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, but subject to the provisions of G.S. 20-187.2, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, the ~~North Carolina-Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the Department of Public Safety, the Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety, the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Safety, and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation may sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of any or all surplus weapons they possess to any federally licensed firearm dealers. The sale, trade, or disposal of these weapons shall be in a manner prescribed by the Department of Administration. Any moneys or property obtained from the sale, trade, or disposal shall go to the general fund."

SECTION 19C.9.(ppp) G.S. 143-138(g) reads as rewritten:

"(g) Publication and Distribution of Code. – The Building Code Council shall cause to be printed, after adoption by the Council, the North Carolina State Building Code and each amendment thereto. It shall, at the State's expense, distribute copies of the Code and each amendment to State and local governmental officials, departments, agencies, and educational institutions, as is set out in the table below. (Those marked by an asterisk will receive copies only on written request to the Council.)

OFFICIAL OR AGENCY	NUMBER OF COPIES
...	
Division of <u>Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction</u>	1

1 ~~and~~ Division of Juvenile Justice of the
2 Department of Public Safety 1
3 Division of Community Supervision and Reentry
4 of the Department of Public Safety 1
5"

6 **SECTION 19C.9.(qqq)** G.S. 143-166.1 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 143-166.1. Purpose.**

8 In consideration of hazardous public service rendered to the people of this State, there is
9 hereby provided a system of benefits for dependents of law-enforcement officers, firefighters,
10 rescue squad workers, and senior Civil Air Patrol members killed in the discharge of their official
11 duties, ~~and~~ for dependents of noncustodial employees of the Division of Prisons of the
12 Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety killed
13 by an individual or individuals in the custody of the Division of Prisons of the Department of
14 Adult Correction-Correction, and for dependents of noncustodial employees of the Division of
15 Juvenile Justice and the Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of
16 Public Safety killed by an individual or individuals in the custody of the Division of Juvenile
17 Justice or the Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public
18 Safety."

19 **SECTION 19C.9.(rrr)** G.S. 143-166.2 reads as rewritten:

20 **"§ 143-166.2. Definitions.**

21 The following definitions apply in this Article:

- 22 (1) Covered person. – This term shall apply to all of the following individuals:
23 a. Firefighters.
24 b. Law enforcement officers.
25 c. Noncustodial employees of either the Division of Adult Correction
26 and Juvenile Justice-Community Supervision and Reentry of the
27 Department of Public Safety-Safety or the Division of Prisons of the
28 Department of Adult Correction.
29 d. Rescue squad workers.
30 e. Senior Civil Air Patrol members.
31 (2) Custodial employee. – An employee of either the Division of Prisons of the
32 Department of Adult Correction and-Correction, the Division of Community
33 Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety, or the Juvenile
34 Justice of the Department of Public Safety who is a detention officer or a
35 correctional officer or who otherwise has direct care and control over
36 individuals in the custody of the Division of Prisons of the Department of
37 Adult Correction and-Correction, the Division of Community Supervision and
38 Reentry of the Department of Public Safety, or the Division of Juvenile Justice
39 of the Department of Public Safety.
40 ...
41 (6) Killed in the line of duty. – This term shall apply to all of the following deaths:
42 ...
43 c. The death of a noncustodial employee who, while performing his or
44 her official duties, is killed in a manner reasonably determined by the
45 Industrial Commission to be directly caused by an individual or
46 individuals in the custody of either the Division of Prisons of the
47 Department of Adult Correction and-Correction, Division of
48 Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public
49 Safety, or the Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public
50 Safety.

51 ...

- 1 (7) Law enforcement officer or officer. – This term shall apply to all of the
 2 following individuals:
 3 ...
 4 b. Full-time custodial employees of the Division of Prisons of the
 5 Department of Adult Correction and probation and parole officers of
 6 the ~~Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ Community
 7 Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety.
 8 c. Full-time institutional and full-time, permanent part-time, and
 9 temporary detention employees of the Division of Juvenile Justice
 10 ~~Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the
 11 Department of Public Safety.
 12 d. Full-time, permanent part-time, and temporary detention officers
 13 employed by any sheriff, county or municipality, whether paid or
 14 unpaid.
 15 ...
 16 (8) Noncustodial employee. – An employee of the Division of Prisons of the
 17 Department of Adult Correction and Correction, the Division of Community
 18 Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public Safety, or the Division
 19 of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety who is not a custodial
 20 employee.
 21"

22 **SECTION 19C.9.(sss)** G.S. 143-166.7 reads as rewritten:

23 **"§ 143-166.7. Applicability of Article.**

24 The provisions of this Article shall apply and be in full force and effect with respect to any
 25 law-enforcement officer, firefighter, rescue squad worker or senior Civil Air Patrol member
 26 killed in the line of duty on or after May 13, 1975. The provisions of this Article shall apply with
 27 respect to full-time, permanent part-time and temporary employees of the North Carolina Forest
 28 Service of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services killed in the line of duty on or
 29 after July 1, 1975. The provisions of this Article shall apply to county fire marshals and
 30 emergency services coordinators killed in the line of duty on and after July 1, 1988. The
 31 provisions of this Article shall apply to noncustodial employees of the ~~Division of Adult Prisons~~
 32 of the Department of Adult Correction and noncustodial employees of the Division of Juvenile
 33 Justice of the Department of Public Safety who are killed in the line of duty on and after April 1,
 34 2017."

35 **SECTION 19C.9.(ttt)** G.S. 143-166.13(a) reads as rewritten:

36 "(a) The following persons who are subject to the Criminal Justice Training and Standards
 37 Act are entitled to benefits under this Article:

- 38 ...
 39 (2) State Correctional Officers, Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult
 40 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public~~
 41 ~~Safety;Correction.~~
 42 (3) State Probation and Parole Officers, Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile~~
 43 ~~Justice~~ Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department of Public
 44 ~~Safety;Safety.~~
 45 (4) Sworn State Law-Enforcement Officers with the power of arrest, Division of
 46 Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public
 47 ~~Safety;Safety.~~
 48 ...
 49 (9) Juvenile Justice Officers, Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division~~
 50 ~~of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the Department of Public
 51 ~~Safety;Safety.~~

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2 **SECTION 19C.9.(uuu)** G.S. 143B-179(a) reads as rewritten:

3 "(a) The Council on Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human
4 Services shall consist of 32 members appointed by the Governor. The composition of the Council
5 shall be as follows:

- 6 (1) Eleven members from the General Assembly and State government agencies
7 as follows: One person who is a member of the Senate, one person who is a
8 member of the House of Representatives, one representative of the ~~Division~~
9 Department of Public Instruction, one representative of the ~~Division~~
10 Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of
11 Public Safety, Correction, and seven representatives of the Department of
12 Health and Human Services to include the Secretary or his designee.

13"

14 **SECTION 19C.9.(vvv)** G.S. 143B-394.15(c) reads as rewritten:

15 "(c) Membership. – The Commission shall consist of ~~38~~39 members, who reflect the
16 geographic and cultural regions of the State, as follows:

17 ...

- 18 (4) The following persons or their designees, ex officio:

- 19 a. The Governor.
20 b. The Lieutenant Governor.
21 c. The Attorney General.
22 d. The Secretary of Administration.
23 e. Repealed by Session Laws 2017-102, s. 24, effective July 12, 2017.
24 f. The Superintendent of Public Instruction.
25 g. The Secretary of Public Safety.
26 g1. The Secretary of the Department of Adult Correction.
27 h. The Secretary of Health and Human Services.
28 i. The Director of the Office of State Human Resources.
29 j. The Chair of the North Carolina Council for Women.
30 k. The Dean of the School of Government at the University of North
31 Carolina at Chapel Hill.
32 l. The Chairman of the Governor's Crime Commission."

33 **SECTION 19C.9.(www)** G.S. 143B-1100 reads as rewritten:

34 "(a) There is hereby created the Governor's Crime Commission of the Department of
35 Public Safety. The Commission shall consist of ~~37~~38 voting members and five nonvoting
36 members. The composition of the Commission shall be as follows:

- 37 (1) The voting members shall be:

- 38 a. The Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North
39 Carolina (or the Chief Justice's designee), the Attorney General, the
40 Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Secretary of
41 the Department of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Public
42 Safety (or the Secretary's designee), the Secretary of the Department
43 of Adult Correction (or the Secretary's designee), and the
44 Superintendent of Public Instruction;

45 ...

- 46 (2) The nonvoting members shall be the Director of the State Bureau of
47 Investigation, the Deputy ~~Chief Director~~ of the Division of Juvenile Justice
48 ~~Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the
49 Department of Public Safety who is responsible for Intervention/Prevention
50 programs, the Deputy ~~Chief Director~~ of the Division of Juvenile Justice
51 ~~Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the

1 Department of Public Safety who is responsible for Youth Development
 2 programs, the ~~Section Chief of the Section~~ Director of Prisons of the ~~Division~~
 3 Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice and Correction, and the
 4 Section Chief ~~Director~~ of the ~~Section~~ Division of Community Supervision and
 5 Reentry of the ~~Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~. Department
 6 of Public Safety.

7 (b) The membership of the Commission shall be selected as follows:

- 8 (1) The following members shall serve by virtue of their office: the Governor, the
 9 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Attorney General, the Director of the
 10 Administrative Office of the Courts, the Secretary of the Department of Health
 11 and Human Services, the Secretary of Public Safety, the Secretary of the
 12 Department of Adult Correction, the Director of the State Bureau of
 13 Investigation, the ~~Section Chief of the Section~~ Director of the ~~Division~~
 14 Prisons of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, Department
 15 of Adult Correction, the ~~Section Chief of the Section~~ Director of the ~~Division~~
 16 of Community Supervision and Reentry of the ~~Division of Adult Correction~~
 17 and Juvenile Justice, Department of Public Safety, the Deputy ~~Chief~~ Director
 18 who is responsible for Intervention/Prevention of the Juvenile Justice ~~Section~~
 19 Division of the ~~Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the
 20 Department of Public Safety, the Deputy ~~Chief~~ Director who is responsible
 21 for Youth Development of the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the~~
 22 ~~Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the Department of Public
 23 Safety, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Should the Chief Justice
 24 of the Supreme Court choose not to serve, his alternate shall be selected by
 25 the Governor from a list submitted by the Chief Justice which list must contain
 26 no less than three nominees from the membership of the Supreme Court.

27"

28 **SECTION 19C.9.(xxx)** G.S. 143B-1311(d) reads as rewritten:

29 "(d) The following office holders or their designee, shall serve as nonvoting ex officio
 30 members of the Commission:

- 31 (1) The Lieutenant Governor.
 32 (2) Secretary of Public Safety.
 33 (2a) Secretary of the Department of Adult Correction.
 34 (3) Secretary of Commerce.
 35 (4) The Secretary of Transportation.
 36 (5) The Secretary of Environmental Quality.
 37 (6) The Commissioner of Agriculture.
 38 (7) Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard.
 39 (8) The Mayor of Elizabeth City, or designee.
 40 (9) The Mayor of Fayetteville, or designee.
 41 (10) The Mayor of Goldsboro, or designee.
 42 (11) The Mayor of Havelock, or designee.
 43 (12) The Mayor of Jacksonville, or designee.
 44 (13) The Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs, Department of Administration.
 45 (14) The President of The University of North Carolina.
 46 (15) The President of the North Carolina Community College System.
 47 (16) The Superintendent of Public Instruction."

48 **SECTION 19C.9.(yyy)** G.S. 148-4.1 reads as rewritten:

49 **"§ 148-4.1. Release of inmates.**

50 (a) Whenever the Secretary of ~~Public Safety~~ the Department of Adult Correction
 51 determines from data compiled by the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the

1 ~~Department of Public Safety Prisons~~ that it is necessary to reduce the prison population to a more
2 manageable level or to meet the State's obligations under law, ~~he shall~~ the Secretary in
3 consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety may direct the Post-Release
4 Supervision and Parole Commission to release on parole over a reasonable period of time a
5 number of prisoners sufficient to that purpose. From the time the Secretary directs the
6 Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission until the prison population has been reduced
7 to a more manageable level, the Secretary may not accept any inmates ordered transferred from
8 local confinement facilities to the State prison system under G.S. 148-32.1(b). Further, the
9 Secretary may return any inmate housed in the State prison system under an order entered
10 pursuant to G.S. 148-32.1(b) to the local confinement facility from which the inmate was
11 transferred. In order to meet the requirements of this section, the Parole Commission shall not
12 parole any person convicted under Article 7B of Chapter 14 of a sex offense, under G.S. 14-39,
13 14-41, or 14-43.3, under G.S. 90-95(h) of a drug trafficking offense, or under G.S. 14-17, or any
14 other violent felon as defined in subsection (a1) of this section. The Parole Commission may
15 continue to consider the suitability for release of such persons in accordance with the criteria set
16 forth in Articles 85 and 85A of Chapter 15A.

17 (a1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Division of Prisons of the
18 Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety shall at
19 all times secure the necessary prison space to house any violent felon or habitual felon for the
20 full active sentence imposed by the court. For purposes of this subsection, the term "violent felon"
21 means any person convicted of the following felony offenses: first or second degree murder,
22 voluntary manslaughter, first or second degree rape, first or second degree sexual offense, any
23 sexual offense involving a minor, robbery, kidnapping, or assault, or attempting, soliciting, or
24 conspiring to commit any of those offenses.

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26 **SECTION 19C.9.(zzz)** G.S. 148-13 reads as rewritten:

27 "**§ 148-13. Regulations as to custody grades, privileges, gain time credit, etc.**

28 (a) The Secretary of ~~Public Safety~~ the Department of Adult Correction may issue
29 regulations regarding the grades of custody in which State prisoners are kept, the privileges and
30 restrictions applicable to each custody grade, and the amount of cash, clothing, etc., to be awarded
31 to State prisoners after their discharge or parole. The amount of cash awarded to a prisoner upon
32 discharge or parole after being incarcerated for two years or longer shall be at least forty-five
33 dollars (\$45.00).

34 (a1) The Secretary of ~~Public Safety~~ the Department of Adult Correction shall adopt rules
35 to specify the rates at, and circumstances under, which earned time authorized by
36 G.S. 15A-1340.13(d) and G.S. 15A-1340.20(d) may be earned or forfeited by persons serving
37 activated sentences of imprisonment for felony or misdemeanor convictions. Such rules shall
38 include any person serving an activated sentence of imprisonment who is confined in a detention
39 facility approved by the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division of Adult Correction~~
40 ~~and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety.~~

41 (b) With respect to prisoners who are serving sentences for impaired driving offenses
42 under G.S. 20-138.1, the Secretary of ~~Public Safety~~ the Department of Adult Correction may, in
43 ~~his~~ the Secretary's discretion, issue regulations regarding deductions of time from the terms of
44 such prisoners for good behavior, meritorious conduct, work or study, participation in
45 rehabilitation programs, and the like.

46 (c), (d) Repealed by Session Laws 1993, c. 538, s. 32, effective January 1, 1995.

47 (e) The Secretary's regulations concerning earned time and good time credits authorized
48 by this section shall be distributed to and followed by local jail administrators and by personnel
49 of the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section~~ or personnel approved by the Division of Juvenile
50 ~~Justice Section~~ with regard to sentenced jail prisoners, including prisoners housed in a detention

1 facility approved by the ~~Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Correction and~~ Division
2 of Juvenile Justice.

3 (f) The provisions of this section do not apply to persons sentenced to a term of special
4 probation under G.S. 15A-1344(e) or G.S. 15A-1351(a)."

5 **SECTION 19C.9.(aaaa)** G.S. 148-19.1 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 148-19.1. Exemption from licensure and certificate of need.**

7 (a) Inpatient chemical dependency or substance abuse facilities that provide services
8 exclusively to inmates of the ~~Division Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice or~~
9 offenders under the supervision of the Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of the
10 Department of Public Safety shall be exempt from licensure by the Department of Health and
11 Human Services under Chapter 122C of the General Statutes. If an inpatient chemical
12 dependency or substance abuse facility provides services both to inmates ~~of the Division of Adult~~
13 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety or offenders under~~
14 supervision and to members of the general public, the portion of the facility that serves inmates
15 or offenders under supervision shall be exempt from licensure.

16 (b) Any person who contracts to provide inpatient chemical dependency or substance
17 abuse services to inmates of the ~~Division Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~
18 or to offenders under the supervision of the Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of
19 the Department of Public Safety may construct and operate a new chemical dependency or
20 substance abuse facility for that purpose without first obtaining a certificate of need from the
21 Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Article 9 of Chapter 131E of the General
22 Statutes. However, a new facility or addition developed for that purpose without a certificate of
23 need shall not be licensed pursuant to Chapter 122C of the General Statutes and shall not admit
24 anyone other than inmates unless the owner or operator first obtains a certificate of need."

25 **SECTION 19C.9.(bbbb)** G.S. 148-29 reads as rewritten:

26 "**§ 148-29. Transportation of convicts to prison; reimbursement to counties; sheriff's**
27 **expense affidavit.**

28 (a) The sheriff having in charge any prisoner to be taken to the State prison system shall
29 send the prisoner to the custody of the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction
30 ~~and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety~~ after sentencing and the disposal of all
31 pending charges against the prisoner, if no appeal has been taken. Beginning on the day after the
32 ~~Section of Prisons of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ has been notified by
33 the sheriff that a prisoner is ready for transfer and the Division has informed the sheriff that
34 bedspace is not available for that prisoner, and continuing through the day the prisoner is received
35 by the ~~Section of Prisons of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, Division,~~ the
36 ~~Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety~~ shall pay
37 the county:

38 (1) A standard sum set by the General Assembly in its appropriations acts for the
39 cost of providing food, clothing, personal items, supervision, and necessary
40 ordinary medical services to the prisoner awaiting transfer to the State prison
41 system; and

42 (2) Extraordinary medical costs, as defined in G.S. 148-32.1(a), incurred by
43 prisoners awaiting transfer to the State prison system.

44 If the ~~Section of Prisons of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ determines that
45 bedspace is not available for a prisoner after the sheriff has notified the Division that the prisoner
46 is ready for transfer, reimbursement under this subsection shall be made beginning on the day
47 after the sheriff gave the notification.

48 (b) The sheriff having in charge any parolee or post-release supervisee to be taken to the
49 State prison system shall send the prisoner to the custody of the Division of Prisons of the
50 Department of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety after
51 preliminary hearing held under G.S. 15A-1368.6(b) or G.S. 15A-1376(b). Beginning on the day

1 after the ~~Section of Prisons of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ has been
 2 notified by the sheriff that a prisoner is ready for transfer and the Division has informed the
 3 sheriff that bedspace is not available for that prisoner, and continuing through the day the prisoner
 4 is received by the ~~Section of Prisons of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice,~~
 5 Division, the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public~~
 6 ~~Safety~~ shall pay the county:

- 7 (1) A standard sum set by the General Assembly in its appropriations acts for the
 8 cost of providing food, clothing, personal items, supervision, and necessary
 9 ordinary medical services to the parolee or post-release supervisee awaiting
 10 transfer to the State prison system; and
- 11 (2) Extraordinary medical costs, as defined in G.S. 148-32.1(a), incurred by
 12 parolees or post-release supervisees awaiting transfer to the State prison
 13 system.

14 If the ~~Section of Prisons of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ determines that
 15 bedspace is not available for a prisoner after the sheriff has notified the Division that the prisoner
 16 is ready for transfer, reimbursement under this subsection shall be made beginning on the day
 17 after the sheriff gave the notification.

18"

19 **SECTION 19C.9.(cccc)** G.S. 148-32.3 reads as rewritten:

20 **"§ 148-32.3. Inmate Construction Program.**

21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, but subject to the provisions of this Article, the
 22 State Construction Office may utilize inmates in the custody of the Division of ~~Adult Correction~~
 23 Prisons of the Department of ~~Public Safety-Adult Correction~~ through the Inmate Construction
 24 Program for repair and renovation projects on State-owned facilities, with priority given to
 25 Department of ~~Public Safety-Adult Correction~~ construction projects. State agencies utilizing the
 26 Inmate Construction Program shall reimburse the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult
 27 ~~Correction of the Department of Public Safety~~ for the cost of transportation, custody, and wages
 28 for the inmate crews."

29 **SECTION 19C.9.(dddd)** G.S. 148-40 reads as rewritten:

30 **"§ 148-40. Recapture of escaped prisoners.**

31 The rules and regulations for the government of the State prison system may provide for the
 32 recapture of convicts that may escape, or any convicts that may have escaped from the State's
 33 prison or prison camps, or county road camps of this State, and the Division of ~~Adult Correction~~
 34 and Juvenile Justice-Prisons of the Department of ~~Public Safety-Adult Correction~~ may pay to any
 35 person recapturing an escaped convict such reward or expense of recapture as the regulations
 36 may provide. Any citizen of North Carolina shall have authority to apprehend any convict who
 37 may escape before the expiration of ~~his~~ the convict's term of imprisonment whether ~~he~~ the convict
 38 be guilty of a felony or misdemeanor, and retain ~~him~~ the convict in custody and deliver ~~him~~ the
 39 convict to the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice-Prisons~~ of the Department of
 40 ~~Public Safety-Adult Correction.~~"

41 **SECTION 19C.9.(eeee)** G.S. 148-118.8 reads as rewritten:

42 **"§ 148-118.8. Appointment, salary, and authority of Executive Director and inmate**
 43 **grievance examiners.**

44 (a) The Grievance Resolution Board, in consultation with the Secretary of ~~Public Safety,~~
 45 the Department of Adult Correction, shall provide the Governor with at least three nominees, and
 46 the Governor shall appoint an Executive Director from those nominees. The Grievance
 47 Resolution Board shall appoint grievance examiners. The Executive Director shall manage the
 48 staff and perform such other functions as are assigned to the Director by the Grievance Resolution
 49 Board. The Executive Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The grievance
 50 examiners shall serve at the pleasure of the Grievance Resolution Board. The grievance
 51 examiners shall be subject to Article 2 of Chapter 126 of the North Carolina General Statutes for

1 purposes of salary and leave. Support staff, equipment, and facilities for the Board shall be
 2 provided by the ~~Division-Department~~ of Adult ~~Correction~~ of the ~~Department~~ of ~~Public~~
 3 ~~Safety-Correction~~.

4 (b) The inmate grievance examiners shall investigate inmate grievances pursuant to the
 5 procedures established by the Administrative Remedy Procedure. Examiners shall attempt to
 6 resolve grievances through mediation with all parties. Otherwise, the inmate grievance examiners
 7 shall either (i) order such relief as is appropriate; or (ii) deny the grievance. The decision of the
 8 grievance examiner shall be binding, unless the Secretary of ~~Public Safety~~ ~~the Department of~~
 9 ~~Adult Correction~~ (i) finds that such relief is not appropriate, (ii) gives a written explanation for
 10 this finding, and (iii) makes an alternative order of relief or denies the grievance."

11 **SECTION 19C.9.(ffff)** G.S. 148-128 reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 148-128. Authorization for Correction Enterprises.**

13 The ~~Section-Division~~ of Correction Enterprises of the ~~Division of Adult Correction and~~
 14 ~~Juvenile Justice~~ is established as a division of the ~~Division-Department~~ of Adult ~~Correction and~~
 15 ~~Juvenile Justice~~ of the ~~Department of Public Safety-Correction~~. The ~~Section-Division~~ of
 16 Correction Enterprises of the ~~Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ may develop and
 17 operate industrial, agricultural, and service enterprises that employ incarcerated offenders in an
 18 effort to provide them with meaningful work experiences and rehabilitative opportunities that
 19 will increase their employability upon release from prison. Enterprises operated under this Article
 20 shall be known as "Correction Enterprises.""

21 **SECTION 19C.9.(gggg)** G.S. 148-131 reads as rewritten:

22 **"§ 148-131. Powers and responsibilities.**

23 In order to fulfill the purposes set forth in G.S. 148-129, the ~~Section-Division~~ of Correction
 24 Enterprises of the ~~Division-Department~~ of Adult ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ is authorized
 25 and empowered to take all actions necessary in the operation of its enterprises, including any of
 26 the following actions to:

27"

28 **SECTION 19C.9.(hhhh)** G.S. 148-132 reads as rewritten:

29 **"§ 148-132. Distribution of products and services.**

30 The ~~Section-Division~~ of Correction Enterprises of the ~~Division-Department~~ of Adult
 31 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ is empowered and authorized to market and sell products and
 32 services produced by Correction Enterprises to any of the following entities:

33"

34 **SECTION 19C.9.(iiii)** G.S. 148-134 reads as rewritten:

35 **"§ 148-134. Preference for Division of Prisons of Department of Adult Correction and**
 36 **Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety products.**

37 All departments, institutions, and agencies of this State that are supported in whole or in part
 38 by the State shall give preference to Correction Enterprises products in purchasing articles,
 39 products, and commodities that these departments, institutions, and agencies require and that are
 40 manufactured or produced within the State prison system and offered for sale to them by
 41 Correction Enterprises. No article or commodity available from Correction Enterprises shall be
 42 purchased by any State department, institution, or agency from any other source unless the prison
 43 product does not meet the standard specifications and the reasonable requirements of the
 44 department, institution, or agency as determined by the Secretary of Administration or the
 45 requisition cannot be complied with because of an insufficient supply of the articles or
 46 commodities required. The provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes
 47 respecting contracting for the purchase of all supplies, materials, and equipment required by the
 48 State government or any of its departments, institutions, or agencies under competitive bidding
 49 shall not apply to articles or commodities available from Correction Enterprises. The ~~Section~~
 50 ~~Division~~ of Correction Enterprises of the ~~Division-Department~~ of Adult ~~Correction and Juvenile~~
 51 ~~Justice~~ shall be required to keep the price of such articles or commodities substantially in accord

1 with that paid by governmental agencies for similar articles and commodities of equivalent
2 quality."

3 **SECTION 19C.9.(jjj)** G.S. 150B-1(e) reads as rewritten:

4 "(e) Exemptions From Contested Case Provisions. – The contested case provisions of this
5 Chapter apply to all agencies and all proceedings not expressly exempted from the Chapter. The
6 contested case provisions of this Chapter do not apply to the following:

7 ...

8 (7) ~~The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of~~
9 ~~Public Safety.~~ Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction.

10"

11 **SECTION 19C.9.(kkkk)** G.S. 153A-218 reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 153A-218. County confinement facilities.**

13 A county may establish, acquire, erect, repair, maintain, and operate local confinement
14 facilities and may for these purposes appropriate funds not otherwise limited as to use by law.
15 Subject to the holdover provisions in G.S. 7B-2204, no person under the age of 18 may be held
16 in a county confinement facility unless there is an agreement between the county confinement
17 facility and the Division of ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ allowing the housing of persons
18 under the age of 18 at the facility or a portion of the facility that has been approved as a juvenile
19 detention facility by the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of Justice~~. A juvenile detention facility
20 may be located in the same facility as a county jail provided that the juvenile detention facility
21 meets the requirements of this Article and G.S. 147-33.40."

22 **SECTION 19C.9.(llll)** G.S. 162-39(b1) reads as rewritten:

23 "(b1) ~~The Department of Public Safety, Health Services Section, Division of Health~~
24 ~~Services of the Department of Adult Correction~~ shall maintain records of prisoners transferred to
25 a unit of the State prison system pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. The records shall
26 utilize unique identifiers for each transferred prisoner and shall include all of the following
27 information:

28"

29 **SECTION 19C.9.(mmmm)** G.S. 164-40 reads as rewritten:

30 **"§ 164-40. Correction population simulation model; ~~Juvenile Justice Section of the Division~~**
31 **~~of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety~~**
32 **juvenile justice facilities population simulation model.**

33 (a) The Commission shall develop a correctional population simulation model, and shall
34 have first priority to apply the model to a given fact situation, or theoretical change in the
35 sentencing laws, when requested to do so by the Chairman, the Executive Director, or the
36 Commission as a whole.

37 The Executive Director or the Chairman shall make the model available to respond to
38 inquiries by any State legislator, ~~or~~ by the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, or by
39 the Secretary of the Department of Adult Correction, in second priority to the work of the
40 Commission.

41 (b) The Commission shall develop a ~~Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult~~
42 ~~Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety~~ facilities population
43 simulation ~~model~~, model for juvenile justice facilities and shall have first priority to apply the
44 model to a given fact situation, or theoretical change in the dispositional laws set forth in Chapter
45 7B of the General Statutes, when requested to do so by the Chairman, the Executive Director, or
46 the Commission as a whole.

47 The Executive Director or the Chairman shall make the model available to respond to
48 inquiries by any State legislator, or by the Division of Juvenile Justice ~~Section of the Division of~~
49 ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ of the Department of Public Safety, in second priority to
50 the work of the Commission."

51 **SECTION 19C.9.(nnnn)** G.S. 164-43 reads as rewritten:

1 **"§ 164-43. Priority of duties; reports; continuing duties.**

2 ...

3 (d) Once the primary duties of the Commission have been accomplished, it shall have the
4 continuing duty to monitor and review the criminal justice and corrections systems and the
5 juvenile justice system in this State to ensure that sentences and dispositions remain uniform and
6 consistent, and that the goals and policies established by the State are being implemented by
7 sentencing and dispositional practices, and it shall recommend methods by which this ongoing
8 work may be accomplished and by which the correctional population simulation model and the
9 ~~Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the~~
10 ~~Department of Public Safety~~ juvenile justice facilities population simulation model developed
11 under G.S. 164-40 shall continue to be used by the State.

12 ...

13 (h) The Commission or its successor shall meet within 10 days after the last day for filing
14 general bills in the General Assembly for the purpose of reviewing bills as described in
15 subsections (e), (f), and (g). The Commission or its successor shall include in its report on a bill
16 an analysis based on an application of the correctional population simulation model or the
17 ~~Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the~~
18 ~~Department of Public Safety~~ juvenile justice facilities population simulation model to the
19 provisions of the bill."

20 **SECTION 19C.9.(oooo)** G.S. 164-47 reads as rewritten:

21 **"§ 164-47. Biennial Report on Recidivism.**

22 The Judicial Department, through the North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory
23 Commission, ~~the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction,~~ and the Division of
24 ~~Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice~~ Community Supervision and Reentry of the Department
25 of Public Safety shall jointly conduct ongoing evaluations of community corrections programs
26 and in-prison treatment programs and make a biennial report to the General Assembly. The report
27 shall include composite measures of program effectiveness based on recidivism rates, other
28 outcome measures, and costs of the programs.

29 During the 1998-99 fiscal year, the Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission shall
30 coordinate the collection of all data necessary to create an expanded database containing offender
31 information on prior convictions, current conviction and sentence, program participation, and
32 outcome measures. Each program to be evaluated shall assist the Commission in the development
33 of systems and collection of data necessary to complete the evaluation process. The first
34 evaluation report shall be presented to the Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations
35 Committees and the Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice
36 and Public Safety by April 15, 2000, and future reports shall be made by April 15 of each
37 even-numbered year."

38
39 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/REPORTING/EFFECTIVE DATE**

40 **SECTION 19C.9.(pppp)** No later than July 1, 2022, the Department of Public Safety
41 and the Department of Adult Correction shall enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU)
42 related to the transfer of custody of inmates and offenders between the Division of Prisons of the
43 Department of Adult Corrections and the Division of Community Supervision and Reentry of the
44 Department of Public Safety. In addition to any other matters necessary for the successful and
45 timely transfer of custody of inmates and offenders between the divisions, the MOU shall address
46 specific lines of responsibility, establish official lines of communication, and identify the
47 mechanisms to be used for sharing of information and records.

48 **SECTION 19C.9.(qqqq)** The Office of State Budget and Management, in
49 consultation with the Department of Public Safety, shall make an interim report on or before
50 January 15, 2022, on progress implementing this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight
51 Committee on Justice and Public Safety. The interim report shall include information regarding

1 the proposed memorandum of understanding required by subsection (pppp) of this section. The
2 Office of State Budget and Management, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety
3 and the Department of Adult Correction, shall make a final report on or before July 15, 2022, on
4 progress implementing this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and
5 Public Safety. The final report shall include information regarding:

- 6 (1) Any reclassifications of positions or reductions in force.
- 7 (2) Any recommendations for changes to the statutes that organize the
8 Department of Public Safety or the Department of Adult Correction.
- 9 (3) The memorandum of understanding required by subsection (pppp) of this
10 section.

11 **SECTION 19C.9.(rrrr)** In addition to the reporting requirements of G.S. 143C-6-9,
12 the Department of Public Safety shall report for the 2021-2022, the 2022-2023, and the
13 2023-2024 fiscal years the following information to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight
14 Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the chairs of the House of Representatives
15 Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations
16 Committee on Justice and Public Safety:

- 17 (1) The amount of lapsed salary generated by fund code for the previous six
18 months.
- 19 (2) An itemized accounting of the use of lapsed salary funds, including:
 - 20 a. Fund code.
 - 21 b. Current certified budget.
 - 22 c. Annual projected expenditure.
 - 23 d. Annual projected shortfall.
 - 24 e. Amount of lapsed salary funds transferred to date.

25 The reports shall be submitted by August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1 of
26 each fiscal year. The August report shall also include an annual accounting of this information
27 for the previous fiscal year.

28 **SECTION 19C.9.(ssss)** In addition to the reporting requirements of G.S. 143C-6-9,
29 the Department of Adult Correction shall report for the 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 fiscal years
30 the following information to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice
31 and Public Safety and the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on
32 Justice and Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety:

- 33 (1) The amount of lapsed salary generated by fund code for the previous six
34 months.
- 35 (2) An itemized accounting of the use of lapsed salary funds, including:
 - 36 a. Fund code.
 - 37 b. Current certified budget.
 - 38 c. Annual projected expenditure.
 - 39 d. Annual projected shortfall.
 - 40 e. Amount of lapsed salary funds transferred to date.

41 The reports shall be submitted by August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1 of
42 each fiscal year. The August report shall also include an annual accounting of this information
43 for the previous fiscal year.

44 **SECTION 19C.9.(tttt)** This subsection is effective when this act becomes law. The
45 remainder of this section becomes effective July 1, 2022. On and after that date, any references
46 or directives in this act to the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, the Section of
47 Adult Correction in the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, the Section of Juvenile
48 Justice of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, or the Section of Community
49 Corrections of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall be construed to apply
50 to the appropriate division of either the Department of Public Safety or the Department of Adult
51 Correction pursuant to the departmental changes enacted by this section.

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2 **INCREASED MISDEMEANANT CONFINEMENT REIMBURSEMENT RATE IF**
3 **UTILIZING INMATE LABOR TO CLEAN ROADWAYS AND REQUIRE**
4 **RELATED REPORTING**

5 **SECTION 19C.10.(a)** G.S. 148-26 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(e2) Pursuant to the provisions of this Article that regulate inmate labor, sheriffs having
7 custody of inmates under the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program may hire those
8 inmates to maintain the cleanliness of areas along local and State roadways.

9 A sheriff hiring inmates under this subsection shall coordinate with the Department of
10 Transportation before and after a cleanup project to ensure that cleanup efforts are not
11 unnecessarily duplicated by either the sheriff's office or the Department of Transportation. The
12 sheriff shall also ensure that all inmates hired pursuant to this subsection are adequately guarded
13 while working and that food, water, and bathroom facilities are accessible in reasonable amounts
14 and times.

15 Sheriffs that utilize inmate labor pursuant to this section for a combined total of 500 work
16 hours in one calendar month shall submit a record of those work hours to the Department of
17 Public Safety and shall be reimbursed for caring for and housing the inmates of the Statewide
18 Misdemeanant Confinement Program at a rate of at least sixty dollars (\$60.00) per day, per
19 inmate held under the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program for each calendar month
20 in which 500 work hours were completed."

21 **SECTION 19C.10.(b)** G.S. 148-32.1, as amended by this Part, reads as rewritten:

22 **"§ 148-32.1. Local confinement, costs, alternate facilities, parole, work release.**

23 ...

24 (b1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize the Division of Adult Correction
25 and Juvenile Justice to enter into voluntary agreements with counties to provide housing for
26 misdemeanants serving periods of confinement of more than 90 days and for all sentences
27 imposed for impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1, regardless of length. It is further the intent of
28 the General Assembly that the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, in conjunction
29 with the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, Inc., establish a program for housing
30 misdemeanants serving periods of confinement of more than 90 days and for all sentences
31 imposed for impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1, regardless of length. It is also the intent of
32 the General Assembly that the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice contract with
33 the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, Inc., to provide a service that identifies space in local
34 confinement facilities that is available for housing these misdemeanants.

35 The General Assembly intends that the cost of housing and caring for these misdemeanants,
36 including, but not limited to, care, supervision, transportation, medical, and any other related
37 costs, be covered by State funds and not be imposed as a local cost. Therefore, the General
38 Assembly intends that the funds appropriated for the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement
39 Program be used to provide funding to cover the costs of managing a system for providing that
40 housing of misdemeanants in local confinement facilities as well as reimbursing the counties for
41 housing and related expenses for those misdemeanants. For the calendar month that a sheriff
42 utilizes inmate labor pursuant to G.S. 148-26(e2), the payment for housing and caring for those
43 misdemeanants for that calendar month shall be paid at a rate pursuant to the provisions of that
44 section.

45 (b2) The Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program is established. The Program
46 shall provide for the housing of misdemeanants from all counties serving sentences imposed for
47 a period of more than 90 days and for all sentences imposed for impaired driving under
48 G.S. 20-138.1, regardless of length. Those misdemeanants shall be confined in local confinement
49 facilities except as provided in subsections (b3) and (b4) of this section. The Program shall
50 address methods for the placement and transportation of inmates and reimbursement to counties
51 for the housing of those inmates. Any county that voluntarily agrees to house misdemeanants

1 from that county or from other counties pursuant to the Program may enter into a written
2 agreement with the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice to do so.

3 The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association shall:

- 4 (1) Report no later than the fifteenth day of each month to the Office of State
5 Budget and Management and the Fiscal Research Division on the Statewide
6 Misdemeanant Confinement Program. Each monthly report shall include all
7 of the following:

8 ...

9 h. The counties with sheriffs' offices that utilized inmate labor pursuant
10 to G.S. 148-26(e2), the number of total hours worked by inmates in
11 each participating county, and the number of road miles cleaned by
12 inmates in each participating county.

- 13 (2) Report no later than October 1 of each year to the chairs of the House of
14 Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and
15 the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the
16 Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety on the
17 Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program. The report shall include the
18 following with respect to the prior fiscal year:

19 ...

20 g. The counties with sheriffs' offices that utilized inmate labor pursuant
21 to G.S. 148-26(e2), the number of total hours worked by inmates in
22 each participating county, and the number of road miles cleaned by
23 inmates in each participating county.

24"

25 **PART XIX-D. JUVENILE JUSTICE**

26 **LIMIT USE OF COMMUNITY PROGRAM FUNDS**

27 **SECTION 19D.1.(a)** Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Public
28 Safety for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for community program contracts, that are not required
29 for or used for community program contracts, may be used only for the following:

- 30 (1) Other statewide residential programs that provide Level 2 intermediate
31 dispositional alternatives for juveniles.
32 (2) Statewide community programs that provide Level 2 intermediate
33 dispositional alternatives for juveniles.
34 (3) Regional programs that are collaboratives of two or more Juvenile Crime
35 Prevention Councils which provide Level 2 intermediate dispositional
36 alternatives for juveniles.
37 (4) The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council funds to be used for the Level 2
38 intermediate dispositional alternatives for juveniles listed in
39 G.S. 7B-2506(13) through (23).

40 **SECTION 19D.1.(b)** Funds appropriated by this act to the Department of Public
41 Safety for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for community programs may not be used for staffing,
42 operations, maintenance, or any other expenses of youth development centers or detention
43 facilities.

44 **SECTION 19D.1.(c)** The Department of Public Safety shall submit an electronic
45 report by October 1 of each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium on all expenditures made in
46 the preceding fiscal year from the miscellaneous contract line in Fund Code 1230 to the chairs of
47 the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the
48 Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Fiscal Research Division.
49 The report shall include all of the following: an itemized list of the contracts that have been
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51

1 executed, the amount of each contract, the date the contract was executed, the purpose of the
2 contract, the number of juveniles that will be served and the manner in which they will be served,
3 the amount of money transferred to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council fund, and an itemized
4 list of grants allocated from the funds transferred to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council fund.
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6 PART XIX-E. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND NATIONAL GUARD

8 TRANSFER OF NCNG TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

9 SECTION 19E.1.(a) The North Carolina National Guard Tuition Assistance
10 Program administered by the State Education Assistance Authority is transferred to the
11 Department of Public Safety. This transfer shall have all of the elements of a Type I transfer, as
12 defined in G.S. 143A-6. The State Education Assistance Authority shall transfer all associated
13 program administration funds to the Department of Public Safety.

14 SECTION 19E.1.(b) Part 2 of Article 23 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes,
15 G.S. 116-209.50 through G.S. 116-209.55, is recodified as Article 15 of Chapter 127A of the
16 General Statutes, G.S. 127A-190 through G.S. 127A-195.

17 SECTION 19E.1.(c) Article 15 of Chapter 127A of the General Statutes, as
18 recodified by subsection (b) of this section, reads as rewritten:

19 "Article 15.

20 "North Carolina National Guard Tuition Assistance Act of 1975.

21 "§ 127A-190. Short title.

22 This ~~Part~~Article shall be known and may be cited as the North Carolina National Guard
23 Tuition Assistance Act of 1975.

24 "§ 127A-191. Purpose.

25 The General Assembly of North Carolina, recognizing that the North Carolina National
26 Guard is the only organized, trained and equipped military force subject to the control of the
27 State, hereby establishes a program of tuition assistance for qualifying guard members for the
28 purpose of encouraging voluntary membership in the North Carolina National Guard, improving
29 the educational level of its members, and thereby benefiting the State as a whole.

30 "§ 127A-192. Definitions.

31 The following definitions apply in this ~~Part~~Article:

- 32 (1) Academic Year. – The annual enrollment period used by the
33 ~~Authority~~Secretary.
- 34 (2) Private Educational Institutions. – Any junior college, senior college or
35 university which is operated and governed by private interests not under the
36 control of the federal, State or any local government, which is located within
37 and licensed by the State of North Carolina, which does not operate for profit,
38 whose curriculum is primarily directed toward the awarding of associate,
39 baccalaureate or graduate degrees, which agrees to the applicable
40 administration and funding provisions of this ~~Part~~Article.
- 41 (3) Proprietary School. – An educational institution that is (i) defined as a
42 proprietary school in G.S. 115D-87(2), (ii) licensed by the State Board of
43 Community Colleges, ~~and or~~ (iii) listed by the North Carolina State Approving
44 Agency for Veterans and Military Education as an approved proprietary
45 school for purposes of this ~~Part~~Article.
- 46 (3a) Secretary. – The Secretary of Public Safety or the Secretary's designee.
- 47 (4) State Educational Institutions. – Any of the constituent institutions of the
48 University of North Carolina, or any community college operated under the
49 provisions of Chapter 115D of the General Statutes of North Carolina.
- 50 (5) Student Loan. – A loan or loans made to eligible students or parents of
51 students to aid in attaining an education beyond the high school level.

1 **"§ 127A-193. Benefit.**

2 The benefit provided under this ~~Part~~ Article shall consist of a monetary educational assistance
3 grant not to exceed the highest amount charged by a State educational institution per academic
4 year or a lesser amount, as prescribed by the ~~Authority~~, Secretary, to remain within the funds
5 appropriated, to qualifying members of the North Carolina National Guard. Benefits provided
6 under ~~G.S. 116-209.55(g)~~ G.S. 127A-195(g) shall be payable for a period of one year at a time,
7 renewable at the option of the ~~Authority~~, Secretary. All other benefits provided under this ~~Part~~
8 Article shall be payable for a period of one academic year at a time, renewable at the option of
9 the ~~Authority~~, Secretary.

10 **"§ 127A-194. Eligibility.**

11 (a) Active members of the North Carolina National Guard who are enrolled or who shall
12 enroll in any proprietary school, private educational institution, or State educational institution
13 shall be eligible to apply for this tuition assistance benefit: Provided, that the applicant has a
14 minimum obligation of two years remaining as a member of the North Carolina National Guard
15 from the end of the academic period for which tuition assistance is provided or that the applicant
16 commit himself or herself to extended membership for at least two additional years from the end
17 of that academic period.

18 (b) This tuition assistance benefit shall be applicable to students in the following
19 categories:

- 20 (1) Students seeking to achieve completion of their secondary school education
21 at a community college or technical institute.
- 22 (2) Students seeking trade or vocational training or education.
- 23 (3) Students seeking to achieve a two-year associate degree.
- 24 (4) Students seeking to achieve a four-year baccalaureate degree.
- 25 (5) Students seeking to achieve a graduate degree.
- 26 (6) Students enrolled in a program granting a graduate certificate.
- 27 (7) Students enrolled in a professional certification program recommended by the
28 Director of the North Carolina National Guard Education and Employment
29 Center and approved by the North Carolina National Guard Education
30 Services Officer.

31 (c) The following persons shall be eligible to apply for disbursements to pay outstanding
32 student loans pursuant to ~~G.S. 116-209.55(g)~~ G.S. 127A-195(g):

- 33 (1) Persons described in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.
- 34 (2) Active members of the North Carolina National Guard who were previously
35 enrolled in any proprietary school, private educational institution, or State
36 educational institution, but only if:
 - 37 a. The applicant has a minimum obligation of two years remaining as a
38 member of the North Carolina National Guard from the time of the
39 application; or
 - 40 b. The applicant commits himself or herself to extended membership for
41 at least two additional years from the time of the application.

42 **"§ 127A-195. Administration and funding.**

43 (a) The ~~Authority~~ Secretary is charged with the administration of the tuition assistance
44 program under this ~~Part~~ Article. The Secretary may delegate administrative tasks to other persons
45 within the Department of Public Safety as the Secretary deems best for the orderly administration
46 of this program. The Department of Public Safety may also contract with the State Education
47 Assistance Authority for the administration of these tuition benefit disbursements.

48 (b) The ~~Authority~~ Secretary shall determine the eligibility of applicants, select the benefit
49 recipients, establish the effective date of the benefit, and may suspend or revoke the benefit if the
50 ~~Authority~~ Secretary finds that the recipient does not maintain an adequate academic status, or if
51 the recipient engages in riots, unlawful demonstrations, the seizure of educational buildings, or

1 otherwise engages in disorderly conduct, breaches of the peace, or unlawful assemblies. The
2 ~~Authority-Secretary~~ shall maintain such records and shall promulgate such rules and regulations
3 as the ~~Authority-Secretary~~ deems necessary for the orderly administration of this program. The
4 ~~Authority-Secretary~~ may require of proprietary schools or State or private educational institutions
5 such reports and other information as the ~~Authority-Secretary~~ may need to carry out the
6 provisions of this ~~Part-Article~~ and the ~~Authority-Secretary~~ shall disburse benefit payments for
7 recipients upon certification of enrollment by the enrolling institutions.

8 (c) All tuition benefit disbursements shall be made to the proprietary school or State or
9 private educational institution concerned, for credit to the tuition account of each recipient. Funds
10 disbursed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section shall be made to the student loan creditor
11 concerned to be applied against the outstanding student loans of each North Carolina National
12 Guard member beneficiary.

13 (d) The participation by any proprietary school or private educational institution in this
14 program shall be subject to the applicable provisions of this ~~Part-Article~~ and to examination by
15 the State Auditor of the accounts of the benefit recipients attending or having attended such
16 private schools or institutions. The ~~Authority-Secretary~~ may defer making an award or may
17 suspend an award in any proprietary school or private educational institution which does not
18 comply with the provisions of this ~~Part-Article~~ relating to said institutions. The manner of
19 payment to any proprietary school or private educational institution shall be as prescribed by the
20 ~~Authority-Secretary~~.

21 (e) Irrespective of other provisions of this ~~Part-Article~~, the ~~Authority-Secretary~~ may
22 prescribe special procedures for adjusting the accounts of benefit recipients who, for reasons of
23 illness, physical inability to attend classes or for other valid reason satisfactory to the ~~Authority~~,
24 ~~Secretary~~, may withdraw from any proprietary school or State or private educational institution
25 prior to the completion of the term, semester, quarter or other academic period being attended at
26 the time of withdrawal.

27 (f) Any balance of the monetary educational assistance grant up to the maximum for the
28 academic year remaining after tuition is paid pursuant to subsection (c) of this section may be
29 disbursed to the recipient as reimbursement for required course books and materials. The manner
30 of obtaining the reimbursement payment for these required books and materials shall be as
31 prescribed by the ~~Authority-Secretary~~.

32 (g) Any funds not needed to accomplish the other purposes of this ~~Part-Article~~ may be
33 used to help members of the North Carolina National Guard repay outstanding student loans in
34 accordance with rules to be adopted by the ~~Authority-Secretary~~. These rules shall provide that
35 the length of a member's deployment may be considered in determining whether or not, and in
36 what amount, a member receives assistance pursuant to this subsection. There shall be no
37 reimbursement under this subsection for payments already made on student loans, and funds shall
38 not be provided under this subsection for the purpose of paying student loans obtained for courses
39 from which the member withdrew or for which the member did not receive a passing grade.
40 Payments for outstanding loans shall not exceed the maximum benefit available under ~~G.S.~~
41 ~~116-209.53.G.S. 127A-193.~~"

42 **SECTION 19E.1.(d)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2021.

43 44 **TARHEEL CHALLENGE CODIFICATION**

45 **SECTION 19E.2.(a)** Chapter 127A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
46 new Article to read:

47 "Article 18.

48 "Tarheel Challenge Academy.

49 "§ 127A-220. Purpose; establishment.

50 The purpose of this Article is to authorize the North Carolina National Guard's Tarheel
51 Challenge Academy to operate independently of existing schools. The Tarheel Challenge

1 Academy is established as a Division of the North Carolina National Guard. The Tarheel
2 Challenge Academy shall satisfy all of the following:

- 3 (1) Exist as a cost-free program.
- 4 (2) Be housed for administrative purposes within the North Carolina National
5 Guard.
- 6 (3) Be a community-based school that leads, trains, and mentors at-risk youth.
- 7 (4) Be designated as an approved alternative learning program, as defined in this
8 Article, and an innovative school option.
- 9 (5) Create at least a 22-week residential program that requires a 12-month
10 post-residential mentoring period.
- 11 (6) Improve life skills and employment potential of participants by providing
12 quasi-military based training and supervised work experience.
- 13 (7) Teach the "8 Core Components" of academic excellence, job skills, health and
14 hygiene, physical fitness, life coping skills, responsible citizenship,
15 leadership, and service to community.
- 16 (8) Increase opportunity for participants to receive a high school diploma or its
17 equivalent.
- 18 (9) Enjoy the full cooperation of other State and local agencies in carrying out its
19 program.

20 **"§ 127A-221. Definitions.**

21 The following definitions apply for the purposes of this Article:

- 22 (1) Academy. – Tarheel Challenge Academy, a Division of the North Carolina
23 National Guard.
- 24 (2) Alternative learning program. – A program offered by the Academy that
25 provides specialized services for at-risk students outside of a standard
26 classroom setting. Services should be designed to meet the needs of students
27 who have not been successful in the traditional school setting.
- 28 (3) Eligible participant. – An individual who meets all of the following criteria:
 - 29 a. Is a minimum of 16 years of age and a maximum of 18 years of age at
30 the time of entry into the program.
 - 31 b. Has failed to complete or has left school for any reason before
32 graduation or completion of a program of studies without transferring
33 to another school and has not received a certificate from a program of
34 equivalency or has not progressed in a traditional high school setting.
 - 35 c. A citizen or legal resident of the United States.
 - 36 d. Unemployed or underemployed.
 - 37 e. Not currently on parole or probation and not accused or convicted of
38 a crime that would be considered a felony if the individual was an
39 adult.
 - 40 f. Free from use of illegal drugs or substances.
 - 41 g. Physically and mentally capable to participate in the alternative
42 learning program.

43 **"§ 127A-222. Administration; supervision.**

44 The general supervision and administration of the Academy shall be vested in the North
45 Carolina National Guard Adjutant General. It shall be the duty of the Adjutant General or his or
46 her designee to do all of the following:

- 47 (1) Create a written document that incorporates the terms and conditions imposed
48 on the Academy by the Federal Youth Challenge Program.
- 49 (2) Organize and establish all rules and regulations for the Academy, as
50 necessary.
- 51 (3) Direct and control all Academy personnel matters.

1 (4) Oversee and direct the administration and functioning of the alternative
2 learning program offered by the Academy."

3 **SECTION 19E.2.(b)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2021.
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5 **BUTNER TIMBER FUND SALE PROCEEDS**

6 **SECTION 19E.3.(a)** G.S. 146-30 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 146-30. Application of net proceeds.**

8 (a) The net proceeds of any disposition made in accordance with this Subchapter shall be
9 handled in accordance with the following priority:

10 (1) First, in accordance with the provisions of any trust or other instrument of title
11 whereby title to real property was acquired.

12 (2) Second, as provided by any other act of the General Assembly.

13 (3) Third, by depositing the net proceeds with the State Treasurer.

14 Nothing in this section, however, prohibits the disposition of any State lands by exchange for
15 other lands, but if the appraised value in fee simple of any property involved in the exchange is
16 at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), then the exchange shall not be made without
17 consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

18 ...

19 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Subchapter, the following exceptions
20 apply:

21 ...

22 (8) The net proceeds derived from the sale of any portion of the land owned by
23 the State in the Camp Butner reservation shall be deposited with the State
24 Treasurer in a capital improvement account to the credit of the Department of
25 Health and Human Services to make capital improvements on or to property
26 owned by the State in the Camp Butner reservation subject to approval by the
27 Office of State Budget and Management. The net proceeds derived from the
28 sale of timber from land owned by the State in the Camp Butner reservation
29 shall be deposited with the State Treasurer in a capital improvement account
30 to the credit of the Department of Public Safety to be used to support the North
31 Carolina National Guard's Camp Butner Training Center and other North
32 Carolina National Guard-operated Training Centers. The definition of "Camp
33 Butner reservation" in G.S. 122C-3 applies to this subdivision.

34"

35 **SECTION 19E.3.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2021.
36

37 **NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD RESERVE JOB ACT**

38 **SECTION 19E.4.(a)** Article 13 of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes is amended
39 by adding a new section to read:

40 **"§ 126-80.5. National Guard preference.**

41 (a) It shall be the policy of the State of North Carolina that, in recognition and
42 appreciation for service to the State and this country, and in recognition of the time and advantage
43 lost toward the pursuit of a civilian career, an eligible member of the National Guard as defined
44 in G.S. 126-81(4) shall be granted preference in employment for positions subject to the
45 provisions of this Chapter with every State department, agency, and institution.

46 (b) In all evaluations of applicants for positions with this State or any of its departments,
47 agencies, or institutions, a preference shall be awarded to all eligible members of the National
48 Guard who are citizens of the State. This preference applies to initial employment and extends
49 to other employment events, including a subsequent hiring, promotion, reassignment, or
50 horizontal transfer.

1 (c) The provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter
 2 143B of the General Statutes."

3 **SECTION 19E.4.(b)** G.S. 126-81 reads as rewritten:

4 **"§ 126-81. Definitions.**

5 ~~As used in this Article:~~The following definitions apply in this Article:

- 6 (1) ~~"A period of war" includes~~ Period of war. – World War I (April 16, 1917,
 7 through November 11, 1918), World War II (December 7, 1941, through
 8 December 31, 1946), the Korean Conflict (June 27, 1950, through January 31,
 9 1955), the period of time between January 31, 1955, and the end of the
 10 hostilities in Vietnam (May 7, 1975), or any other campaign, expedition, or
 11 engagement for which a campaign badge or medal is authorized by the United
 12 States Department of Defense.
- 13 (2) ~~"Veteran" means a Veteran. –~~ A person who served in the Armed Forces of
 14 the United States on active duty, for reasons other than training, and has been
 15 discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.
- 16 (3) ~~"Eligible veteran" means:~~ Eligible veteran. – Any of the following:
 17 a. A veteran who served during a period of war; or war.
 18 b. The spouse of a disabled veteran; or veteran.
 19 c. The surviving spouse or dependent of a veteran who dies on active
 20 duty during a period of war either directly or indirectly as a result of
 21 such service; or service.
 22 d. A veteran who suffered a service-connected disability during
 23 peacetime; or peacetime.
 24 e. The spouse of a veteran described in subdivision-sub-subdivision d. of
 25 this subsection; or subdivision.
 26 f. The surviving spouse or dependent of a person who served in the
 27 Armed Forces of the United States on active duty, for reasons other
 28 than training, who died for service-related reasons during peacetime.
- 29 (4) Eligible member of the National Guard. – Any of the following:
 30 a. A resident of North Carolina who is a current member in good standing
 31 of either the North Carolina Army National Guard, the North Carolina
 32 Air National Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the United
 33 States.
 34 b. A resident of North Carolina who is a former member of either the
 35 North Carolina Army National Guard, the North Carolina Air National
 36 Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States whose
 37 discharge condition is greater than dishonorable with a minimum of
 38 six years of creditable service.
 39 c. The surviving spouse and dependent of a member of the North
 40 Carolina Army National Guard or the North Carolina Air National
 41 Guard who dies on State active duty either directly or indirectly as a
 42 result of that service.
 43 d. The surviving spouse or dependent of a member of the North Carolina
 44 National Guard who died for service-related reasons during
 45 peacetime."

46 **SECTION 19E.4.(c)** G.S. 128-15 reads as rewritten:

47 **"§ 128-15. Employment preference for veterans and their spouses or surviving spouses.**

48 (a) It shall be the policy of the State of North Carolina that, in appreciation for their
 49 service to this State and this country during a period of war, and in recognition of the time and
 50 advantage lost toward the pursuit of a civilian career, veterans and eligible members of the

1 National Guard shall be granted preference in employment with every State department, agency,
2 and institution.

3 (b) As used in this section:

4 (1) ~~"A period of war" includes~~ Period of war. – World War I (April 16, 1917,
5 through November 11, 1918), World War II (December 7, 1941, through
6 December 31, 1946), the Korean Conflict (June 27, 1950, through January 31,
7 1955), the period of time between January 31, 1955, and the end of the
8 hostilities in Vietnam (May 7, 1975), or any other campaign, expedition, or
9 engagement for which a campaign badge or medal is authorized by the United
10 States Department of Defense.

11 (2) ~~"Veteran" means a~~ Veteran. – A person who served in the Armed Forces of
12 the United States on active duty, for reasons other than training, and has been
13 discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.

14 (3) ~~"Eligible veteran" means:~~ Eligible veteran. – Any of the following:

15 a. A veteran who served during a period of ~~war;~~ or war.

16 b. The spouse of a disabled ~~veteran;~~ or veteran.

17 c. The surviving spouse or dependent of a veteran who dies on active
18 duty during a period of war either directly or indirectly as the result of
19 such ~~service;~~ or service.

20 d. A veteran who suffered a disabling injury for service-related reasons
21 during ~~peacetime;~~ or peacetime.

22 e. The spouse of a veteran described in ~~subdivision~~ sub-subdivision d. of
23 this ~~subsection;~~ or subdivision.

24 f. The surviving spouse or dependent of a person who served in the
25 Armed Forces of the United States on active duty, for reasons other than
26 training, who dies for service-related reasons during peacetime.

27 (4) Eligible member of the National Guard. – Any of the following:

28 a. A resident of North Carolina who is a current member in good standing
29 of either the North Carolina Army National Guard, the North Carolina
30 Air National Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the United
31 States.

32 b. A resident of North Carolina who is a former member of either the
33 North Carolina Army National Guard, the North Carolina Air National
34 Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States whose
35 discharge condition is greater than dishonorable with a minimum of
36 six years of credible service.

37 c. The surviving spouse and dependent of a member of the North
38 Carolina Army National Guard or the North Carolina Air National
39 Guard who dies on State active duty either directly or indirectly as a
40 result of that service.

41 d. The surviving spouse or dependent of a member of the North Carolina
42 National Guard who died for service-related reasons during peacetime.

43 (c) Hereafter, in all evaluations of applicants for positions with this State or any of its
44 departments, institutions or agencies, a preference shall be awarded to all eligible veterans and
45 eligible members of the National Guard who are citizens of the State and who served the State
46 or the United States honorably in the military forces of this State or of the United States during
47 a period of war. This preference applies to initial employment with the State and extends to other
48 employment events including subsequent hirings, promotions, reassignments, and horizontal
49 transfers.

1 (d) The provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions of Article 1 of Chapter
2 165 of the General Statutes, G.S. 126-83, and Parts 13 and 19 of Article 9 of Chapter 143B of
3 the General Statutes."

4 **SECTION 19E.4.(d)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

6 **COMPETITIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANTS**

7 **SECTION 19E.5.(a)** The funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Public
8 Safety, Division of Emergency Management, to provide competitive grants to county emergency
9 management agencies established in accordance with G.S. 166A-19.15 shall only be awarded to
10 county emergency management agencies located in either a development tier one area or a
11 development tier two area, as defined in G.S. 143B-437.08. Grants shall be used to ensure local
12 emergency management offices are adequately equipped, trained, and prepared for all hazards
13 and emergencies. The Division shall develop policies and procedures to implement a competitive
14 grant program consistent with this section.

15 **SECTION 19E.5.(b)** The Division shall report on the awarding of grant funds
16 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section by January 15, 2022, and by January 15 of each year
17 thereafter until the funds appropriated by this section are expended.

18 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT REVISIONS**

19 **SECTION 19E.6.(a)** G.S. 166A-19.3 reads as rewritten:

20 "**§ 166A-19.3. Definitions.**

21 ...

22 ...
23 (2a) Concurrence of the Council of State. – The consensus, within 10 calendar days
24 of the issuance of an executive order, of a majority of the membership of the
25 Council of State prior to the Governor exercising a power or authority
26 requiring a concurrence of the Council of State. The Governor shall document
27 the contact and response of each Council of State member and shall release
28 the concurrence, nonconcurrence, or no response provided by each member
29 by name and position on the same website in which the executive order is
30 published. If consensus is achieved, the release of information by the
31 Governor shall be prior to, or simultaneously with, exercising the stated
32 authority.

33 (2b) Council of State. – The Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor,
34 Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General,
35 Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner of
36 Insurance, or any interim officer or acting officer appointed in accordance
37 with Section 7 of Article III of the State Constitution.

38 ...

39 (9a) Executive order. – A signed, written, and published directive issued by the
40 Governor that carries the force of law.

41"

42 **SECTION 19E.6.(b)** G.S. 166A-19.30 reads as rewritten:

43 "**§ 166A-19.30. Additional powers of the Governor during state of emergency.**

44 (a) In addition to any other powers conferred upon the Governor by law, during a
45 gubernatorially or legislatively declared state of emergency, with the concurrence of the Council
46 of State, the Governor shall have the following powers:

47 ...

48 (c) In addition to any other powers conferred upon the Governor by law, during a
49 gubernatorially or legislatively declared state of emergency, if the Governor determines that local
50 control of the emergency is insufficient to assure adequate protection for lives and property
51 because (i) needed control cannot be imposed locally because local authorities responsible for

1 preservation of the public peace have not enacted appropriate ordinances or issued appropriate
 2 declarations as authorized by G.S. 166A-19.31; (ii) local authorities have not taken implementing
 3 steps under such ordinances or declarations, if enacted or declared, for effectual control of the
 4 emergency that has arisen; (iii) the area in which the emergency exists has spread across local
 5 jurisdictional boundaries, and the legal control measures of the jurisdictions are conflicting or
 6 uncoordinated to the extent that efforts to protect life and property are, or unquestionably will
 7 be, severely hampered; or (iv) the scale of the emergency is so great that it exceeds the capability
 8 of local authorities to cope with it, the Governor has the following ~~powers;~~ powers, with the
 9 concurrence of the Council of State:

10 ...

11 (c1) Any executive order issued by the Governor that exercises any of the powers granted
 12 under subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section shall expire 10 calendar days after issuance
 13 unless the Council of State concurs as provided in G.S. 166A-19.3. If the Council of State fails
 14 to concur, the Governor shall not issue a substantially similar executive order arising from the
 15 same events that form the basis to issue the initial executive order that failed to receive a
 16 concurrence of the Council of State.

17 (c2) If the Council of State concurs with the executive order in accordance with subsection
 18 (c1) of this section, the executive order shall expire 45 calendar days from the date of issuance,
 19 unless the General Assembly extends the executive order by the enactment of a general law. If
 20 the General Assembly does not extend the executive order by enactment in accordance with this
 21 subsection, the Governor shall not issue a substantially similar executive order arising from the
 22 same events that formed the basis to issue the initial executive order that was not extended.

23"

24 **SECTION 19E.6.(c)** This section becomes effective September 1, 2021.

25 NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY

26 **SECTION 19E.7.** Section 5.7(a) of S.L. 2018-136, as amended by Section 12.5 of
 27 S.L. 2020-78, reads as rewritten:

28 **"SECTION 5.7.(a)** The Office of Recovery and Resiliency (Office) is created in the
 29 Department of Public Safety. The Office shall execute multi-year recovery and resiliency projects
 30 and administer funds provided by the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery
 31 program.
 32

33 **"SECTION 5.7.(a1)** The Secretary may reassign up to 15 existing positions of the Division
 34 of Emergency Management to the Office. In addition, the Secretary may create new ~~three-year~~
 35 ~~time-limited~~ positions if State and federal funds are available to support those
 36 positions. The reassigned positions assigned to the Office shall retain the employment status of
 37 the positions at the time of the reassignment after implementation of this act is completed. The
 38 ~~three-year time-limited~~ new positions created in this section shall be ~~temporary positions based~~
 39 upon availability of State and federal funds and are exempt from the provision of the State Human
 40 Resources Act, Chapter 126 of the General Statutes, except Articles 6 and 7 of that Chapter.

41 **"SECTION 5.7.(a2)** The Office will provide general disaster recovery coordination and
 42 public information; citizen outreach and application case management; audit, finance,
 43 compliance, and reporting on disaster recovery funds; and program and construction
 44 management services. The Office shall also contract for services from vendors specializing in
 45 housing, construction, and project management services."
 46

47 PART XX. ADMINISTRATION

48 MANAGEMENT OF STATE-OWNED AND STATE-LEASED REAL PROPERTY

49 PORTFOLIO

50 **SECTION 20.1.(a)** G.S. 143-341.2 reads as rewritten:
 51

- 1 "§ 143-341.2. Proactive management of State-owned and State-leased real property
2 portfolio.
- 3 (a) Duties of the Department of Administration. – The Department of Administration
4 shall have the following powers and duties:
- 5 (1) Development of comprehensive State facilities plan. – No later than ~~December~~
6 ~~1, 2018,~~ April 1, 2022, and every five years thereafter, the Department of
7 Administration shall develop and implement a plan to comprehensively
8 manage, acquire, and dispose of the facilities and spaces required to fully
9 support State government operations. The plan shall do all of the following:
10 ...
- 11 f. Provide recommendations for disposing of existing State property and
12 facilities, consolidating operations among existing facilities, and
13 relocating State agencies from leased facilities to State-owned
14 facilities.
- 15 g. Describe all changes made to space planning standards developed and
16 distributed as provided in subdivision (4) of this subsection.
17 ...
- 18 (3) Development of utilization measures. – ~~No later than December 1, 2016, the~~
19 The Department of Administration shall develop and distribute to State
20 agencies procedures to be used to measure the utilization of State-owned and
21 State-leased real property. The procedures developed pursuant to this
22 subdivision shall be all of the following:
23 ...
- 24 (4) Development and enforcement of space planning standards. – ~~No later than~~
25 ~~December 1, 2016, the~~ The Department of Administration shall develop and
26 distribute to State agencies space planning standards to be used to determine
27 workspace size and to govern the use of shared space. The standards
28 developed pursuant to this subdivision shall be based on the Federal GSA's
29 Office of Real Property Management Performance Measurement Division
30 Workspace Utilization and Allocation Benchmark report unless the
31 Department identifies another efficient industry standard upon which to base
32 the space planning standards developed pursuant to this subdivision. The
33 Department ~~shall annually shall:~~
- 34 a. Annually perform audits of a portion of State agencies to determine
35 each agency's adherence to the space planning standards developed
36 pursuant to this subdivision and shall send formal letters of
37 admonishment to any agency that fails to justify, in the sole discretion
38 of the Department, any deviation from those standards.
- 39 b. Update the space planning standards developed pursuant to this
40 subdivision at least once every five years and distribute those changes
41 to State agencies.
42 ...
- 43 (7) Reporting. – The Department of Administration shall make the following
44 reports:
- 45 a. No later than ~~December 1, 2018,~~ April 1, 2022, and every five years
46 thereafter, the Department shall report the following to the Joint
47 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, ~~to the Joint~~
48 Legislative Oversight Committee on Capital Improvements, Joint
49 Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and Fiscal
50 Research Division of the General Assembly, and to the Program
51 Evaluation Division of the General Assembly: Division:

- 1 ...
- 2 b. If any State agency fails to submit the information required by
- 3 subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the Department shall report the
- 4 failure to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Commission on
- 5 ~~Governmental Operations and to Operations, the chairs of the Joint~~
- 6 ~~Legislative Oversight Committee on Capital Improvements, and the~~
- 7 chairs of the Joint Legislative ~~Program Evaluation Oversight~~
- 8 Committee on General Government within 30 days.
- 9 c. No later than ~~December 1, 2019,~~ April 1, 2023, and each year
- 10 thereafter, the Department shall report to the Joint Legislative
- 11 Commission on Governmental Operations, ~~to the Joint Legislative~~
- 12 ~~Oversight Committee on Capital Improvements, Joint Legislative~~
- 13 ~~Oversight Committee on General Government, and Fiscal Research~~
- 14 ~~Division of the General Assembly, and to the Program Evaluation~~
- 15 ~~Division of the General Assembly~~ on the State's portfolio of real
- 16 property. This report shall include at least the following information:
- 17 ...
- 18 8. A list of all audits performed that year pursuant to
- 19 sub-subdivision a. of subdivision (4) of this subsection, a
- 20 summary of the findings of each audit, and the agency's plans
- 21 for addressing the findings of the audit.

- 22 (b) Duties of Other State Agencies. – Each State agency shall have the following powers
- 23 and duties:
- 24 (1) Collection and reporting of information on property use. – No later than ~~July~~
- 25 ~~1, 2018,~~ November 1, 2021, and each year thereafter, each State agency shall
- 26 submit to the Department of Administration all of the information described
- 27 in G.S. 143-341(4)b.1. through 15. for each building, facility, or space in any
- 28 building or facility that the agency occupies. This shall be in addition to any
- 29 reports required pursuant to G.S. 143-341(4)h.
- 30 ...
- 31 (4) Development of five-year property management plan. – No later than ~~July 1,~~
- 32 ~~2018,~~ November 1, 2021, and every five years thereafter, each State agency
- 33 shall develop a five-year real property management plan and shall submit the
- 34 plan to the Department of Administration for review. Each plan shall do all of
- 35 the following:
- 36"

37 **SECTION 20.1.(b)** The Department of Administration, State Property Office, shall

38 include in the April 1, 2022, comprehensive State facilities plan required by G.S. 143-341.2, as

39 enacted in subsection (a) of this section, a report on any changes to the space needs of State

40 agencies as a result of employees working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The State

41 Property Office shall consult with the Office of State Human Resources in preparing the report,

42 which shall include all of the following:

- 43 (1) The percentage of employees in each State agency that, on average, worked
- 44 from home at least one day each week from March 1, 2020, to March 1, 2021.
- 45 (2) The percentage of employees in each State agency that, on average, worked
- 46 from home at least four days each week from March 1, 2020, to March 1,
- 47 2021.
- 48 (3) Information from State agencies about the continued duration of their
- 49 work-from-home policies, including anticipated termination of the policies.
- 50 (4) Recommendations for reducing or consolidating State agency facilities in
- 51 response to expanded State agency work-from-home policies.

DOA DIVISION OF NONPUBLIC EDUCATION/REPORTING REQUIREMENT

SECTION 20.2. The Department of Administration, Division of Nonpublic Education (Division), shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Education, and the Fiscal Research Division on the use of State Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated in this act to the Division for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the provisions of G.S. 115C-552. The report shall be compiled as follows:

- (1) An initial report submitted no later than February 1, 2022, which shall include all of the following:
 - a. A description of the increase in home school notice of intent filings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the number of those home schools that have since submitted termination notices.
 - b. The current approach to tracking the number of operational home schools in the State.
 - c. Challenges in maintaining an accurate count of operational home schools.
 - d. Efforts underway to determine which home schools are no longer operational.
 - e. The current methodology for compiling annual statistical reports on operational home schools, and any planned database improvements and changes to the statistical report methodology.
 - f. Year-to-date and planned expenditures.
- (2) A final report submitted no later than August 1, 2022, which shall be appended to the Division's annual statistical report on home schools and shall include all of the following:
 - a. An assessment of the long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the number of home schools in the State, including whether the increase in the number of home schools experienced during the pandemic is likely to continue to rise or decline, and the factors contributing to those decisions.
 - b. An assessment of the accuracy of current data on the number of operational home schools.
 - c. An update on efforts undertaken to determine which home schools are no longer operational.
 - d. Any changes made to the way in which the annual statistical report is compiled, including any completed database improvements and changes to the statistical report methodology.
 - e. Recommendations on ways in which the collection and compilation of data on the number of operational home schools can be further improved.

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH INVOLVEMENT DUTIES

SECTION 20.3. G.S. 143B-393 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-393. North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement – creation; powers and duties.

(a) There is hereby created the North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement of the Department of Administration. The Council shall ~~have~~perform the following functions and duties:

- 1 (1) ~~To advise~~ Advise the Governor, the principal State departments, and the State
- 2 legislature concerning the education and employment of women in the State
- 3 of North Carolina.
- 4 (1a) ~~To advise~~ Advise the Governor or Secretary of Administration upon any
- 5 matter relating to the following programs and organizations:
- 6 a. North Carolina Internship Council and the North Carolina State
- 7 Government Internship Program.
- 8 b. SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions).
- 9 c. State Youth Councils.
- 10 (2) ~~To advise~~ Advise the Secretary of Administration upon any matter the
- 11 Secretary may refer to the Council.
- 12 (3) Repealed by Session Laws 2013-30.2(b), effective July 1, 2013.
- 13 (4) Administer the Domestic Violence Center Fund, as provided in G.S. 50B-9.
- 14 (5) Administer the Sexual Assault and Rape Crisis Center Fund, as provided in
- 15 G.S. 143B-394.21.
- 16 (6) Recommend a person to serve as State Coordinator of the office of
- 17 Coordinator of Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, as provided in
- 18 G.S. 143B-394.2.
- 19 (7) Provide staff support to the Domestic Violence Commission, as provided in
- 20 G.S. 143B-394.16.
- 21 (8) Serve as a member of the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force, as
- 22 provided in G.S. 7B-1402.
- 23 (9) Consult with the Department of Public Safety on a reporting system and
- 24 database on certain domestic violence-related homicides, as provided in
- 25 G.S. 143B-903.
- 26 (10) Provide staff support for the North Carolina Internship Council and the State
- 27 Youth Advisory Council, as provided in G.S. 143B-394.32 and
- 28 G.S. 143B-394.26, respectively.

29 "

30
31 **FACILITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE**
32 **SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT**

33 **SECTION 20.4.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
34 Administration, North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement (hereinafter
35 "Council"), for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the sum of four million eight hundred thousand dollars
36 (\$4,800,000) in nonrecurring funds shall be used to establish a grant program to provide funds to
37 qualifying domestic violence and sexual assault agencies for the purpose of making one-time
38 facility upgrades or undertaking construction projects. The following criteria shall apply to the
39 grant program:

- 40 (1) Only organizations that qualify for existing domestic violence or sexual
- 41 assault grant programs pursuant to G.S. 50B-9 and G.S. 143B-394.21,
- 42 respectively, are eligible.
- 43 (2) The maximum amount of each grant shall be forty-five thousand dollars
- 44 (\$45,000). Additional grant funds shall be made available during a second
- 45 round of applications based on availability of funds. The maximum amount of
- 46 second-round grants shall be determined by the Council. The provisions of
- 47 this section shall apply if a second round of grants is administered.
- 48 (3) The Council shall establish matching requirements for grants, as it deems
- 49 appropriate, and may accept in-kind matching in lieu of cash matching.
- 50 (4) The Council shall establish policies and procedures for the distribution of
- 51 grants awarded pursuant to this section.

1 **SECTION 20.4.(b)** The Council shall submit a written report on the administration
2 of the grants authorized by subsection (a) of this section to the Senate Appropriations Committee
3 on General Government and Information Technology, the House of Representatives
4 Appropriations Committee on General Government, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
5 on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division within 60 days after the grants have
6 been made. The report shall contain all of the following:

- 7 (1) The names of the grant recipients, the number of grants awarded, the average
8 amount of each grant awarded, and the range of the amounts of the grants.
- 9 (2) A description of the facility upgrades and construction projects that were
10 funded by the grants.

11
12 **ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE**
13 **SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT**

14 **SECTION 20.5.** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery
15 Fund to the Department of Administration, North Carolina Council for Women and Youth
16 Involvement (Council), the sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in nonrecurring funds
17 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall be used to reduce the negative economic impact of the
18 COVID-19 pandemic on organizations that provide domestic violence and sexual assault services
19 across the State. The Council shall allocate the funds as follows:

- 20 (1) Seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) to domestic
21 violence organizations across the State eligible to receive grants pursuant to
22 G.S. 50B-9(b). Eligible grant recipients shall receive an equal amount as
23 provided in G.S. 50B-9(b).
- 24 (2) Seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) to sexual assault
25 programs and organizations across the State eligible to receive grants pursuant
26 to G.S. 143B-394.21. Eligible grant recipients shall receive an amount based
27 on the formula provided in G.S. 143B-394.21.

28
29 **NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH INVOLVEMENT**
30 **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

31 **SECTION 20.6.** G.S. 50B-9 reads as rewritten:

32 **"§ 50B-9. Domestic Violence Center Fund.**

33 (a) The Domestic Violence Center Fund is established within the State Treasury. The
34 fund shall be administered by the Department of Administration, North Carolina Council for
35 ~~Women, Women and Youth Involvement~~, and shall be used to make grants to centers for victims
36 of domestic violence and to The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc. This
37 fund shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of the ~~Executive State Budget Act~~.
38 The Department of Administration shall make quarterly grants to each eligible domestic violence
39 center and to The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic ~~Violence, Inc. Effective July 1,~~
40 ~~2017, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Violence. The~~ Department of Administration shall send
41 the contracts to grantees within 10 business days of the date the Current Operations
42 Appropriations Act, as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1, is certified for that fiscal year.

43 (b) Each grant recipient shall receive the same amount. To be eligible to receive funds
44 under this section, a domestic violence center must meet the following requirements:

- 45 (1) It shall have been in operation on the preceding July 1 and shall continue to
46 be in operation.
- 47 (2) It shall offer all of the following services: a hotline, transportation services,
48 community education programs, daytime services, and call forwarding during
49 the night and it shall fulfill other criteria established by the Department of
50 Administration.
- 51 (3) It shall be a nonprofit corporation or a local governmental entity.

1 (c) ~~The~~ On or before September 1, the North Carolina Council for Women and Youth
2 Involvement shall report on the quarterly distributions of the grants from the Domestic Violence
3 Center Fund to the House and Senate chairs of the General Government Appropriations
4 Committee ~~within five business days of distribution.~~ and the Fiscal Research Division. The report
5 shall include the ~~date,~~ following:

- 6 (1) Date, amount, and recipients of the fund disbursements. ~~The report shall also~~
7 ~~include any eligible~~
8 (2) Eligible programs which are ineligible to receive funding during the relative
9 reporting cycle as well as the reason of the ineligibility for that relative
10 reporting cycle."
11

12 GRANTS FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO 13 VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

14 **SECTION 20.7.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
15 Administration, North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement (Council), the sum
16 of five hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$595,000) in nonrecurring funds for each year of
17 the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be used to develop, strengthen, or expand human trafficking
18 victim service programs. These funds shall be allocated each fiscal year as follows:

- 19 (1) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to Compassion to Act, Inc.
20 (2) Three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000) to the North Carolina
21 Institute Against Human Trafficking.
22 (3) Up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to the Council for administrative
23 costs.

24 **SECTION 20.7.(b)** Each grantee shall submit to the Council a detailed proposal of
25 its human trafficking service program which shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:

- 26 (1) A description of the geographic area the organization serves and the needs of
27 victims of human trafficking in that area.
28 (2) A plan to address the needs of victims, including the goals and objectives of
29 each proposed initiative.
30 (3) The time line for implementing each proposed initiative to achieve the desired
31 objective and the names of any partners with whom the organization will be
32 working and the role of those partners in the proposed initiative.
33 (4) A list of the specific services each proposed initiative will deliver, which may
34 include case management, client safety, client well-being, and other services,
35 including health, transportation, housing, education, and employment
36 assistance.
37 (5) The anticipated planning and administrative costs for each proposed initiative,
38 sorted by type, including staffing, fixed costs, contracts, and information
39 technology.
40 (6) A description of the organization's capacity to implement its plan to address
41 the needs of victims, including the organization's staffing level, systems,
42 partnerships, existing funding, and existing programs.
43 (7) A description of the applicant's plans and capability to continue each proposed
44 initiative beyond June 30, 2023, if the applicant plans to do so.
45 (8) Any additional information deemed appropriate by the Council.

46 **SECTION 20.7.(c)** The Council shall review each proposal submitted and, if it
47 determines it meets the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, shall enter into a contract
48 with the grantees to provide the human trafficking services. If the Council determines a proposal
49 does not contain all of the information required by subsection (b) of this section, the Council
50 shall notify the grantee of the deficiency, which shall be corrected before any funds for the
51 2021-2022 fiscal year are disbursed. Funds appropriated for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall be

1 disbursed to each grantee in a lump sum only after the grantee has submitted a complete detailed
2 proposal. Funds appropriated for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be disbursed by the Council to
3 the grantees on a quarterly basis so long as the grantees have submitted the detailed proposal
4 required by subsection (b) of this section in the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The Council shall post on
5 its website the detailed proposal required by subsection (b) of this section and the report required
6 by subsection (d) of this section. Grant recipients shall comply with all reporting requirements in
7 G.S. 143C-6-23 and the contract between the recipient and the Council.

8 **SECTION 20.7.(d)** On or before March 1 and September 1 of 2022 and 2023, each
9 grantee shall submit a report to the Council that includes all of the following:

- 10 (1) Progress on the development and implementation of each of its program
11 initiatives.
- 12 (2) Progress on meeting goals and objectives for each program initiative.
- 13 (3) The number of human trafficking victims assisted through each program
14 initiative.
- 15 (4) A description and explanation of any delays in implementation of program
16 initiatives.
- 17 (5) A description and explanation of any changes in the proposal submitted
18 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.
- 19 (6) Planning and administrative costs to date for each program initiative, sorted
20 by type, including staffing, fixed costs, contracts, and information technology.
- 21 (7) Any additional information required by the Council.

22 **SECTION 20.7.(e)** On or before March 1 and September 1 of 2022 and 2023, the
23 Council shall submit a report on the grants awarded pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to
24 the Senate Appropriations Committee on General Government and Information Technology, the
25 House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on General Government, the Joint
26 Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division that
27 contains all of the following:

- 28 (1) The number of applications received.
- 29 (2) The number of grants awarded.
- 30 (3) The names and locations of the grant recipients.
- 31 (4) The amount of each grant awarded.
- 32 (5) A description of the human trafficking program initiatives that were funded
33 by each grant awarded, including the geographic area in which services were
34 provided.
- 35 (6) The total number of victims of human trafficking that were served, to date, by
36 each grant recipient.

37 38 **GRANT PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES** 39 **TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

40 **SECTION 20.8.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
41 Administration, North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement (Council), the sum
42 of one million eight hundred five thousand dollars (\$1,805,000) in nonrecurring funds for the
43 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of one million four hundred five thousand dollars (\$1,405,000)
44 in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be used to award and administer grants
45 to organizations that provide direct services to victims of human trafficking. The Council shall
46 develop the grant program and, in consultation with the North Carolina Human Trafficking
47 Commission, establish program guidelines. The following criteria shall apply to the grant
48 program:

- 49 (1) Each applicant shall submit a detailed proposal of its human trafficking
50 service program as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

- 1 (2) The Council shall establish matching requirements for grants, as it deems
2 appropriate, and shall accept in-kind matching in lieu of cash matching.
- 3 (3) The Council shall post the program guidelines on its website and distribute
4 them directly to the eligible nonprofit organizations.
- 5 (4) Grant recipients shall comply with all reporting requirements in
6 G.S. 143C-6-23 and the contract between the recipient and the Council.
- 7 (5) Only the following nonprofit organizations are eligible to participate in the
8 grant program:
 - 9 a. A Fresh Start CLT, Inc.
 - 10 b. Safe Place, Inc.
 - 11 c. AbolitionNC
 - 12 d. Beloved Haven, Inc.
 - 13 e. Christian Recovery Centers, Inc. (Brunswick Christian Recovery
14 Center)
 - 15 f. Changing Destinies Ministry
 - 16 g. CrossRoads: Sexual Assault Response & Resource Center, Inc.
 - 17 h. Wayne Pregnancy Care Center, Inc. (Cry Freedom Missions)
 - 18 i. Five 14 Revolution, Inc.
 - 19 j. Haven House, Inc.
 - 20 k. Help, Incorporated: Center Against Violence
 - 21 l. Ministry Seven (Hendersonville Rescue Mission)
 - 22 m. Hyde County Hotline, Inc.
 - 23 n. JusticeMatters, Inc.
 - 24 o. Lily Pad Haven, Inc.
 - 25 p. On Eagles Wings
 - 26 q. The Outer Banks Hotline, Inc.
 - 27 r. Randolph County Family Crisis Center, Inc.
 - 28 s. Resources, Education, Assistance, Counseling and Housing of Macon
29 County, Inc. (REACH of Macon and Jackson)
 - 30 t. The Salvation Army (Salvation Army Project Fight)
 - 31 u. Onslow County Partnership for Children, Inc. (The One Place Child
32 Advocacy Center)
 - 33 v. Triad Ladder of Hope
 - 34 w. World Relief Corporation of National Association of Evangelicals
35 (World Relief Triad)

36 **SECTION 20.8.(b)** Each grantee shall submit to the Council a detailed proposal of
37 its human trafficking service program which shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:

- 38 (1) A description of the geographic area the organization serves and the needs of
39 victims of human trafficking in that area.
- 40 (2) A plan to address the needs of victims, including the goals and objectives of
41 each proposed initiative.
- 42 (3) The time line for implementing each proposed initiative to achieve the desired
43 objective and the names of any partners with whom the organization will be
44 working and the role of those partners in the proposed initiative.
- 45 (4) A list of the specific services each proposed initiative will deliver, which may
46 include case management, client safety, client well-being, and other services,
47 including health, transportation, housing, education, and employment
48 assistance.
- 49 (5) The anticipated planning and administrative costs for each proposed initiative,
50 sorted by type, including staffing, fixed costs, contracts, and information
51 technology.

1 (6) A description of the organization's capacity to implement its plan to address
2 the needs of victims, including the organization's staffing level, systems,
3 partnerships, existing funding, and existing programs.

4 (7) A description of the applicant's plans and capability to continue each proposed
5 initiative beyond June 30, 2023, if the applicant plans to do so.

6 (8) Any additional information deemed appropriate by the Council.

7 **SECTION 20.8.(c)** The Council shall review each proposal submitted and, if it
8 determines it meets the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, shall enter into a contract
9 with the grantees to provide the human trafficking services. If the Council determines a proposal
10 does not contain all of the information required by subsection (b) of this section, the Council
11 shall notify the grantee of the deficiency, which shall be corrected before any funds for the
12 2021-2022 fiscal year are disbursed. Funds appropriated for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall be
13 disbursed to each grantee in a lump sum only after the grantee has submitted a complete detailed
14 proposal. Funds appropriated for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be disbursed by the Council to
15 the grantees on a quarterly basis so long as the grantees have submitted the detailed proposal
16 required by subsection (b) of this section in the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The Council shall post on
17 its website the detailed proposal required by subsection (b) of this section and the report required
18 by subsection (d) of this section.

19 **SECTION 20.8.(d)** On or before March 1 and September 1 of 2022 and 2023, each
20 grantee shall submit a report to the Council that includes all of the following:

21 (1) Progress on the development and implementation of each of its program
22 initiatives.

23 (2) Progress on meeting goals and objectives for each program initiative.

24 (3) The number of human trafficking victims assisted through each program
25 initiative.

26 (4) A description and explanation of any delays in implementation of program
27 initiatives.

28 (5) A description and explanation of any changes in the proposal submitted
29 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

30 (6) Planning and administrative costs to date for each program initiative, sorted
31 by type, including staffing, fixed costs, contracts, and information technology.

32 (7) Any additional information required by the Council.

33 **SECTION 20.8.(e)** On or before March 1 and September 1 of 2022 and 2023, the
34 Council shall submit a report on the grant program established pursuant to this section to the
35 Senate Appropriations Committee on General Government and Information Technology, the
36 House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on General Government, the Joint
37 Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division that
38 contains all of the following:

39 (1) The number of applications received.

40 (2) The number of grants awarded.

41 (3) The names and locations of the grant recipients.

42 (4) The amount of each grant awarded.

43 (5) A description of the human trafficking program initiatives that were funded
44 by the grant awarded, including the geographic area in which services were
45 provided.

46 (6) The total number of victims of human trafficking that were served, to date, by
47 each grant recipient.

48 **SECTION 20.8.(f)** Of the funds appropriated for the grant program in this section,
49 the Council may use up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in each fiscal year of the
50 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for administrative costs.

51

1 **COUNCIL OF STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COMMUTING IN STATE-OWNED**
2 **MOTOR VEHICLES**

3 **SECTION 20.9.** G.S. 143-341 reads as rewritten:

4 **"§ 143-341. Powers and duties of Department.**

5 The Department of Administration has the following powers and duties:

6 ...
7 (8) General Services:

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

11 ...
12 7a. ...

13 Every individual who uses a State-owned passenger motor
14 vehicle, pickup truck, or van to drive between the individual's
15 official work station and his or her home, shall reimburse the
16 State for these trips at a rate computed by the Department. This
17 rate shall ~~approximate~~ be derived from a method that
18 approximates the benefit derived from the use of the vehicle as
19 prescribed by federal law. ~~law, which may include the lease~~
20 value rule described in Publication 15-B of the Internal
21 Revenue Service. Reimbursement for a member of the Council
22 of State shall be for the actual number of days the member uses
23 the vehicle to commute during the month. Reimbursement for
24 any other individual shall be for 20 days per month regardless
25 of how many days the individual uses the vehicle to commute
26 during the month. Reimbursement shall be made by payroll
27 deduction. Funds derived from reimbursement on vehicles
28 owned by the Motor Fleet Management Division shall be
29 deposited to the credit of the Division; funds derived from
30 reimbursements on vehicles initially purchased with
31 appropriations from the Highway Fund and not owned by the
32 Division shall be deposited in a Special Depository Account in
33 the Department of Transportation, which shall revert to the
34 Highway Fund; funds derived from reimbursement on all other
35 vehicles shall be deposited in a Special Depository Account in
36 the Department of Administration which shall revert to the
37 General Fund. Commuting, for purposes of this
38 sub-sub-subdivision, does not include those individuals whose
39 office is in their home, as determined by the Department of
40 Administration, Division of Motor Fleet Management. Also,
41 this sub-sub-subdivision does not apply to the following
42 vehicles: (i) clearly marked police and fire vehicles, (ii)
43 delivery trucks with seating only for the driver, (iii) flatbed
44 trucks, (iv) cargo carriers with over a 14,000 pound capacity,
45 (v) school and passenger buses with over 20 person capacities,
46 (vi) ambulances, (vii) [Repealed]. (viii) bucket trucks, (ix)
47 cranes and derricks, (x) forklifts, (xi) cement mixers, (xii)
48 dump trucks, (xiii) garbage trucks, (xiv) specialized utility
49 repair trucks (except vans and pickup trucks), (xv) tractors,
50 (xvi) unmarked law-enforcement vehicles that are used in
51 undercover work and are operated by full-time, fully sworn

1 law-enforcement officers whose primary duties include
2 carrying a firearm, executing search warrants, and making
3 arrests, and (xvii) any other vehicle exempted under Section
4 274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and Federal
5 Internal Revenue Service regulations based thereon. The
6 Department of Administration, Division of Motor Fleet
7 Management, shall report quarterly to the Joint Legislative
8 Commission on Governmental Operations and to the Fiscal
9 Research Division of the Legislative Services Office on
10 individuals who use State-owned passenger motor vehicles,
11 pickup trucks, or vans between their official work stations and
12 their homes, who are not required to reimburse the State for
13 these trips.

14"

15 16 **DOA LEASE LAKE WHEELER FIELD LAB PROPERTY TO USDA**

17 **SECTION 20.10.** The Department of Administration (Department) may lease to the
18 United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service (USDA ARS), for
19 nominal monetary consideration, up to 15 acres of real property owned by the State and allocated
20 to North Carolina State University as part of the University's Lake Wheeler Field Lab in the City
21 of Raleigh near the intersection of Lake Wheeler Road and Inwood Road. The lease may be for
22 a term of up to 40 years, including renewals, and may permit the construction, as well as the use
23 and operation, by USDA ARS of an interdisciplinary plant research facility and related
24 improvements to facilitate, encourage, and strengthen collaboration with university researchers
25 in related fields. The lease shall provide that USDA ARS shall be responsible for all costs related
26 to the construction, use, and operation of the facility. Notwithstanding the provisions of
27 G.S. 146-29.1, the lease shall be effective upon execution and the satisfaction of any conditions
28 precedent to its effectiveness stated in the lease. The Department shall comply with the reporting
29 requirements of G.S. 146-29(c) prior to entering or renewing any lease under this section.

30 31 **PART XXI. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

32 33 **OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS/USE OF FUNDS FOR HUMAN** 34 **RELATIONS SPECIALIST POSITION**

35 **SECTION 21.1.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Office of Administrative
36 Hearings for a new Human Relations Specialist position, the sum of two thousand five hundred
37 dollars (\$2,500) in FY 2021-22 may be used for start-up costs, including the purchase of furniture
38 and other necessary equipment.

39 40 **PART XXII. AUDITOR [RESERVED]**

41 42 **PART XXIII. BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT**

43 44 **EVIDENCE-BASED GRANTS**

45 **SECTION 23.1.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Office of State Budget
46 and Management (OSBM), the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in nonrecurring
47 funds in each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be used to provide grants to State
48 agencies to, in partnership with research institutions, evaluate the outcomes of one or more
49 programs administered by the State agency. OSBM shall develop guidelines and procedures for
50 the administration and distribution of these funds to State agencies through a competitive process
51 and shall, by June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, submit reports on the administration and use of

1 the funds to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government and the Fiscal
2 Research Division. Each report shall include the following information:

- 3 (1) The criteria used by OSBM to evaluate applications from State agencies for
4 grant funds.
- 5 (2) The number of applications received.
- 6 (3) The number of applications accepted and rejected.
- 7 (4) The names of the research institutions that partnered with State agencies to
8 conduct evaluations of State program outcomes.
- 9 (5) The name of each State agency program that was evaluated and a description
10 of the program.
- 11 (6) The amount of funds spent for each evaluation.
- 12 (7) A description of the data used to perform the evaluation and the evaluation
13 methodology.
- 14 (8) The findings of each evaluation conducted in the fiscal year.

15 16 **NCPRO/EXTENSION OF OPERATIONS**

17 **SECTION 23.2.** Section 4.3 of S.L. 2020-4, as amended by Section 3.5 of S.L.
18 2021-1, reads as rewritten:

19 "**SECTION 4.3.(a)** OSBM shall establish a temporary North Carolina Pandemic Recovery
20 Office (Office) to oversee and coordinate funds made available under COVID-19 Recovery
21 Legislation. This Office shall also provide technical assistance and ensure coordination of federal
22 funds received by State agencies and local governments and ensure proper reporting and
23 accounting of all funds. The authorization set forth in this section expires on ~~December 31, 2021,~~
24 June 30, 2023, and the Office shall cease to operate upon expiration of the authorization."
25

26 **LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

27 **SECTION 23.3.** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery
28 Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management, Pandemic Recovery Office, the sum of
29 thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall be
30 allocated equally to the North Carolina League of Municipalities, North Carolina Association of
31 County Commissioners, and North Carolina Association of Regional Councils of Government to
32 provide guidance and technical assistance to units of local government in the administration of
33 funds from the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, as established in Section 2.6 of S.L. 2021-25.
34

35 **FUNDING FOR STATE RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES**

36 **SECTION 23.4.** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery
37 Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management, Pandemic Recovery Office, the sum of ten
38 million dollars (\$10,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall be
39 allocated to the American Indian tribes named in Chapter 71A of the General Statutes. The funds
40 shall be allocated based on the number of members enrolled in the tribes on July 1, 2021.
41

42 **PART XXIV. BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT – SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS**

43 44 **SYMPHONY CHALLENGE GRANT**

45 **SECTION 24.1.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Office of State Budget
46 and Management – Special Appropriations, the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in
47 recurring funds for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be allocated to the North
48 Carolina Symphony as provided in this section. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the
49 North Carolina Symphony raise at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in non-State funds for
50 the 2021-2022 fiscal year and nine million dollars (\$9,000,000) in non-State funds for the
51 2022-2023 fiscal year. The North Carolina Symphony cannot use funds transferred from the

1 organization's endowment to its operating budget to achieve the fundraising targets set out in
2 subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

3 **SECTION 24.1.(b)** For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the North Carolina Symphony
4 shall receive allocations from the Office of State Budget and Management as follows:

- 5 (1) Upon raising the initial sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in non-State
6 funding, the North Carolina Symphony shall receive the sum of six hundred
7 thousand dollars (\$600,000).
- 8 (2) Upon raising an additional sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in
9 non-State funding for a total amount of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) in
10 non-State funds, the North Carolina Symphony shall receive the sum of seven
11 hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000).
- 12 (3) Upon raising an additional sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in
13 non-State funding for a total amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in
14 non-State funds, the North Carolina Symphony shall receive the final sum of
15 seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

16 **SECTION 24.1.(c)** For the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the North Carolina Symphony
17 shall receive allocations from the Office of State Budget and Management as follows:

- 18 (1) Upon raising the initial sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) in non-State
19 funding, the North Carolina Symphony shall receive the sum of six hundred
20 thousand dollars (\$600,000).
- 21 (2) Upon raising an additional sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in
22 non-State funding for a total amount of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in
23 non-State funds, the North Carolina Symphony shall receive the sum of seven
24 hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000).
- 25 (3) Upon raising an additional sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in
26 non-State funding for a total amount of nine million dollars (\$9,000,000) in
27 non-State funds, the North Carolina Symphony shall receive the final sum of
28 seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

30 REGISTER OF DEEDS GRANT PROGRAM

31 **SECTION 24.2.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Office of State Budget
32 and Management – Special Appropriations for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the sum of one hundred
33 thousand dollars (\$100,000) in nonrecurring funds shall be used to create a grant program for
34 county register of deeds offices. The Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) shall
35 administer the program and disburse grant funds as follows:

- 36 (1) County register of deeds offices shall apply for the funds in the manner
37 prescribed by OSBM.
- 38 (2) Applicants shall use grant funds for the preservation of historic records and
39 files. Allowable uses of the funds include, but are not limited to, document
40 restoration, reparation, deacidification, and placement in protected archival
41 binders.
- 42 (3) Funds may be used for document digitization only if the original documents
43 will continue to be maintained and preserved.
- 44 (4) The maximum grant amount to each office shall be one thousand dollars
45 (\$1,000). Additional grant funds shall be disbursed in a second round of
46 applications based on availability of funds. The maximum amount of the
47 second-round grants shall be determined by OSBM. The provisions of this
48 section shall apply if a second round of grants is administered.
- 49 (5) Grantees must provide a one hundred percent (100%) match for all grant funds
50 awarded.

PART XXV. CONTROLLER**OVERPAYMENT AUDITS**

SECTION 25.1.(a) During the 2021-2023 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 Reserve Account 24172 as required by G.S. 147-86.22(c).

SECTION 25.1.(b) Of the funds appropriated in this act from the Special Reserve Account 24172, and for each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of the funds shall be used by the Office of the State Controller for data processing, debt collection, or e-commerce costs.

SECTION 25.1.(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 Reserve Account 24172 and the disbursement of that revenue.

PART XXVI. ELECTIONS**PHASE OUT POSITIONS FUNDED WITH HAVA AND OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS**

SECTION 26.1.(a) The State Board of Elections shall, in coordination with the Office of State Budget and Management, develop and implement a plan to phase out 30 time-limited full-time positions that are currently funded with Help America Vote Act and other federal funds. Fifteen of the positions described in this section shall expire no later than June 30, 2022, and 15 shall expire no later than June 30, 2023. The full-time position of Chief Information Security Officer, authorized in S.L. 2018-5, shall not be phased out unless authorized by the General Assembly.

SECTION 26.1.(b) The State Board of Elections shall submit to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, the Senate Appropriations Committee on General Government and Information Technology, the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division:

- (1) No later than October 1, 2021, the phase-out plan required by subsection (a) of this section.
- (2) No later than August 1, 2022, an interim report on the implementation of the phase-out plan which shall include, for each of the initial 15 positions phased out, (i) the position title, (ii) the position number, and (iii) the total amount of funds, salary, and benefits being reduced.
- (3) No later than September 1, 2023, a final report on the implementation of the phase-out plan which shall include, for each of the remaining 15 positions phased out, (i) the position title, (ii) the position number, and (iii) the total amount of funds, salary, and benefits being reduced.

PART XXVII. GENERAL ASSEMBLY**FUNDING TO MITIGATE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FISCAL IMPACT ON LEGISLATURE**

SECTION 27.1. Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the General Assembly, the sum of twenty-one million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$21,800,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be used for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) Two million three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,350,000) for premium pay and bonuses for essential workers.

- 1 (2) Eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) for staff resources dedicated to support
2 legislative activities, including research and analysis, developing and drafting
3 legislation, monitoring spending and compliance with State and federal
4 requirements, and related activities.
- 5 (3) Four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) for replacing revenue lost by
6 legislative food services due to the negative impact of the COVID-19
7 pandemic.
- 8 (4) Eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for making broadband and other
9 information technology improvements in the legislative complex and for
10 making improvements in the functionality of committee rooms.

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12 **PART XXVIII. GOVERNOR [RESERVED]**

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14 **PART XXIX. HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY**

15
16 **STUDY MODIFYING QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN AND PILOT PROGRAM**
17 **FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

18 **SECTION 29.1.(a)** The Housing Finance Agency (hereinafter "Agency") shall study
19 potential modifications to the amenities policies in the Qualified Allocation Plan it uses to
20 establish selection criteria and application requirements for housing credits to allow for siting of
21 development projects in high-opportunity neighborhoods, downtowns, and other areas and the
22 rehabilitation or renovation of historic properties. In conducting the study, the Agency shall, at a
23 minimum, consider all of the following:

- 24 (1) Eliminating or deprioritizing and redefining the "shopping," "grocery," and
25 "pharmacy" categories in the amenity scoring model to include a more diverse
26 range of retail and commercial businesses, including locally owned
27 businesses.
- 28 (2) Eliminating the distinction between primary and secondary amenities in the
29 scoring model.
- 30 (3) Establishing a threshold score to include amenities and measures of
31 opportunity.
- 32 (4) Removing the cap on construction costs for historic rehabilitation projects.
- 33 (5) Using best practices from programs in other states.

34 **SECTION 29.1.(b)** No later than July 1, 2022, the Agency shall submit the results
35 of the study required by subsection (a) of this section, and any proposed modifications to the
36 amenities policies in the Qualified Allocation Plan, to the North Carolina Federal Tax Reform
37 Allocation Committee (hereinafter "Committee"), established pursuant to Article 51B of Chapter
38 143 of the General Statutes, and the Fiscal Research Division. The Committee may propose any
39 recommended modifications resulting from the study as part of the 2023 Qualified Allocation
40 Plan.

41 **SECTION 29.1.(c)** In the 2022 and 2023 housing credit award cycle, the Agency
42 shall set aside ten percent (10%) of the State's federal tax credit allocation for low-income
43 housing for (i) development projects located within 1 mile of a municipality's downtown and (ii)
44 historic property rehabilitation or renovation projects located anywhere in the State. If, in either
45 the 2022 or 2023 award cycle, the tax credits are not allocated as a result of a lack of eligible
46 projects under this subsection, the Agency shall, in that same award cycle, reallocate the unused
47 tax credits to eligible developers of projects that do not meet the criteria provided in (i) and (ii)
48 of this subsection.

49 **SECTION 29.1.(d)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Agency, the sum of
50 three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) in nonrecurring funds for each year of
51 the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be used by the Agency to make loans to developers of

1 low-income housing who also receive a share of the State's federal tax credit allocation for
2 low-income housing set aside as required by subsection (c) of this section. The amount of the
3 loans shall be based on the income level of the county in which the property is being developed.
4 The loan funds shall be used by developers for low-income housing development projects
5 described in subsection (c) of this section.

6 **SECTION 29.1.(e)** For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

- 7 (1) Downtown. – An area of a municipality that has been zoned a "central
8 business district," as that district is defined by the governing body of the
9 municipality, or an area that has been designated a municipal service district
10 pursuant to Article 23 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.
11 (2) Historic property. – A building or structure (i) designated as a local historic
12 landmark, (ii) listed in the National Register of Historic Places, (iii) located in
13 a locally designated historic district, (iv) located in a historic district listed in
14 the National Register of Historic Places, (v) named on the North Carolina
15 study list for the National Register of Historic Places, or (vi) otherwise
16 deemed eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
17

18 BUDGETING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

19 **SECTION 29.2.(a)** Chapter 122A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
20 new section to read:

21 "§ 122A-16.1. Budgeting requirements.

22 In addition to the requirements set forth in G.S. 143C-3-3 and G.S. 143C-3-5, the Agency
23 shall include in the report required under G.S. 122A-16 a recommended base budget for
24 operations of, and programs administered by, the Agency showing accounting detail
25 corresponding to the Agency budget recommendation for each budget code and purpose or
26 program. The recommended base budget required under this subsection shall meet all of the
27 following requirements:

- 28 (1) Employ the North Carolina Accounting System Uniform Chart of Accounts
29 adopted by the State Controller to show both uses and sources of funds by
30 line-item detail and shall display in separate parallel columns all of the
31 following: (i) actual expenditures and receipts for the most recent fiscal year
32 for which actual information is available, (ii) the certified budget for the
33 preceding fiscal year, (iii) the currently authorized budget for the preceding
34 fiscal year, (iv) program base budget requirements for the upcoming fiscal
35 year, (v) proposed expenditures and receipts for the upcoming fiscal year, and
36 (vi) proposed increases and decreases.
37 (2) Identify all budget and fund code titles.
38 (3) Include accurate projections of receipts, expenditures, and fund balances.
39 Estimated receipts, including federal funds, shall be adjusted to reflect actual
40 collections from the previous fiscal year, unless there is a more reasonable
41 basis upon which to accurately project receipts. Revenue and expenditure
42 detail provided in the Budget Support Document shall be no less detailed than
43 the two-digit level in the North Carolina Accounting System Uniform Chart
44 of Accounts as prescribed by the State Controller.
45 (4) Clearly identify all proposed expenditures supported by existing or proposed
46 appropriations, including statutory appropriations.
47 (5) Include a list of budget adjustments made during the prior fiscal year that are
48 included in the proposed base budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The list of
49 budget adjustments shall identify the revision number, revision type, revision
50 title, the purpose or programs affected, the amount of funds moving between
51 the purpose or programs, and the justification for the adjustment."

1 **SECTION 29.2.(b)** G.S. 143C-1-1(b) reads as rewritten:

2 "(b) The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to every State agency, unless specifically
3 exempted herein, and to every non-State entity that receives or expends any State funds. No State
4 agency or non-State entity shall expend any State funds except in accordance with an act of
5 appropriation and the requirements of this Chapter. Except for the provisions set forth in
6 G.S. 143C-3-3 and G.S. 143C-3-5, the provisions of Chapter 122A of the General Statutes shall
7 continue to apply to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency created under Chapter 122A of
8 the General Statutes and to control its expenditures and, in the event of a conflict with the sections
9 of this Chapter other than G.S. 143C-3-3 and G.S. 143C-3-5, the provisions of Chapter 122A of
10 the General Statutes shall control. The provisions of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes shall
11 continue to apply to the General Assembly and to control its expenditures and in the event of a
12 conflict with this Chapter, the provisions of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes shall control.
13 Nothing in this Chapter abrogates or diminishes the inherent power of the legislative, executive,
14 or judicial branch."

15 **SECTION 29.2.(c)** G.S. 143C-3-3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 "**(f)** Applicability to Housing Finance Agency. – The provisions of this section apply to
17 the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency created under Chapter 122A of the General Statutes.
18 Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the Housing Finance Agency to receive
19 approval for the exercise of any of the powers granted by Chapter 122A of the General Statutes."

20 **SECTION 29.2.(d)** G.S. 143C-3-5(d) reads as rewritten:

21 "(d) Funds Included in Budget. – Consistent with requirements of the North Carolina
22 Constitution, Article 5, Section 7(1), the Governor's Recommended State Budget, together with
23 the Recommended Base Budget and Recommended Capital Improvements Budget Support
24 Document, shall include recommended expenditures of State funds from all Governmental and
25 Proprietary Funds, as those funds are described in G.S. 143C-1-3, and all funds established for
26 (i) The University of North Carolina and its constituent institutions that are subject to this
27 Chapter. Chapter and (ii) the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency created under Chapter
28 122A of the General Statutes that are appropriated from the State Treasury. Except where
29 provided otherwise by federal law, funds received from the federal government become State
30 funds when deposited in the State treasury and shall be classified and accounted for in the
31 Governor's budget recommendations no differently than funds from other sources. Nothing in
32 this section shall be construed as requiring the Housing Finance Agency to receive approval for
33 the exercise of any of the powers granted by Chapter 122A of the General Statutes."

34 **SECTION 29.2.(e)** G.S. 122A-16 reads as rewritten:

35 "**§ 122A-16. Oversight by committees of General Assembly; annual reports; report; audit;**
36 **construction of Chapter.**

37 **(a)** Oversight. – The Finance Committee of the House of Representatives and
38 Representatives, the Finance Committee of the Senate-Senate, and the Joint Legislative Oversight
39 Committee on General Government shall exercise continuing oversight of the Agency in order
40 to assure that the Agency is effectively fulfilling its statutory purpose; provided, however, that
41 nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as required by the Agency to receive legislative
42 approval for the exercise of any of the powers granted by this Chapter.purpose.

43 **(b)** Comprehensive Report. – The Agency shall, promptly following the close of each
44 fiscal year, on or before December 1 of each year, submit an annual comprehensive report of its
45 activities for the preceding year to the Governor, the Office of State Budget and Management,
46 State Auditor, the aforementioned committees of the General Assembly and the Local
47 Government Commission. Each such Commission, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
48 on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division. The comprehensive report required
49 under this subsection shall set forth a complete operating and financial statement of the Agency
50 during such year; include at least all of the following:

51 (1) The goals and objectives of each program administered by the Agency.

1 (2) The number and types of activities funded by the Agency.

2 (3) The number of individuals or families served for each program administered
3 by the Agency.

4 (4) The information required under G.S. 45-104, 122A-5.14, 122A-5.15,
5 122A-16.1, and Section 20.1 of S.L. 2005-276.

6 (c) Audit. – The Agency shall cause an audit of its books and accounts to be made at least
7 once in each year by an independent certified public accountant and the cost thereof may be paid
8 from any available moneys of the Agency. ~~The Agency shall on January 1 and July 1 of each~~
9 ~~year submit a written report of its activities to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental~~
10 ~~Operations. The Agency shall also at the end of each fiscal year submit a written report of its~~
11 ~~budget expenditures by line item to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental~~
12 ~~Operations.~~

13 (d) Construction. – Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as requiring the Agency to
14 receive legislative approval for the exercise of any of the powers granted by this Chapter."

15 **SECTION 29.2.(f)** Section 20.1(a) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

16 "**SECTION 20.1.(a)** Funds appropriated in this act to the Housing Finance Agency for the
17 federal HOME Program shall be used to match federal funds appropriated for the HOME
18 Program. In allocating State funds appropriated to match federal HOME Program funds, the
19 Agency shall give priority to HOME Program projects, as follows:

20 (1) First priority to projects that are located in counties designated as Tier One,
21 Tier Two, or Tier Three Enterprise Counties under G.S. 105-129.3; and

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

26 ~~The As part of the report required under G.S. 122A-16, the Housing Finance Agency shall~~
27 ~~report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations by April 1 of each year~~
28 ~~concerning on the status of the HOME Program and shall include in the report information on~~
29 ~~priorities met, types of activities funded, and types of activities not funded."~~

30 **SECTION 29.2.(g)** G.S. 45-104(f) reads as rewritten:

31 "(f) ~~The As part of the report required under G.S. 122A-16, the Housing Finance Agency~~
32 ~~shall report to the General Assembly describing on the operation of the program established by~~
33 ~~this act not later than May 1 of each year until the funds are completely disbursed from the State~~
34 ~~Home Foreclosure Prevention Trust Fund. Information in the report shall be presented in~~
35 ~~aggregate form and may include the number of clients helped, the effectiveness of the funds in~~
36 ~~preventing home foreclosure, recommendations for further efforts needed to reduce foreclosures,~~
37 ~~and provide any other aggregated information the Housing Finance Agency determines is~~
38 ~~pertinent or that the General Assembly requests."~~

39 **SECTION 29.2.(h)** G.S. 122A-5.14(d) reads as rewritten:

40 "(d) Annual Report. – ~~By April 1 of each year, the As part of the report required under~~
41 ~~G.S. 122A-16, the Agency shall report to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on General~~
42 ~~Government and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Information~~
43 ~~Technology on the effectiveness of the Program in accomplishing its purposes and provide any~~
44 ~~other information the Agency determines is pertinent or that the General Assembly requests."~~

45 **SECTION 29.2.(i)** G.S. 122A-5.15(d) reads as rewritten:

46 "(d) ~~By February 1 of each year, the As part of the report required under G.S. 122A-16,~~
47 ~~the Agency shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and~~
48 ~~the Fiscal Research Division on the number of loans made under this section, the amount of each~~
49 ~~loan, and whether the low-income housing development is located in a low-, moderate-, or~~
50 ~~high-income county, as designated by the Agency."~~

1 **SECTION 29.2.(j)** Subsections (b) through (d) of this section become effective July
2 1, 2021, and apply beginning with the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Subsections (b) and (c) of
3 G.S. 122A-16, as amended by subsection (e) of this section, and subsections (f) through (i) of
4 this section become effective July 1, 2021, and apply to reports due on or after that date. The
5 remainder of this section becomes effective July 1, 2021.

6
7 **STATE HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND**

8 **SECTION 29.3.(a)** The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency shall establish and
9 administer the State Homeowner Assistance Fund (Fund) to mitigate financial hardships
10 associated with the COVID-19 pandemic by providing funds for qualified expenses to eligible
11 homeowners for the purpose of preventing mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, loss
12 of utilities or home energy services, and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial
13 hardship after January 21, 2020. The Agency shall do all of the following:

- 14 (1) Develop and submit a plan for the use of federal Housing Assistance Fund
15 (HAF) funding in accordance with the guidelines established by the United
16 States Department of the Treasury (Treasury).
- 17 (2) Upon submission of the plan described in subdivision (1) of this subsection,
18 submit a copy of the plan to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
19 General Government, the Senate Appropriations Committee on General
20 Government and Information Technology, the House of Representatives
21 Appropriations Committee on General Government, and the Fiscal Research
22 Division.
- 23 (3) Promptly notify the entities listed in subdivision (2) of this section upon
24 receipt of decisions from the Treasury approving the plan, making
25 recommendations to improve weaknesses in the plan prior to its approval, or
26 any other decisions involving the receipt of federal funds for the purposes
27 described in this section, including the schedule of disbursements of federal
28 funds.
- 29 (4) Prior to adopting or amending procedures for administering the Fund, (i)
30 publish the proposed procedures in the North Carolina Register at least 30
31 days prior to the adoption of the final procedures, (ii) accept oral and written
32 comments on the proposed procedures, and (iii) hold at least one public
33 hearing on the proposed procedures. For purposes of this section, the Agency
34 is exempt from the requirements of Article 2A of Chapter 150B of the General
35 Statutes.
- 36 (5) Allocate or expend funds from the Fund only in accordance with section 3206
37 of the American Rescue Plan Act (the HAF Statute) and the Guidance for the
38 Homeowner Assistance Fund issued by the Treasury on April 14, 2021, as
39 amended from time to time, and any other guidance issued by the Treasury
40 regarding the HAF.
- 41 (6) Beginning in 2022, on or before March 1 and September 1, and on those dates
42 in each year thereafter until the federal HAF funds are fully expended, report
43 to the entities listed in subdivision (2) of this section for each program
44 administered under the Fund by providing, at a minimum, all of the following:
 - 45 a. An overview and description of program goals.
 - 46 b. The date the program was established and the duration of the program.
 - 47 c. The program's target population and geographic area.
 - 48 d. Homeowner eligibility requirements.
 - 49 e. The number of participating homeowners, type and amount of
50 assistance provided to those homeowners, and the duration of the
51 assistance.

- 1 f. Progress in meeting program goals to date.
2 g. Interaction with other programs administered under the Fund.
3 h. Agency planning and administrative costs, sorted by type, including
4 staffing, fixed costs, contracts, and information technology.
5 i. Total of federal HAF funds spent to date, amount obligated, and
6 amount unobligated.

7 **SECTION 29.3.(b)** This section expires on September 30, 2025, unless the period
8 of performance under the federal HAF program is amended or extended by federal law.
9

10 **WORKFORCE HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM/REVOLVING LOANS**

11 **SECTION 29.4.1.(a)** G.S. 122A-5.15 reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 122A-5.15. Workforce Housing Loan Program.**

13 (a) The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency shall establish and administer the
14 Workforce Housing Loan Program for the purpose of making revolving loans for qualified
15 low-income housing development in the State. Funds appropriated to the North Carolina Housing
16 Trust Fund for the Workforce Housing Loan Program shall be used by the Agency only as
17 provided in this section.

18"

19 **SECTION 29.4.1.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

20 **SECTION 29.4.2.** Unless otherwise prohibited by federal law or guidelines, loans
21 made from the Workforce Housing Loan Program using funds appropriated to the Program from
22 the State Fiscal Recovery Fund shall be repaid to the Program for the purpose of making
23 revolving loans as authorized by G.S. 122A-5.15.
24

25 **PART XXX. INSURANCE**

26 **REGULATORY FEE & INSURANCE REGULATORY FUND**

27 **SECTION 30.1.(a)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 58-6-25(b), the
28 percentage rate to be used in calculating the insurance regulatory charge under G.S. 58-6-25(b)
29 is five percent (5%) for the 2022 calendar year.

30 **SECTION 30.1.(b)** G.S. 58-6-25 reads as rewritten:

31 **"§ 58-6-25. Insurance regulatory charge.**

32 ...

33 (b) Rates. – The rate of the charge for each taxable year shall be six and one-half percent
34 (6.5%). When the Department prepares its budget request for each upcoming fiscal year, the
35 Department shall propose a percentage rate of the charge levied in this section. The Governor
36 shall submit that proposed rate to the General Assembly each fiscal year. It is the intent of the
37 General Assembly ~~(i)~~ that the percentage rate not exceed the rate necessary to generate funds
38 sufficient to defray the estimated cost of the operations of the Department for each upcoming
39 fiscal year, including a reasonable margin for a reserve fund, ~~and (ii) that the amount of the~~
40 ~~reserve not exceed one-third of the estimated cost of operating the Department for each upcoming~~
41 ~~fiscal year.~~ that shall be used to provide for unanticipated expenditures requiring a budget
42 adjustment as authorized by G.S. 143C-6-4. In calculating the amount of the reserve, the General
43 Assembly shall consider all relevant factors that may affect the cost of operating the Department
44 or a possible unanticipated increase or decrease in North Carolina premiums or other charge
45 revenue.
46

47 ...

48 (d) Use of Proceeds. – The Insurance Regulatory Fund is created ~~in the State treasury,~~
49 ~~under the control of the Office of State Budget and Management. The~~ as an interest-bearing
50 special fund to which the proceeds of the charge levied in this section and all fees collected under
51 Articles 69 through 71 of this Chapter and under Articles 9 and 9C of Chapter 143 of the General

1 Statutes shall be ~~credited to the Fund. The Fund shall be placed in an interest bearing account~~
2 ~~and any interest or other income derived from the Fund shall be credited to the Fund. credited.~~
3 Moneys in the Fund may be spent only pursuant to appropriation by the General Assembly
4 Assembly, and in accordance with the line item budget enacted by the General Assembly. The
5 the Fund is subject to the provisions of the State Budget Act, except that no unexpended surplus
6 of the Fund shall revert to the General Fund. Act. All money credited to the Fund shall be used
7 to reimburse the General Fund for the following:

8"
9

10 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT PROGRAM CHANGES

11 **SECTION 30.2.(a)** Grants Authorized. – Notwithstanding the provisions of
12 G.S. 58-87-1, the Commissioner of Insurance shall use funds from the Volunteer Fire
13 Department Fund to provide grants to eligible fire departments in accordance with this section.
14 The Commissioner may use up to one percent (1%) of the Fund for staff and resources to
15 administer the grant programs authorized by this section. For purposes of this section, the term
16 "eligible fire department" has the same meaning as in G.S. 58-87-1(b).

17 **SECTION 30.2.(b)** Base Allocation Grants. – Of the funds appropriated in this act
18 to the Department of Insurance, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the State Fiscal
19 Recovery Fund and the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in funds transferred to the
20 Volunteer Fire Department Fund pursuant to G.S. 105-228.5 shall be used to provide eligible fire
21 departments base allocation grants for purposes consistent with G.S. 58-87-1(a1)(3). An eligible
22 fire department may apply to the Commissioner and shall be awarded a base allocation of ten
23 thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to help mitigate the financial impact of
24 the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the department's ability to conduct fundraising and
25 generate revenue. Base allocations do not require a match and shall be made as soon as
26 practicable, but not later than August 1, 2021.

27 **SECTION 30.2.(c)** Supplemental Grants. – An eligible fire department may apply
28 to the Commissioner for a supplemental grant to be used to purchase equipment, make capital
29 improvements, and other related purposes outlined in G.S. 58-87-1(a1)(3). The grants shall be
30 awarded only during the 2021-2022 fiscal year, shall not exceed thirty-five thousand dollars
31 (\$35,000), and do not require a cash match. Grant funds shall be disbursed to eligible fire
32 departments in single lump sum payments. The Commissioner shall award and release grant
33 funds, as soon as practicable, and, to the extent possible, ensure an equitable distribution of grants
34 across the State.

35 **SECTION 30.2.(d)** Emergency Reserve Grants. – The Commissioner shall reserve
36 up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to
37 provide grants to eligible fire departments in the event of an emergency. For purposes of this
38 subsection, the term "emergency" has the same meaning as in G.S. 166A-19.3. Emergency
39 reserve grants shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and shall be used for purposes
40 consistent with G.S. 58-87-1(a1)(3). Any unspent funds remaining in the emergency reserve on
41 June 30 of each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall revert to the Volunteer Fire
42 Department Fund. If an eligible fire department is awarded an emergency reserve grant and
43 thereafter receives a monetary settlement from its insurance carrier for the same loss or damages
44 for which the grant was awarded, the fire department shall reimburse the State for the amount of
45 the grant.

46 **SECTION 30.2.(e)** Report. – Within 60 days after all grants have been awarded
47 under this section, the Commissioner shall submit a written report to the Senate Appropriations
48 Committee on General Government and Information Technology, the House of Representatives
49 Appropriations Committee on General Government, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
50 on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division which shall be posted on the
51 Department of Insurance's website and shall contain all of the following:

- 1 (1) For base allocation grants under subsection (b) of this section, the total number
2 of grants awarded.
- 3 (2) For supplemental grants under subsection (c) of this section:
 - 4 a. The total number of grants awarded, the average amount of the grants
5 awarded, and the range of the amounts of the grants awarded.
 - 6 b. A description of the types of purchases made using grant funds and the
7 other ways in which grant funds were used.
- 8 (3) For emergency reserve grants under subsection (d) of this section:
 - 9 a. A list of the eligible fire departments that were awarded grants.
 - 10 b. The amount of the grant award to each eligible fire department.
 - 11 c. A description of the emergency for which grant funds were awarded.

13 **WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND EMS/RESCUE** 14 **WORKERS**

15 **SECTION 30.3.** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 58-87-10, for the
16 2021-2022 fiscal year and the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the State Fire and Rescue Commission shall
17 not set an amount to be paid by every eligible unit and eligible entity, as those terms are defined
18 in G.S. 58-87-10(a), that elects to participate in the Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund) created
19 pursuant to G.S. 58-87-10(b). For the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the 2022-2023 fiscal year, no
20 eligible unit or eligible entity shall be required to submit to the State Fire and Rescue Commission
21 any payment to participate in the Fund.

23 **PART XXXI. INSURANCE – INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION [RESERVED]**

25 **PART XXXII. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR [RESERVED]**

27 **PART XXXIII. MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

29 **ASSESSMENT OF AND LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING FOR VETERANS**

30 **SECTION 33.1.(a)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143B-1293, of the funds
31 appropriated in this act to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (Department), the
32 sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022
33 fiscal year shall be used by the Department, in consultation with the Department of Health and
34 Human Services (DHHS), to assess the long-term care needs of veterans across the State for the
35 purpose of developing a plan to guide the State in enhancing long-term care and other services
36 for veterans. The assessment and plan shall incorporate the following principles and objectives:

- 37 (1) Use State-specific veterans' demographic information, including the
38 geographical distribution of veterans across the State.
- 39 (2) Allow for the fact that the needs of veterans are complex and broader than the
40 traditional, institutional-based system of care.
- 41 (3) Take into account the needs of pre- and post-Gulf War veterans in planning
42 services and support.
- 43 (4) Incorporate the presence and location of current State Veterans Homes, and
44 the services they provide, in a larger long-term system of care to meet the
45 needs of veterans in both rural and urban areas.
- 46 (5) Enhance and develop new partnerships, including with the existing nursing
47 home industry, to encourage and promote the location and certification of
48 nursing homes in target areas so that those facilities can qualify for
49 reimbursement from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 50 (6) Explore partnerships with a broader system of nursing homes across the State
51 to expand State resources.

- (7) Encourage partnerships of home- and community-based services with existing providers and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for enhanced services.
- (8) Evaluate State planning to explore financially feasible and sustainable options for meeting veterans' needs.
- (9) Evaluate current resources by determining programmatic approaches to avoid new construction of State veterans' homes.
- (10) Consider alternate models of care prior to expanding veterans nursing homes.

SECTION 33.1.(b) To lead the assessment and develop the plan required by this section, the Department shall issue a request for proposals for an independent consultant with subject matter expertise in the field of long-term care planning for veterans. The provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes shall apply to this subsection.

SECTION 33.1.(c) The Department, in consultation with DHHS, shall issue a progress report on the implementation of this section no later than December 1, 2021, and April 1, 2022, and a final report, including the results of the assessment and the plan required by this section, no later than October 1, 2022, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, the Senate Appropriations Committee on General Government and Information Technology, the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division.

REPORT ON STATE VETERANS HOMES

SECTION 33.2. Part 10 of Article 14 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 143B-1301. Detailed annual report.

By March 1 of odd-numbered years and September 1 of even-numbered years, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, the Senate Appropriations Committee on General Government and Information Technology, the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division on the status of the State Veterans Homes program by providing a general overview of the State Veterans Homes and a specific description of each facility which shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- (1) Facility location and date opened, which shall be included in the first report only, unless the information has changed.
- (2) Services available, including specialty services offered.
- (3) Staffing levels, including resident-to-nursing ratios.
- (4) Partnerships with outside organizations and governments in delivery of services.
- (5) Average daily census.
- (6) Number of beds, by type.
- (7) Admission eligibility, admission by type, such as long-term care and rehabilitation, and admissions by referral.
- (8) Description of residents, including:
 - a. Demographics by age, race, ethnicity, and gender.
 - b. Resident's home county where domiciled prior to admission to facility.
 - c. Number of admissions, discharges, and deaths.
- (9) Results of resident and family satisfaction surveys.
- (10) Waiting list data, including average length of wait time and priority for admission.
- (11) Certification and quality rating by independent organizations and State and federal government.
- (12) Daily rate by payor, including Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Affairs, private pay, or any other source.

- 1 (13) Average out-of-pocket payment per resident.
2 (14) State administrative costs, sorted by type, including staffing, fixed costs,
3 facility operation, and maintenance.
4 (15) Total receipts collected, by source, including Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans
5 Affairs, private pay, or any other source."
6

7 SERVICES FOR VETERANS

8 **SECTION 33.3.(a)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143B-1293, of the funds
9 appropriated in this act to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the sum of one
10 million dollars (\$1,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be
11 allocated as a directed grant to Purple Hearts Homes, Inc., to provide personalized housing
12 solutions for service-connected disabled veterans and their families. These funds shall be
13 distributed equally to the Charlotte office, Piedmont Chapter, High Country Chapter, and North
14 Wake Chapter. By September 1, 2023, Purple Heart Homes, Inc., shall provide a report to the
15 Senate Appropriations Committee on General Government and Information Technology, the
16 House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on General Government, the Joint
17 Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division on
18 the use of these funds, including the number of individuals served and the type of services
19 provided to those individuals.

20 **SECTION 33.3.(b)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143B-1293, of the funds
21 appropriated in this act to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the sum of five
22 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall
23 be allocated as a directed grant to Veterans Life Center, a nonprofit organization, for the Veterans
24 Life Center located in Butner, North Carolina. By September 1, 2022, Veterans Life Center shall
25 report to the Senate Appropriations Committee on General Government and Information
26 Technology, the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on General Government,
27 the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and the Fiscal Research
28 Division on the use of these funds, including the number of individuals served and the type of
29 services provided to those individuals.
30

31 REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF WARTIME VETERANS

32 **SECTION 33.4.** Part 2 of Article 14 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is
33 amended by adding a new section to read:

34 **"§ 143B-1228. Report on scholarships.**

35 By September 1 of each year, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall report
36 to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, the Senate Appropriations
37 Committee on General Government and Information Technology, the House of Representatives
38 Appropriations Committee on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division the
39 following data on the Scholarships for Children of Wartime Veterans program:

- 40 (1) Description of the scholarship program, by year, including statutory
41 establishment, purpose, and eligibility.
42 (2) Number of scholarships awarded, by year, beginning with the 2017-2018
43 fiscal year, and sorted by:
44 a. Number of full-time students receiving scholarships and grouped by
45 public, private, and community colleges.
46 b. Number of new applicants for scholarships.
47 c. Number of new scholarship awards offered, denied, and accepted.
48 d. Range and average amount of scholarships awarded.
49 e. Actual amount of award provided.
50 f. Scholarship awards offered and accepted by county.

- 1 g. Total expenditures for scholarship awards classified by source,
 2 including State funds and Escheats Fund.
 3 h. Total costs of administering the scholarship program."
 4

5 PART XXXIV. REVENUE

7 TAX COLLECTION ASSISTANCE FEE/SPECIAL FUND

8 SECTION 34.1. G.S. 105-243.1 reads as rewritten:

9 "§ 105-243.1. Collection of tax debts.

10 ...

11 (e) Use. – ~~The fee is a receipt of the Department and must be applied to the costs of~~
 12 ~~collecting and reducing the incidence of overdue tax debts. The proceeds of the fee must be~~
 13 ~~credited to a special account within the Department and may be expended only as provided in~~
 14 ~~this subsection. The proceeds of the fee may not be used for any purpose that is not directly and~~
 15 ~~primarily related to collecting and reducing the incidence of overdue tax debts. The Department~~
 16 ~~may apply the proceeds of the fee for the purposes listed in this subsection. The remaining~~
 17 ~~proceeds of the fee may be spent only pursuant to appropriation by the General Assembly. The~~
 18 ~~fee proceeds do not revert but remain in the special account until spent for the purposes listed in~~
 19 ~~this subsection. The Department and the Office of State Budget and Management must account~~
 20 ~~for all expenditures using accounting procedures that clearly distinguish costs allocable to the~~
 21 ~~purposes listed in this subsection from costs allocable to other purposes and must demonstrate~~
 22 ~~that none of the fee proceeds are used for any other purpose.~~pursuant to appropriation by the
 23 General Assembly.

24 The Department may apply the fee proceeds for the following purposes:

- 25 (1) ~~To pay (i) contractors for collecting overdue tax debts under subsection (b) of~~
 26 ~~this section and (ii) auditors responsible for identifying overdue tax debts.~~
 27 (2) ~~To pay the fee the United States Department of the Treasury charges for setoff~~
 28 ~~to recover tax owed to North Carolina.~~
 29 (3) ~~To pay for taxpayer locator services, not to exceed three hundred fifty~~
 30 ~~thousand dollars (\$350,000) a year.~~
 31 (4) ~~To pay for postage or other delivery charges for correspondence directly and~~
 32 ~~primarily relating to collecting overdue tax debts, not to exceed seven hundred~~
 33 ~~fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) a year.~~
 34 (5) ~~To pay for operating expenses for Project Collection Tax and the Taxpayer~~
 35 ~~Assistance Call Center.~~
 36 (6) ~~To pay for expenses of the Examination and Collection Division directly and~~
 37 ~~primarily relating to collecting overdue tax debts.~~
 38 (7) ~~To pay the direct and indirect expenses of information technology upgrades~~
 39 ~~to the Department of Revenue computer systems that are intended to upgrade~~
 40 ~~Department of Revenue capabilities to (i) allow for electronic filing of returns~~
 41 ~~by taxpayers and the electronic issuance of refunds by the Department for all~~
 42 ~~remaining tax schedules and (ii) accomplish other mission-critical information~~
 43 ~~technology tasks of the Department as approved by the Office of State Budget~~
 44 ~~and Management in consultation with the State CIO.~~

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47 COVID-19 PANDEMIC RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAMS

48 SECTION 34.2A.(a) Purpose; Use. – The purpose of this section is to use funds
 49 from the American Rescue Plan Act to provide financial support to businesses in the State that
 50 suffered substantial economic damage from the COVID-19 pandemic for which they were not
 51 otherwise fully compensated.

1 **SECTION 34.2A.(b)** JOBS Grant Program. – There is created the Job Opportunity
2 and Business Saving Grant Program (the Program) to be administered by the Department of
3 Revenue. The Department may provide a one-time grant for each award amount to a qualifying
4 business. Each grant awarded under the Program must include a description of the award amount
5 used to calculate the grant. The Department's grant determinations are final.

6 **SECTION 34.2A.(c)** Grant Amount. – The grant amount a qualifying business may
7 receive per award amount is equal to seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of the award amount,
8 not to exceed eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$18,750).

9 **SECTION 34.2A.(d)** Grant Program Limits. – The total of all funds granted under
10 the Program, including the amount the Department of Revenue may use for administration of the
11 Program, may not exceed the sum of one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) plus any amount used
12 for the Program pursuant to Section 34.2C(a) of this act.

13 **SECTION 34.2A.(e)** Automatic Award. – The Department of Revenue shall use
14 currently available data from the Department, the Small Business Administration, and any other
15 available sources to identify qualifying businesses in this State that have been approved for an
16 award amount on or before June 30, 2021. The Department must award a grant under this
17 subsection to the last known address of an identified qualifying business for each ascertainable
18 award amount by September 30, 2021.

19 **SECTION 34.2A.(f)** Initial Application; Award. – A qualifying business that was
20 approved for an award amount on or before June 30, 2021, but does not receive a grant under
21 subsection (e) of this section by September 30, 2021, for that award amount may apply to the
22 Department of Revenue for a grant on a form prescribed by the Department. The applicant must
23 include any supporting documentation required by the Department, and the Department must
24 confirm that the applicant did not previously receive a grant under the Program for the applicable
25 award amount. Grants will be paid on a rolling basis to qualifying businesses that submit their
26 applications on or before November 19, 2021.

27 **SECTION 34.2A.(g)** Secondary Application; Award. – If the limit under subsection
28 (d) of this section has not been met by December 31, 2021, the Department of Revenue must
29 reopen the Program for additional applications. A qualifying business that was approved for an
30 award amount but did not receive a grant for that award amount under subsection (e) or (f) of this
31 section may file an application with the Department to receive a grant under this subsection. The
32 applicant must include any supporting documentation required by the Department, and the
33 Department must confirm that the applicant did not previously receive a grant under the Program
34 for the applicable award amount. The application must be filed with the Department on or before
35 February 18, 2022. The Department may not accept late applications. The Department may not
36 award grants under this subsection until the application deadline has passed. If the total amount
37 to be awarded for applications submitted pursuant to this subsection, when added to the amounts
38 awarded under subsections (e) and (f) of this section, exceeds the maximum amount of funds
39 available under subsection (d) of this section, the Department must reduce each grant awarded
40 under this subsection on a proportionate basis so the maximum amount is not exceeded. The
41 Department must award grants under this subsection as soon as practicable after the application
42 deadline has passed.

43 **SECTION 34.2A.(h)** Clawback. – For grants awarded under the Program pursuant
44 to an application, the Department shall require a business to apply, under oath, on a form
45 prescribed by the Department that includes (i) a certification that the business was approved for
46 the applicable award amount, (ii) a certification that the business will promptly inform the
47 Department of any reduction or recapture of the award amount and return any grant amount
48 calculated on the reduced or recaptured award amount, and (iii) any information necessary for
49 the Department to evaluate the application. The Department shall include with every grant
50 awarded under the Program a notice that (i) the award must be returned or forfeited by a business
51 to the extent the calculation of the award is premised on an award amount the qualifying business

1 did not receive or did receive that was subsequently recaptured and (ii) a business is responsible
2 for returning or forfeiting any amount improperly received.

3 **SECTION 34.2A.(i)** Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

4 (1) Award amount. – Amount awarded from any of the following:

5 a. COVID-19 Job Retention Program. – Defined in Section 4.2B of S.L.
6 2020-4, as enacted by Section 1.1(e) of S.L. 2020-80, as amended.

7 b. EIDL Advance. – An Economic Injury Disaster Loan Advance defined
8 in any of the following:

9 1. 15 U.S.C. § 9009(e).

10 2. Section 331 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small
11 Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, Title III of Division
12 N of Public Law 116–260.

13 3. Section 5002 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L.
14 117-2.

15 c. Paycheck Protection Program. – Defined in 15 U.S.C. § 636(a)(36).

16 d. Restaurant Revitalization Fund. – Defined in section 5003 of the
17 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2.

18 e. Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program. – Defined in section 324
19 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and
20 Venues Act, Title III of Division N of Public Law 116–260.

21 (2) Qualifying business. – A business that (i) listed a North Carolina address as
22 its business address on the application for an award amount and (ii) was
23 approved for that award amount.

24 **SECTION 34.2A.(j)** Outreach. – The Office of Historically Underutilized
25 Businesses, Department of Administration, is directed to inform and educate minority-owned
26 businesses that may be eligible to apply for the grants provided by the Program as soon as
27 practicable so they may have the opportunity to access the grants provided by it.

28 **SECTION 34.2A.(k)** Allocation of Funds for JOBS Grant Program. – Of the funds
29 appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Revenue, the
30 sum of one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year
31 is allocated for the JOBS Grant Program to be used as provided in this section. The Department
32 of Revenue may use up to one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the funds in this subsection for
33 the administration of the Program under this section. The Department shall remit any funds
34 remaining after disposition of all timely filed applications under subsection (g) of this section to
35 the Office of State Budget and Management which shall deposit the funds into the State Fiscal
36 Recovery Reserve. Amounts deposited into the Reserve under this section are receipts that do
37 not constitute an "appropriation made by law," as that phrase is used in Section 7(1) of Article V
38 of the North Carolina Constitution.

39 **SECTION 34.2A.(l)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

40 **SECTION 34.2B.(a)** Allocation of Funds for the Small Business Pandemic
41 Recovery Grant Program; Transfer to JOBS Grant Program. – Of the funds appropriated in this
42 act from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Revenue, the sum of five hundred
43 million dollars (\$500,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is allocated
44 for the Small Business Pandemic Recovery Grant Program to be used as provided in this section.
45 The Department of Revenue may use up to one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the funds
46 allocated in this subsection for the administration of this section. The Department shall use any
47 funds remaining after disposition of all timely filed applications under this section for the Job
48 Opportunity and Business Saving Grant Program as provided in Section 34.2A of this act.

49 **SECTION 34.2B.(b)** Purpose; Use. – The purpose of this section is to use funds
50 from the American Rescue Plan Act to aid small businesses in North Carolina that suffered

1 substantial economic damage from the COVID-19 pandemic for which they were not otherwise
2 compensated.

3 **SECTION 34.2B.(c)** Small Business Pandemic Recovery Grant Program. – There is
4 created the Small Business Pandemic Recovery Grant Program (Program) to be administered by
5 the Department of Revenue. The Department may provide one-time grants to a business that
6 suffered economic damage from the COVID-19 pandemic and meets the conditions of this
7 section.

8 **SECTION 34.2B.(d)** Eligibility. – A business is eligible for a grant under this
9 Program if it meets all of the following conditions:

- 10 (1) It is a small business.
- 11 (2) It demonstrates that its sales for the taxable year 2020 are at least twenty
12 percent (20%) below its sales for the taxable year 2019.
- 13 (3) It did not participate in a loan or grant program created or funded through the
14 CARES Act, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, or the American Rescue
15 Plan Act.

16 **SECTION 34.2B.(e)** Application. – A business must apply to the Department of
17 Revenue for a grant on a form prescribed by the Department and must include any supporting
18 documentation required by the Department. The application must be filed with the Department
19 on or before November 19, 2021. The Department may not accept late applications.

20 **SECTION 34.2B.(f)** Grant Amount. – The grant amount is equal to the applicant's
21 economic loss, not to exceed eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$18,750).

22 **SECTION 34.2B.(g)** Grant Program Limit. – The total of all funds granted under
23 this Program, including the amount the Department of Revenue may use for administration of
24 the Program, may not exceed five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000). The Department must
25 calculate the total amount of grants requested from the applications timely filed under subsection
26 (e) of this section. If the total amount of grants requested exceeds the maximum amount of funds
27 available under this subsection, the Department must reduce each grant award on a proportionate
28 basis. The Department's grant determinations based on applications timely filed are final.

29 **SECTION 34.2B.(h)** Clawback. – If a business receives a grant under this program
30 for which it is ineligible, the business forfeits the grant awarded under this section and is liable
31 for the amounts received.

32 **SECTION 34.2B.(i)** Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

- 33 (1) Business. – An entity subject to income tax under Article 4 of Chapter 105 of
34 the General Statutes.
- 35 (2) CARES Act. – The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security
36 Act, P.L. 116-136.
- 37 (3) Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. – The Consolidated Appropriations
38 Act of 2021, P.L. 116-260.
- 39 (4) Economic loss. – The economic damage experienced in connection with the
40 COVID-19 pandemic determined as the difference between the business's
41 sales for the taxable year 2020 and its sales for the taxable year 2019.
- 42 (5) Sales. – Defined in G.S. 105-130.4.
- 43 (6) Small business. – Defined in section 35.3 of 31 C.F.R. Part 35.

44 **SECTION 34.2B.(j)** Outreach. – The Office of Historically Underutilized
45 Businesses, Department of Administration, is directed to inform and educate minority-owned
46 businesses that may be eligible to apply for the grants provided by the Small Business Pandemic
47 Recovery Grant Program as soon as practicable so they may have the opportunity to access the
48 grants provided by it.

49 **SECTION 34.2B.(k)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

50 **SECTION 34.2C.(a)** G.S. 105-130.5(b) reads as rewritten:

1 "(b) The following deductions from federal taxable income shall be made in determining
2 State net income:

3 ...

4 (31a) To the extent included in federal taxable income, the amount received by a
5 taxpayer under the following:

6 a. The Job Opportunity and Business Saving Grant Program.

7 b. The Small Business Pandemic Recovery Grant Program."

8 **SECTION 34.2C.(b)** G.S. 105-153.5(b) reads as rewritten:

9 "(b) Other Deductions. – In calculating North Carolina taxable income, a taxpayer may
10 deduct from the taxpayer's adjusted gross income any of the following items that are included in
11 the taxpayer's adjusted gross income:

12 ...

13 (14a) The amount received by a taxpayer under the following:

14 a. The Job Opportunity and Business Saving Grant Program.

15 b. The Small Business Pandemic Recovery Grant Program."

16 **SECTION 34.2C.(c)** This section is effective for taxable years beginning on or after
17 January 1, 2021, and applies to amounts received by a taxpayer on or after that date.

18 **TAX FRAUD ANALYTICS**

19 **SECTION 34.3.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Revenue,
20 the sum of four million four hundred thousand dollars (\$4,400,000) in recurring funds for each
21 fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium shall be used to continue and expand the
22 Department's tax fraud analysis contract through the Government Data Analytics Center
23 (GDAC). These funds shall be used in each fiscal year to fund detection analytics, information
24 reporting, collections case management, collections optimization, managed services, and
25 technical infrastructure. The Department of Revenue shall continue to coordinate with the GDAC
26 and utilize the subject matter expertise and technical infrastructure available through existing
27 GDAC public-private partnerships for fraud detection and analytics infrastructure.

28 **PART XXXV. SECRETARY OF STATE [RESERVED]**

29 **PART XXXVI. TREASURER**

30 **IMPROVE SYSTEM FOR MONITORING THE FISCAL HEALTH OF LOCAL** 31 **GOVERNMENT UNITS**

32 **SECTION 36.1.(a)** The Department of State Treasurer, State and Local Government
33 Finance Division, in consultation with the Local Government Commission (hereinafter
34 "Commission"), shall evaluate the State's current system for monitoring the financial operations
35 of local government units (hereinafter "unit" or "units") and approving their requests to issue new
36 debt and amend current debt. For purposes of this section, the term "unit" has the same meaning
37 as in G.S. 159-7(b)(15). The Department shall develop a plan to transition to a system for
38 monitoring the financial operations of units that does all of the following:

39 (1) Uses a "value added" approach to reviewing the State's current practices and
40 policies.

41 (2) Directs current Commission staffing resources to the units in greatest need
42 and away from units with adequate governance, staff, resources, and technical
43 expertise.

44 (3) Implements a schedule of reporting to the Commission based on a unit's
45 financial health.

46 (4) Standardizes training of unit officials and staff, as deemed appropriate by the
47 Commission.
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- 1 (5) Authorizes the Commission to compel units to comply with Commission
2 directives.
3 (6) Incorporates a clear definition of the term "fiscal distress."
4 (7) Implements a new fiscal warning system for units at risk of fiscal distress.
5 (8) Expands the criteria and parameters for measuring a unit's fiscal health to
6 incorporate economic and demographic factors.
7 (9) Incorporates factors impacting a unit's fiscal health, including changes in
8 population, tax base, and business and economic indicators.

9 **SECTION 36.1.(b)** The Department shall submit an interim report on the
10 implementation of this section no later than December 15, 2021, and a final report and plan by
11 April 1, 2022, to the Joint Oversight Committee on General Government, Senate Appropriations
12 Committee on General Government and Information Technology, House Appropriations
13 Committee on General Government, and Fiscal Research Division. The reports shall contain any
14 recommendations for legislation deemed appropriate to implement the provisions of this section.
15

16 **ELIMINATE REPORT ON CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER**

17 **SECTION 36.2.** G.S. 147-69.3 reads as rewritten:

18 **"§ 147-69.3. Administration of State Treasurer's investment programs.**

19 ...
20 ~~(1) The State Treasurer shall report the incentive bonus paid to the Chief Investment~~
21 ~~Officer to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations by October 1 of each~~
22 ~~year.~~
23"
24

25 **PART XXXVII. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

26 **GENERAL GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

27 **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

28 **SECTION 37.1.(a)** G.S. 116D-4 reads as rewritten:

29 **"§ 116D-4. Minority and historically underutilized business participation.**

30 (a) Minority Business Participation. – The goals set by G.S. 143-128 for participation in
31 projects by minority businesses apply to projects funded by the proceeds of bonds or notes issued
32 under this section. The following State agencies shall monitor compliance with this requirement
33 and shall report to the ~~General Assembly~~ Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General
34 Government by January 1 of each year on the participation by minority businesses in these
35 projects. The State Construction Office, Department of Administration, shall monitor compliance
36 with regard to projects funded by the proceeds of university improvement general obligation
37 bonds and notes and special obligation bonds and notes; the Board of Governors of The
38 University of North Carolina shall provide the State Construction Office any information
39 required by the State Construction Office to monitor compliance. The Community Colleges
40 System Office shall monitor compliance with regard to projects funded by the proceeds of
41 community college general obligation bonds and notes.
42
43

44"

45 **SECTION 37.1.(b)** G.S. 143-48 reads as rewritten:

46 **"§ 143-48. State policy; cooperation in promoting the use of small contractors, minority**
47 **contractors, physically handicapped contractors, and women contractors;**
48 **purpose; required annual reports.**
49 ...

1 (d) The Department of Administration shall collect and compile the data described in this
 2 section and report it annually to the ~~General Assembly~~ Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
 3 on General Government.

4"

5 **SECTION 37.1.(c)** G.S. 143-128.3 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 143-128.3. Minority business participation administration.**

7 (a) All public entities subject to G.S. 143-128.2 shall report to the Department of
 8 Administration, Office of Historically Underutilized Business, the following with respect to each
 9 building project:

10 ...

11 The reports shall be in the format and contain the data prescribed by the Secretary of
 12 Administration. The University of North Carolina and the State Board of Community Colleges
 13 shall report quarterly and all other public entities shall report semiannually. The Secretary of the
 14 Department of Administration shall make reports every six months to the Joint Legislative
 15 Committee on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
 16 General Government on information reported pursuant to this subsection.

17 ...

18 (c) The Secretary shall study and recommend to the ~~General Assembly~~ Joint Legislative
 19 Oversight Committee on General Government and other State agencies ways to improve the
 20 effectiveness and efficiency of the State capital facilities development, minority business
 21 participation program and good faith efforts in utilizing minority businesses as set forth in
 22 G.S. 143-128.2, and other appropriate good faith efforts that may result in the increased
 23 utilization of minority businesses.

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

35 ...

36 (g) ~~The~~ Annually, on or before September 1, beginning September 1, 2022, the Secretary
 37 shall report findings and ~~recommendations~~ recommendations, as required under this ~~section~~
 38 section, to the Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations ~~annually on or before~~
 39 June 1, beginning June 1, 2002, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General
 40 Government and shall post the report findings and recommendations on the Department's
 41 website."

42 **SECTION 37.1.(d)** G.S. 143-341 reads as rewritten:

43 "**§ 143-341. Powers and duties of Department.**

44 The Department of Administration has the following powers and duties:

45 ...

46 (8) General Services:

47 ...

48 i. To establish and operate a central motor fleet and such subsidiary
 49 related facilities as the Secretary may deem necessary, and to that end:

50 ...

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

...
 (12) Report on Vehicles Managed. – Beginning on September 1, 2021, 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 37.1.(e) Section 27.6(c) of S.L. 2015-241 is repealed.

SECTION 37.1.(f) 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 November 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 proposed legislation for consideration by the Governor and General Assembly. The annual report shall be prepared by the Office of State Budget and Management and shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government."~~

SECTION 37.1.(g) 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~~ Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government no later than April 1 each year."

SECTION 37.1.(h) 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 37.1.(i) G.S. 143B-409 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-409. North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs – reports.

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 and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government.

1 The report will become a matter of public record and will be maintained in the State Historical
2 Archives. It may also be furnished to such other persons or agencies as the Commission may
3 deem proper."

4 **SECTION 37.1.(j)** G.S. 143B-410 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 143B-410. North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs – fiscal records; clerical**
6 **staff.**

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

11 **SECTION 37.1.(k)** G.S. 143B-411.2 reads as rewritten:

12 "**§ 143B-411.2. North Carolina Advisory Council on the Eastern Band of the Cherokee –**
13 **purpose or creation; powers and duties.**

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

- 17 (1) Identify existing and potential conflicts between the State of North Carolina
18 and the Eastern Band of Cherokee ~~Indians;~~Indians.
- 19 (2) Propose State and federal legislation and agreements between the State of
20 North Carolina and the Cherokee Tribe to resolve existing and potential
21 ~~conflicts;~~conflicts.
- 22 (3) To study and make recommendations concerning any issue referred to the
23 Council by any official of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, the State of North
24 Carolina, or the government of Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Graham, or
25 Cherokee Counties.
- 26 (4) Study other issues of mutual concern to the Eastern Band of the
27 ~~Cherokee;~~Cherokee.
- 28 (5) ~~Make a report with recommendations as needed, but not less often than~~
29 ~~biannually to the Governor, the Chief of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee,~~
30 ~~the General Assembly, and the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of the~~
31 ~~Cherokee."~~

32 **SECTION 37.1.(l)** The North Carolina Farmworker Council, enacted as Part 26 of
33 Article 9 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, is repealed.

34 **ETHICS COMMISSION**

35 **SECTION 37.2.** G.S. 138A-10 reads as rewritten:

36 "**§ 138A-10. Powers and duties.**

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

- 38 ...
- 39 (11) Report annually to the ~~General Assembly~~ Joint Legislative Oversight
40 Committee on General Government and the Governor on the Commission's
41 activities and generally on the subject of public disclosure, ethics, and
42 conflicts of interest, including recommendations for administrative and
43 legislative action, as the Commission deems appropriate.

44"

45 **OFFICE OF STATE HUMAN RESOURCES**

46 **SECTION 37.3.** G.S. 143-583 reads as rewritten:

47 "**§ 143-583. Model program; technical assistance; reports.**

48 ...

1 (c) Reports. – The Office of State Human Resources shall report annually to the Joint
 2 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight
 3 Committee on General Government on the safety, health, and workers' compensation activities
 4 of State agencies, compliance with this Article, and the fines levied against State agencies
 5 pursuant to Article 16 of Chapter 95 of the General Statutes."
 6

7 OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR

8 SECTION 37.4. G.S. 147-64.11 reads as rewritten:

9 "§ 147-64.11. Review of office.

10 The Auditor may, on ~~his~~the Auditor's own initiative and as often as ~~he~~the Auditor deems
 11 necessary, or as requested by the General ~~Assembly~~Assembly or the Joint Legislative Oversight
 12 Committee on General Government, cause to be made a quality review audit of the operations of
 13 ~~his~~the Auditor's office. Such a "peer review" shall be conducted in accordance with standards
 14 prescribed by the accounting profession. Upon the recommendation of the Joint Legislative
 15 Commission on Governmental ~~Operations~~Operations, the Auditor may contract with an
 16 independent public accountant, qualified management consultant, or other professional person to
 17 conduct a financial and compliance, economy and efficiency, and program result audit of the
 18 State Auditor."
 19

20 OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

21 SECTION 37.5.(a) Article 6 of Chapter 143C of the General Statutes is amended by
 22 adding a new section to read:

23 "§ 143C-6-13. Results first annual report.

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

29 SECTION 37.5.(b) Section 26.3(c) of S.L. 2017-57 is repealed.

30 SECTION 37.5.(c) G.S. 143C-6-23 reads as rewritten:

31 "§ 143C-6-23. State grant funds: administration; oversight and reporting requirements.

32 ...
 33 (h) Report on Grant Recipients That Failed to Comply. – ~~Not later than May 1, 2007, and~~
 34 ~~by May 1 of every succeeding year, the~~The Office of State Budget and Management shall ~~report~~
 35 ~~to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research~~
 36 ~~Division on~~ post online at regular intervals a list of all grantees or subgrantees that failed to
 37 comply with this section with respect to grant funds received in the prior fiscal year.
 38"

39 SECTION 37.5.(d) G.S. 143-194 is repealed.

40 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

41 SECTION 37.6.(a) G.S. 66-58 reads as rewritten:

42 "§ 66-58. Sale of merchandise or services by governmental units.

43 ...
 44 (c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not prohibit:

45 ...
 46 (17) The sale by the State Board of Elections to political committees and candidate
 47 committees of computer software designed by or for the State Board of
 48 Elections to provide a uniform system of electronic filing of the campaign
 49 finance reports required by Article 22A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes
 50 and to facilitate the State Board's monitoring of compliance with that Article.
 51

1 This computer software for electronic filing of campaign finance reports shall
 2 not exceed a cost of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to any political committee
 3 or candidate committee without the State Board of Elections first notifying in
 4 writing the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

5"

6 **SECTION 37.6.(b)** G.S. 163-165.9 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 163-165.9. Voting systems: powers and duties of county board of elections.**

8 ...

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

12 ...

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

37"

38
 39 **DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**

40 **SECTION 37.7.(a)** G.S. 58-2-120 reads as rewritten:

41 **"§ 58-2-120. Reports of Commissioner to the Governor and General Assembly.**

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

46 **SECTION 37.7.(b)** G.S. 58-42-45 reads as rewritten:

47 **"§ 58-42-45. Article subject to Administrative Procedure Act; legislative oversight of plans.**

48 ...

49 (b) At the same time the Commissioner issues a notice of hearing under G.S. 150B-38,
 50 the Commissioner shall provide copies of the notice to the Joint Regulatory Reform ~~Committee~~
 51 and to ~~Committee,~~ the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. ~~Operations,~~

1 and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government. The Commissioner shall
2 provide the ~~Committee-Committees~~ and Commission with copies of any plan promulgated by or
3 approved by the Commissioner under G.S. 58-42-1(1) or (2)."

4 **SECTION 37.7.(c)** G.S. 58-79-20 reads as rewritten:

5 **"§ 58-79-20. Inspection of premises; dangerous material removed.**

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

29 **SECTION 37.7.(d)** G.S. 58-87-1 reads as rewritten:

30 **"§ 58-87-1. Volunteer Fire Department Fund.**

31 ...

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

35"

36 **SECTION 37.7.(e)** G.S. 58-87-5 reads as rewritten:

37 **"§ 58-87-5. Volunteer Rescue/EMS Fund.**

38 ...

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

42"

43 **SECTION 37.7.(f)** G.S. 58-92-15(n) reads as rewritten:

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

50 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

51 **SECTION 37.8.(a)** G.S. 97-78 reads as rewritten:

1 **"§ 97-78. Salaries and expenses; administrator, executive secretary, deputy commissioners,**
 2 **and other staff assistance; annual report.**

3 ...

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

13 (f) ~~No later than April 1, 2008, the~~ Every four years beginning April 1, 2022, the
 14 Commission shall prepare and implement a strategic plan for accomplishing all of the following:

15 ...

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

19 (1) The total number of claims made during the preceding ~~calendar~~ fiscal year,
 20 the total number of claims in which compliance was not timely made, and, for
 21 each claim, the date the claim was filed, the date by which compliance was
 22 required, the date of actual compliance, and any sanctions or other remedial
 23 action imposed by the Commission.

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

31 **SECTION 37.8.(b)** G.S. 143-788(b) reads as rewritten:

32 "(b) No later than October 1 of each year, the Section shall publish annually to the Office
 33 of the Governor and to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations a report
 34 of the administration of this Article, together with any recommendations as the Section deems
 35 advisable. This report shall include, at a minimum, the number of reports of employee
 36 misclassification received, the number of cases referred to each State agency, the number and
 37 amount of back taxes, wages, benefits, penalties, or other monies ~~assessed,~~ assessed, and, where
 38 reasonably ascertainable, the amount of back taxes, wages, benefits, penalties, or other monies
 39 collected, and the number of cases referred to each State agency collected."

40
 41 **DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

42 **SECTION 37.9.(a)** G.S. 144-9 reads as rewritten:

43 **"§ 144-9. Retirement of a flag of the United States of America or the State of North**
 44 **Carolina.**

45 ...

46 (b) The Division of Veterans Affairs shall accept, at no charge, a worn, tattered, or
 47 otherwise damaged flag of the United States of America or the State of North Carolina from a
 48 citizen of the State and shall make arrangements for its respectful disposal. The Division shall
 49 establish a flag retirement program to encourage citizens to send in or drop off such flags at the
 50 Division's office in Raleigh and at any Veterans Home or Veterans Cemetery in the State and
 51 may establish other locations for flag drop-off as it deems appropriate. The Division shall

1 advertise the flag retirement program on its Web site and by printed posters placed at all flag
2 drop-off locations. ~~On or before December 31, 2016, and annually thereafter, the Division shall~~
3 ~~report the number of flags received under the program to the Joint Legislative Committee on~~
4 ~~Governmental Operations.~~

5"

6 **SECTION 37.9.(b)** G.S. 143B-1300(a) reads as rewritten:

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

13 **SECTION 37.9.(c)** G.S. 143B-1310 reads as rewritten:

14 "**§ 143B-1310. Commission established; purpose; transaction of business.**

15 ...

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

23"

24 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

25 **SECTION 37.10.** G.S. 105-256 reads as rewritten:

26 "**§ 105-256. Publications prepared by Secretary of Revenue; report on fraud prevention**
27 **progress.**

28 (a) Publications. – The Secretary shall prepare and publish the following:

29 ...

30 (6) On an annual basis, a report on the quality of services provided to taxpayers
31 through the Taxpayer Assistance Call Center, walk-in assistance, and taxpayer
32 education. The report must be submitted to the Joint Legislative Commission
33 on Governmental ~~Operations~~ Operations and the Joint Legislative Oversight
34 Committee on General Government.

35 ...

36 (8) By ~~January 1 and July 1~~ February 15 and August 15 of each year, a semiannual
37 report on the Department's activities listed in this subdivision. The report must
38 be submitted to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
39 ~~Operations~~ Operations, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
40 General Government, and to the Revenue Laws Study Committee.

41"

42 SECRETARY OF STATE

43 **SECTION 37.11.(a)** G.S. 64-1.1 is repealed.

44 **SECTION 37.11.(b)** G.S. 147-54.5 reads as rewritten:

45 "**§ 147-54.5. Investor Protection and Education Trust Fund; administration; limitations on**
46 **use of the Fund.**

47 ...

48 (f) Beginning January 1, 1997, the Department of the Secretary of State shall report
49 annually to the ~~General Assembly's Fiscal Research Division and to~~ of the General Assembly,

1 the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental ~~Operations~~ Operations, and the Joint
2 Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government on the expenditures from the Investor
3 Protection and Education Trust Fund and on the effectiveness of investor awareness education
4 efforts of the Department of the Secretary of State."
5

6 DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER

7 SECTION 37.12.(a) G.S. 147-68 reads as rewritten:

8 "§ 147-68. To receive and disburse moneys; to make reports.

9 ...

10 (d2) ~~After consulting with the Select Committee on Information Technology and the Joint~~
11 ~~Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and after consultation with and approval~~
12 ~~of the Information Resources Management Commission, the Department of State Treasurer may~~
13 ~~spend departmental receipts for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to continue improvement of the~~
14 ~~Department's investment banking operations system, retirement payroll systems, and other~~
15 ~~information technology infrastructure needs. The Department of State Treasurer shall report by~~
16 ~~January 1, 2001, and annually thereafter to the following regarding the amount and use of the~~
17 ~~departmental receipts: the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Chairs~~
18 ~~of the General Government Appropriations Subcommittees of both the House of Representatives~~
19 ~~and the Senate, and the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Technology.~~

20"

21 SECTION 37.12.(b) G.S. 147-69.2A reads as rewritten:

22 "§ 147-69.2A. Investments; special funds held by the State Treasurer.

23 ...

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

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

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

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

41"

42 SECTION 37.12.(c) G.S. 147-69.12 reads as rewritten:

43 "§ 147-69.12. Reporting on the State Treasurer's investment programs.

44 (a) No later than the tenth day of February, May, August, and November of each year,
45 the State Treasurer shall report on all investments for which the State Treasurer is in any way
46 ~~responsible.~~ responsible, including investments made from the Escheat Fund and return on
47 investment as provided in G.S. 147-69.2A. This report shall be made for the Escheat Fund in lieu
48 of the report required by G.S. 147-69.8. The State Treasurer's quarterly report shall include each
49 of the following:

50 ...

(c) The Treasurer shall report to the Governor annually ~~and to the General Assembly at the beginning of each biennial session~~ the exact balance in the treasury to the credit of the State, with a summary of the receipts and payments of the treasury during the preceding fiscal year, and so far as practicable an account of the same down to the termination of the current calendar year.

...."

SECTION 37.12.(d) G.S. 147-86.45 is repealed.

SECTION 37.12.(e) G.S. 147-86.62 is repealed.

SECTION 37.12.(f) G.S. 147-86.84 is repealed.

SECTION 37.13. This Part is effective when this act becomes law and applies to reports submitted on or after that date.

PART XXXVIII. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

DIT/GREAT ACT CHANGES

SECTION 38.1. G.S. 143B-1373 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-1373. Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) program.

(a) As used in this section, the following definitions apply:

...

(5) Eligible economically distressed ~~county~~-area. – A county designated as a development tier one or tier two area, as defined in ~~G.S. 143B-437.08~~, G.S. 143B-437.08, or a rural census tract, as defined in G.S. 143B-472.127, in any other county with total employment of less than 500,000, as of January 1, 2020, as measured pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.52(c)(3), are not eligible. For the purposes of this section, the tier designation that is in effect as of the beginning of a fiscal year shall be applied for all grants awarded for that fiscal year.

(6) Eligible project. – An eligible project is a discrete and specific project located in an unserved economically distressed area ~~of an economically distressed county~~ seeking to provide broadband service to homes, businesses, and community anchor points not currently served. Eligible projects do not include middle mile, backhaul, and other similar projects not directed at broadband service to end users. If a contiguous project area crosses from one eligible county into one or more eligible adjacent counties, for the purposes of this section, the project shall be deemed to be located in the county where the greatest number of unserved households are proposed to be served. ~~To qualify for an award under this section, no more than an incidental number of households or businesses, not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the total households or businesses within the boundaries of the project area submitted by the applicant, may have terrestrially deployed Internet access service with transmission speeds greater than 10 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload.~~

...

(14) Unserved area. – A designated geographic area that is presently without access to broadband service, as defined in this section, offered by a wireline or fixed wireless provider. Areas where a private provider has been designated to receive funds through other ~~State~~-State- or federally funded programs designed specifically for broadband deployment shall be considered served if such funding is intended to result in construction of broadband in the area within 18 months-months or for the duration of the federal funding program for that area, or if the funding recipient is otherwise in good standing with the funding agency's regulations governing the funding program.

1 ...
2 (c) ~~Project areas comprised of census blocks, or portions thereof, within which a~~
3 ~~broadband provider is receiving matching funds to deploy broadband service within the next 18~~
4 ~~months are ineligible for the GREAT program. It is essential for the Office to know the location~~
5 ~~of census blocks, or portions thereof, comprising these areas so it can determine project~~
6 ~~eligibility. A private provider receiving Universal Service or Connect America Phase II, or~~
7 ~~nonfederal State or federal funds to deploy broadband service in unserved areas may qualify such~~
8 ~~area for protection by submitting within 60 days of the application period a listing of the census~~
9 ~~blocks, or portions thereof, comprising the State- or federally funded project areas meeting this~~
10 ~~requirement and nothing more to in a manner prescribed by the Office. In future program years,~~
11 ~~the cutoff date for submitting this census block data shall be established by the Office, but shall~~
12 ~~be not less than 60 days prior to the beginning date of the application period. This will enable the~~
13 ~~office to update maps and advise applicants as to the unserved areas of the State that are eligible~~
14 ~~for consideration in that program year. The Office shall only utilize this data to update maps of~~
15 ~~census blocks to reflect these census blocks, or portions thereof, as being served. Failure on the~~
16 ~~part of a provider to submit the listing of census blocks by the cutoff date shall result in those~~
17 ~~areas being eligible for inclusion under this program during the upcoming subsequent program~~
18 ~~year. years. The Office shall use the census block data provided only for mapping of unserved~~
19 ~~areas. Upon expiration of the 18-month reservation period described in this subsection, A project~~
20 ~~area shall remain protected for a period of 18 months from the submission of the listing~~
21 ~~information required under this subsection; provided, however, a private provider that has~~
22 ~~received a reservation of census blocks protection for a project area shall submit written~~
23 ~~documentation by April 30 of the year following the program year that broadband deployment~~
24 ~~has begun or been completed-completed, or is otherwise in good standing, in the census blocks,~~
25 ~~or portions thereof, that have been deemed ineligible by the Office due to the existence of a~~
26 ~~federally funded project area. under this subsection. Upon submission of documentation~~
27 ~~satisfactory to the Office, a protected project area shall remain protected until project completion.~~
28 ~~A project area where a private provider has forfeited or otherwise defaulted on an agreement in~~
29 ~~connection with receipt of funds to deploy broadband service shall be eligible for inclusion in~~
30 ~~this program in subsequent program years. Information provided to the Office pursuant to this~~
31 ~~subsection is not a public record, as that term is defined in G.S. 132-1.~~

32 ...
33 (d1) An application submitted pursuant to this section shall include a project area map that
34 provides location-specific data in a format required by the Office. A provider submitting an
35 application pursuant to this section shall bear the burden of proof that the proposed area to be
36 served can, in fact, be served using the proposed technology. The burden of proof may be
37 satisfied by the submission of data, maps, and any other information satisfactory to the Office,
38 demonstrating that the area and number of prospective broadband recipients proposed to be
39 served can be provided the minimum upload and download speeds indicated in the application.

40 (e) Applications shall be made publicly available by posting on the Web site of the
41 Department of Information Technology for a period of at least ~~30~~20 calendar days prior to award.
42 During the ~~30-day~~20-day period, any interested party may submit comments to the Secretary
43 concerning any pending application. A broadband service provider of broadband services
44 currently providing broadband service in a project area proposed in an application may submit a
45 protest of any application on the grounds the proposed project covers an area that is not an eligible
46 a protected area under subsection (c) of this section-section, or that the proposed project area
47 contains ten percent (10%) or more of total households with access to broadband service as
48 defined in this section. Protests shall be submitted in writing, accompanied by all credible and
49 relevant supporting documentation, and including specific addresses, and detailed mapping
50 demonstrating that the protesting broadband provider has installed infrastructure sufficient to
51 provide broadband service to the specific addresses provided in the protest, along with an

1 attestation that broadband service is available in the public right-of-way at the specific addresses
2 indicated. The protest shall be considered by the Office in connection with the review of the
3 application. Upon submission of evidence satisfactory to the Office that the proposed project area
4 includes a protected area or prospective broadband recipients that are presently served, as
5 measured using a methodology satisfactory to the Office, the Office may work with an applicant
6 to amend an application to reduce the number of unserved prospective broadband recipients in
7 the project area to reflect an accurate level of current broadband service. The Office may revise
8 application scores in accordance with amended applications; however, the Office may reject any
9 amended application resulting in a lower application score to the extent that the lower score
10 would have impacted the ranking of the application in the initial scoring process. For applications
11 with filed protests, the Secretary shall issue a written decision to the protesting party at least 15
12 days prior to the approval of that application. Following a protest that is granted for a portion of
13 the application, the Office may release to an applicant the locations or areas declared ineligible.
14 The information released to the applicant is not a public record, as that term is defined under
15 G.S. 132-1, and shall remain confidential. Any provider submitting a protest shall verify that the
16 information in the protest is accurate and that the protest is submitted in good faith. The Office
17 may deny any protest or application that contains inaccurate information.

18 As a means of resolving a protest, the Office may utilize speed tests to determine if the
19 protested area or individual households or businesses currently have access to broadband service
20 as defined in this section. The Department shall publish the speed test methodology it uses to
21 assess speed levels pursuant to this section. All decisions regarding the speed test to be utilized
22 and the manner by which the speed tests are applied shall be made by the Secretary or the
23 Secretary's designee.

24 ...

25 (g) Applications shall be scored based upon a system that awards a single point for criteria
26 considered to be the minimum level for the provision of broadband service with additional points
27 awarded to criteria that exceed minimum levels. The Office shall score project applications in
28 accordance with the following:

- 29 (1) Partnership. – Projects involving partnership shall be given points in their
30 application score. For the purposes of scoring under this subdivision, a~~an~~
31 application utilizing a partner's infrastructure shall be awarded one point and
32 an application utilizing one or more partners' financial contribution shall be
33 awarded up to three points in accordance with this subdivision. A county may
34 enter into an agreement as an infrastructure partner or a financial contribution
35 partner with one or more applicants. A county that ~~provides a portion of the~~
36 ~~match required by this section or that~~ has entered into an agreement with the
37 applicant to make available its infrastructure that has been installed for the
38 county's enterprise, nonconsumer broadband purposes, or any other property,
39 buildings, or structures owned by the county, for a proposed project under this
40 section shall be considered a partnership. ~~A~~ an infrastructure partnership for
41 the purposes of this subdivision. Notwithstanding Article 8 of Chapter 143 of
42 the General Statutes or any provision of law to the contrary, a county that has
43 entered into an agreement for a financial partnership with the applicant for a
44 proposed project under this section may provide a portion of the match
45 required by this section pursuant to G.S. 153A-349.60. Projects involving
46 partnerships shall be given six points in their application score.
47 section with
48 unrestricted general funds or federal funding allocated to the county for the
49 purpose of broadband infrastructure improvements; provided, however,
50 nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to authorize a county to provide
51 broadband service to consumers. Points shall be awarded to applications for
projects using county funds for a portion of the required match as follows:

1		<u>% of Match</u>	<u>Points Given</u>
2		<u>10%, up to 20%</u>	<u>1</u>
3		<u>20%, up to 30%</u>	<u>2</u>
4		<u>30%, up to 50%</u>	<u>3</u>
5	(2)	Unserved households. – The Office shall give additional points to projects based upon the estimated number of unserved households within the eligible economically distressed county, as determined by the most recent data published by the Federal Communications Commission or any other information available to the Office. Points shall be given to projects that will be located in counties with estimated unserved households as follows:	
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10			
11		Unserved Households	Points Given
12		500 or less	1
13		501-1400	2
14		Over 1400	3
15	(3)	Unserved households to be served. – The Office shall give additional points to projects that will provide broadband service based upon the percentage of the total unserved households within the eligible economically distressed county that the project will serve. The number of unserved households shall be determined using the most recent data published by the Federal Communications Commission or any other information available to the Office. Points shall be given to projects that will serve a percentage of unserved households within the project area as follows:	
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23		<u>% Unserved Households To Be Served</u>	<u>Points Given</u>
24		Under Less than 15%	1
25		15% to 25%	2
26		Over 25%	3
27	(4)	Unserved businesses. – The Office shall give additional points to projects that will provide broadband service to unserved businesses located within the eligible economically distressed county, as determined by the most recent data published by the Federal Communications Commission or any other information available to the Office. Points shall be given to projects that serve unserved businesses within the project area as follows:	
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32			
33		a.	Projects proposing to serve between 1 and 4 businesses shall receive 1 point.
34			
35		b.	Projects proposing to serve between 5 and 10 businesses shall receive 2 points.
36			
37		c.	Projects proposing to serve either (i) more than 10 businesses or (ii) a business with 31 or more full-time employees shall receive 3 points.
38			
39	(5)	Cost per household or business. – The Office shall give additional points to projects that minimize the infrastructure cost of the proposed project per household or business, based upon information available to the Office. Points shall be given to projects based upon the estimated cost per household or business as follows:	
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41			
42			
43			
44		a.	For projects proposed in the Piedmont or Coastal Plain Regions:
45		Est. Cost per Household/Business	Partnership-Using Infrastructure
46			Private Provider Only
47		Up to \$1,700	4
48		\$1,701-2,200 \$1,700, up to \$2,200	3
49		\$2,201-2,700 \$2,200, up to \$2,700	2
50		\$2,701-3,200 \$2,700, up to \$3,200	1
51		b.	For projects located in the Mountain Region:

	Est. Cost per Household/Business	Partnership-Using Infrastructure	Private Provider Only
1	Up to \$2,500	4	9
2	\$2,501-3,300	\$2,500, up to \$3,300	3
3	\$3,301-3,800	\$3,300, up to \$3,800	2
4	\$3,801-4,300	\$3,800, up to \$4,300	1

(6) Base speed multiplier. – Projects that will provide minimum download and minimum upload speeds shall have the aggregate points given under subdivisions (1) through (5) of this subsection multiplied by a factor at the level indicated in the table below:

Minimum Download: Minimum Upload	Score Multiplier
25:3 Mbps. up to 100:10 Mbps.	1.35
100:10 Mbps. up to 200:20 Mbps.	1.75
200:20 Mbps. or greater. up to 1 Gbps.	2.00
1 Gbps. or greater.	3.25

(h) The Office shall score applications based upon the metrics provided in subsection (g) of this section. ~~In awarding grants~~ scoring applications based upon the scoring metrics, the Office shall also award ~~an additional point~~ points to projects as follows:

(1) ~~where~~ One point if a county has a Community Broadband Planning Playbook that meets the guidelines established by the Office.

(2) Three points to projects where the county has used federal funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) to provide a portion of the match required by this section.

(i) **(Effective until July 1, 2021)** Applications receiving the highest score shall receive priority status for the awarding of grants pursuant this section. As a means of breaking a tie for applications receiving the same score, the Office shall give priority to the application proposing to serve the highest number of new households at the lowest cost per household or business. Applicants awarded grants pursuant to this section shall enter into an agreement with the Office. The agreement shall contain all of the elements outlined in subsection (d) of this section and any other provisions the Office may require. The agreement shall contain a provision governing the time line and minimum requirements and thresholds for disbursement of grant funds measured by the progress of the project. Grant funds shall be disbursed only upon verification by the Office that the terms of the agreement have been fulfilled according to the progress milestones contained in the agreement. At project completion, the grant recipient shall certify and provide to the Office evidence consistent with Federal Communications Commission attestation that either speeds greater than those identified in the application guidelines or the proposed upstream and downstream broadband speeds identified in the application guidelines, and for which a base speed multiplier was awarded pursuant to subdivision (6) of subsection (g) of this section, are available throughout the project area prior to any end user connections. ~~A single grant award shall not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000). No more than one grant may be awarded per fiscal year for a project in any one eligible economically distressed county; except that if funds remain available after all top scoring projects have been awarded a grant, then the next highest scoring projects may be awarded a grant even if the project is located in a county where a grant has been awarded in that fiscal year provided the total award associated with that county does not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in that fiscal year.~~

No more than one-third of the funds appropriated to the fund established in subsection (b) of this section shall be disbursed for projects located in a development tier two county.

(i) **(Effective July 1, 2021)** Applications receiving the highest score shall receive priority status for the awarding of grants pursuant this section. As a means of breaking a tie for

1 applications receiving the same score, the Office shall give priority to the application proposing
 2 to serve the highest number of new households at the lowest cost per household. Applicants
 3 awarded grants pursuant to this section shall enter into an agreement with the Office. The
 4 agreement shall contain all of the elements outlined in subsection (d) of this section and any other
 5 provisions the Office may require. The agreement shall contain a provision governing the time
 6 line and minimum requirements and thresholds for disbursement of grant funds measured by the
 7 progress of the project. Grant funds shall be disbursed only upon verification by the Office that
 8 the terms of the agreement have been fulfilled according to the progress milestones contained in
 9 the agreement. Information provided to the Office in connection with project progress milestones
 10 that would otherwise be considered confidential information under G.S. 132-1.1 shall not be
 11 deemed a public record, as that term is defined under G.S. 132-1. At project completion, the grant
 12 recipient shall certify and provide to the Office evidence consistent with Federal
 13 Communications Commission attestation that either speeds greater than those identified in the
 14 application guidelines or the proposed upstream and downstream broadband speeds identified in
 15 the application guidelines, and for which a base speed multiplier was awarded pursuant to
 16 subdivision (6) of subsection (g) of this section, are available throughout the project area prior to
 17 any end user connections. ~~A single grant award shall not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000).~~
 18 ~~No more than one grant may be awarded per fiscal year for a project in any one eligible~~
 19 ~~economically distressed county; except that if funds remain available after all top scoring projects~~
 20 ~~have been awarded a grant, then the next highest scoring projects may be awarded a grant even~~
 21 ~~if the project is located in a county where a grant has been awarded in that fiscal year provided~~
 22 ~~the total award associated with that county does not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in~~
 23 ~~that fiscal year.~~

24 No more than one-half of the funds appropriated to the fund established in subsection (b) of
 25 this section shall be disbursed for projects located in a development tier two or tier three county.
 26 If the Office has not received enough grant applications for projects located in a development
 27 tier one county to disburse one-half of the funds appropriated to the fund established in subsection
 28 (b) of this section as of March 1 of each year, then the Office may allocate any unencumbered
 29 funds in the fund for projects located in a development tier two or tier three county.

30 (j) Grant recipients are required to provide matching funds based upon the application
 31 scoring pursuant to this section in the following minimum amounts:

Score	Matching Requirement
12.0 points or less	55% <u>50%</u>
Greater than 12.0 points, but less than 17.5 points	50% <u>45%</u>
17.5 points, up to 22.0 points	45% <u>40%</u>
Greater than 22.0 points	35% <u>30%</u>

37 Up to fifty percent (50%) of matching funds paid by the grant recipient may be comprised of
 38 third-party funding including ~~funds from federal and other grant programs.~~ Funds from the
 39 Universal Service Fund shall not be used for any portion of the required matching funds. Any
 40 ~~other current or future federal funds may be used, including any future phase of the Connect~~
 41 ~~America Fund, for the required matching funds within the parameters of this program.~~ programs
 42 to the extent that the applicable grant program rules permit application of grant funds for that
 43 purpose.

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45
 46 **INTERNAL SERVICE FUND RATE SUBMISSION**

47 **SECTION 38.2.** G.S. 143B-1333 reads as rewritten:

48 "**§ 143B-1333. Internal Service Fund.**

49 (a) The Internal Service Fund is established within the Department as a fund to provide
 50 goods and services to State agencies on a cost-recovery basis. The Department shall establish
 51 fees for subscriptions and chargebacks for consumption-based services. The Information

1 Technology Strategic Sourcing Office shall be funded through a combination of administrative
2 fees as part of the IT Supplemental Staffing contract, as well as fees charged to agencies using
3 their services. The State CIO shall establish and annually update consistent, fully transparent,
4 easily understandable fees and rates that reflect industry standards for any good or service for
5 which an agency is charged. These fees and rates shall be prepared by ~~October 1 and shall be~~
6 ~~approved by the Office of State Budget and Management~~ and submitted by the Department to
7 the Office of State Budget and Management and Fiscal Research Division on the date agreed
8 upon by the State Budget Director and the Department's Chief Financial Officer. The rates shall
9 be approved by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Office of State Budget and
10 Management shall ensure that State agencies have the opportunity to adjust their budgets based
11 on any rate or fee changes prior to submission of those budget recommendations to the General
12 Assembly. The approved Information Technology Internal Service Fund budget and associated
13 rates shall be included in the Governor's budget recommendations to the General Assembly.

14 (b) Repealed by Session Laws 2016-94, s. 7.4(d), effective July 1, 2016.

15 (c) Receipts shall be used solely for the purpose for which they were collected. In
16 coordination with the Office of the State Controller and the Office of State Budget and
17 Management, the State CIO shall ensure processes are established to manage federal receipts,
18 maximize those receipts, and ensure that federal receipts are correctly utilized."
19

20 **CYBERSECURITY REPORTING**

21 **SECTION 38.3.(a)** The Department of Information Technology shall develop a plan
22 for its use of funds received for cybersecurity purposes. In developing the cybersecurity plan, the
23 Department shall include the following:

- 24 (1) A summary of all cybersecurity funds received and how those funds have been
25 and will be utilized.
- 26 (2) The scope of activities and services planned to (i) prevent cybersecurity
27 incidents and significant cybersecurity incidents in the State and (ii) mitigate
28 and address cybersecurity incidents and significant cybersecurity incidents
29 that have occurred.
- 30 (3) Potential funding, partnerships, and other resources available to the
31 Department to assist in its role of preventing, mitigating, and addressing
32 cybersecurity issues in the State.

33 **SECTION 38.3.(b)** The Department shall submit the cybersecurity plan outlined in
34 this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the
35 Fiscal Research Division on or before October 1, 2021.
36

37 **STATE RECOVERY FUNDS/BROADBAND GRANTS**

38 **SECTION 38.4.** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery
39 Fund to the Department of Information Technology for broadband infrastructure grants, the
40 Department shall utilize those funds pursuant to G.S. 143B-1373, subject to applicable federal
41 guidelines. In the event federal guidelines conflict with the provisions of G.S. 143B-1373, the
42 federal guidelines shall control and the Department shall adapt the grant program to the extent
43 necessary to give effect to the controlling federal guidelines.
44

45 **STATE RECOVERY FUNDS/BROADBAND STOPGAP SOLUTIONS**

46 **SECTION 38.5.** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery
47 Fund to the Department of Information Technology for broadband stopgap solutions, the
48 Department shall utilize thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) each fiscal year through the
49 2023-2024 fiscal year to provide grants to internet service providers, local government entities,
50 and nonprofits for the provision and installation of infrastructure, as that term is defined in
51 G.S. 143B-1373(a), that will expand the provision of broadband service to unserved and

1 underserved households in this State. The Department shall ensure that grant funds are awarded
2 and utilized in compliance with applicable federal guidelines.

3 4 **PART XXXIX. SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

5 6 **ELIGIBLE STATE-FUNDED EMPLOYEES AWARDED LEGISLATIVE SALARY** 7 **INCREASES/EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021, AND JULY 1, 2022**

8 **SECTION 39.1.(a)** Effective July 1, 2021, except as provided by subsection (b) of
9 this section, a person (i) whose salary is set by this Part, pursuant to the North Carolina Human
10 Resources Act, or as otherwise authorized in this act and (ii) who is employed in a State-funded
11 position on June 30, 2021, is awarded:

12 (1) A legislative salary increase in the amount of one and one-half percent (1.5%)
13 of annual salary in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

14 (2) Any salary adjustment otherwise allowed or provided by law.

15 **SECTION 39.1.(a1)** Effective July 1, 2022, except as provided by subsection (b) of
16 this section, a person (i) whose salary is set by this Part, pursuant to the North Carolina Human
17 Resources Act, or as otherwise authorized in this act and (ii) who is employed in a State-funded
18 position on June 30, 2022, is awarded:

19 (1) A legislative salary increase in the amount of one and one-half percent (1.5%)
20 of annual salary in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

21 (2) Any salary adjustment otherwise allowed or provided by law.

22 **SECTION 39.1.(b)** For the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the following persons are
23 not eligible to receive the legislative salary increases provided by subsections (a) and (a1) of this
24 section:

25 (1) Employees of local boards of education.

26 (2) Local community college employees.

27 (3) Employees of The University of North Carolina.

28 (4) Clerks of superior court compensated under G.S. 7A-101.

29 (5) Correctional employees to which Section 39.14 of this Part applies.

30 (6) Law enforcement officers to which Section 39.15 of this Part applies.

31 (7) Employees of schools operated by the Department of Health and Human
32 Services, the Department of Public Safety, and the State Board of Education
33 who are paid based on the Teacher Salary Schedule.

34 **SECTION 39.1.(c)** Part-time employees shall receive the increases authorized by
35 this section on a prorated and equitable basis.

36 **SECTION 39.1.(d)** No eligible State-funded employee shall be prohibited from
37 receiving the full salary increases provided in this section solely because the employee's salary
38 after applying the legislative increase is above the maximum of the salary range prescribed by
39 the State Human Resources Commission.

40 41 **BONUSES AWARDED TO STATE EMPLOYEES FOR WORK DURING THE** 42 **PANDEMIC**

43 **SECTION 39.2.(a)** The General Assembly finds that North Carolina's response
44 efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic have included the extraordinary work of State employees and
45 local school employees at all levels and in all agencies. Essential services were continuously
46 provided throughout the pandemic to the citizens of North Carolina, including, but not limited
47 to, public health, public safety, transportation, education, and public recreation. Therefore, it is
48 appropriate that State employees and local education employees who worked to continue the
49 operations and services of government during the pandemic receive additional pay for their
50 efforts during the emergency.

1 **SECTION 39.2.(b)** Further, the General Assembly finds that certain employees were
2 at increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 due to job duties that required significant in-person
3 interaction. These employees should receive additional pay due to the increased personal risk
4 involved in providing the essential services associated with their job duties.

5 **SECTION 39.2.(c)** By October 31, 2021, employers of State employees and local
6 education employees shall administer a one-time, lump sum bonus of one thousand dollars
7 (\$1,000) to all permanent full-time State employees and local education employees who are
8 employed as of October 1, 2021.

9 **SECTION 39.2.(d)** By October 31, 2021, employers of State employees and local
10 education employees shall provide an additional one-time, lump sum bonus of five hundred
11 dollars (\$500.00) to all permanent full-time State employees and local education employees who
12 are employed as of October 1, 2021, and who meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria
13 for the additional bonus:

- 14 (1) The employee earns an annual salary that does not exceed seventy-five
15 thousand dollars (\$75,000).
- 16 (2) The employee is employed as a law enforcement officer.
- 17 (3) The employee is an employee in the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile
18 Justice of the Department of Public Safety with job duties requiring frequent
19 in-person contact.
- 20 (4) The employee is employed in a position at a 24-hour residential or treatment
21 facility operated by the Department of Health and Human Services.

22 **SECTION 39.2.(e)** The following definitions apply for the purposes of the bonuses
23 authorized in subsections (c) and (d) of this section:

- 24 (1) The term "State employee" includes all State employees in all State agencies,
25 departments, and institutions regardless of funding source.
- 26 (2) The term "local education employee" includes all employees of community
27 colleges, local school administrative units, innovative schools, regional
28 schools, and public charter schools regardless of funding source.

29 **SECTION 39.2.(f)** Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal
30 Recovery Fund, the sum of five hundred forty-five million dollars (\$545,000,000) for the
31 2021-2022 fiscal year is allocated to provide the one-time, lump sum bonuses authorized in this
32 section to State employees and local education employees for work performed during the
33 COVID-19 pandemic.

34 **SECTION 39.2.(g)** The premium pay bonuses awarded by this section:

- 35 (1) Are in addition to any regular wage or other bonuses the employee receives
36 or is scheduled to receive.
- 37 (2) Are not considered compensation for any retirement system administered by
38 the State.

39 **SECTION 39.2.(h)** Permanent part-time employees shall receive the bonuses
40 authorized in this section on a prorated and equitable basis.

41 **SECTION 39.2.(i)** The Office of State Budget and Management shall ensure that the
42 funds for the bonuses authorized by this section are used only for the purposes set forth in this
43 section. If the Director of the Budget determines that funds appropriated to a State agency for
44 these bonuses exceed the amount required by that agency, the Director may reallocate those funds
45 to another State agency for payment of these bonuses. Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-4-9, funds
46 appropriated for these bonuses in excess of the amounts required for implementation shall not be
47 credited to the Pay Plan Reserve.

48 **SECTION 39.2.(j)** Any funds remaining after these bonuses are awarded in
49 accordance with this section shall be credited to the State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

50
51 **GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF STATE**

1 **SECTION 39.3.(a)** Effective July 1, 2021, G.S. 147-11 reads as rewritten:
 2 "**§ 147-11. Salary and expense allowance of Governor; allowance to person designated to**
 3 **represent Governor's office.**

4 (a) The salary of the Governor shall be ~~one hundred fifty-four thousand seven hundred~~
 5 ~~forty-three dollars (\$154,743)~~ one hundred fifty-seven thousand sixty-four dollars (\$157,064)
 6 annually, payable monthly.

7 (b) ~~He~~ The Governor shall be paid annually the sum of eleven thousand five hundred
 8 dollars (\$11,500) as an expense allowance in attending to the business for the State and for
 9 expenses out of the State and in the State in representing the interest of the State and people,
 10 incident to the duties of ~~his~~ the office, the said allowance to be paid monthly.

11 (c) In addition to the foregoing allowance, the actual expenses of the Governor while
 12 traveling outside the State on business incident to ~~his~~ the office shall be paid by a warrant drawn
 13 on the State Treasurer. Whenever a person who is not a State official or employee is designated
 14 by the Governor to represent the Governor's office, ~~such~~ the person shall be paid actual travel
 15 expenses incurred in the performance of such duty; provided that the payment of ~~such~~ the travel
 16 expense shall conform to the provisions of the biennial appropriation act in effect at the time the
 17 payment is made."

18 **SECTION 39.3.(a1)** Effective July 1, 2022, G.S. 147-11(a), as amended by
 19 subsection (a) of this section, reads as rewritten:

20 "(a) The salary of the Governor shall be ~~one hundred fifty-seven thousand sixty-four~~
 21 ~~dollars (\$157,064)~~ one hundred fifty-nine thousand four hundred twenty dollars (\$159,420)
 22 annually, payable monthly."

23 **SECTION 39.3.(b)** Effective July 1, 2021, the annual salaries for members of the
 24 Council of State, payable monthly, are set as follows:

<u>Council of State</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Lieutenant Governor	\$138,749
Attorney General	138,749
Secretary of State	138,749
State Treasurer	138,749
State Auditor	138,749
Superintendent of Public Instruction	138,749
Agriculture Commissioner	138,749
Insurance Commissioner	138,749
Labor Commissioner	138,749

35 **SECTION 39.3.(b1)** Effective July 1, 2022, the annual salaries for members of the
 36 Council of State, payable monthly, are set as follows:

<u>Council of State</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Lieutenant Governor	\$140,831
Attorney General	140,831
Secretary of State	140,831
State Treasurer	140,831
State Auditor	140,831
Superintendent of Public Instruction	140,831
Agriculture Commissioner	140,831
Insurance Commissioner	140,831
Labor Commissioner	140,831

47
 48 **CERTAIN EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS**

49 **SECTION 39.4.(a)** Effective July 1, 2021, the annual salaries, payable monthly, for
 50 the following executive branch officials for the 2021-2022 fiscal year are as follows:

<u>Executive Branch Officials</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
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1	Chairman, Alcoholic Beverage	
2	Control Commission	\$124,593
3	State Controller	173,491
4	Commissioner of Banks	139,837
5	Chair, Board of Review, Division	
6	of Employment Security	137,165
7	Members, Board of Review,	
8	Division of Employment Security	135,488
9	Chairman, Parole Commission	137,165
10	Full-Time Members of the Parole Commission	126,822
11	Chairman, Utilities Commission	155,485
12	Members of the Utilities Commission	139,837
13	Executive Director, North Carolina	
14	Agricultural Finance Authority	121,324
15	SECTION 39.4.(a1) Effective July 1, 2022, the annual salaries, payable monthly,	
16	for the following executive branch officials for the 2022-2023 fiscal year are as follows:	
17	<u>Executive Branch Officials</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
18	Chairman, Alcoholic Beverage	
19	Control Commission	\$126,462
20	State Controller	176,093
21	Commissioner of Banks	141,934
22	Chair, Board of Review, Division	
23	of Employment Security	139,223
24	Members, Board of Review,	
25	Division of Employment Security	137,521
26	Chairman, Parole Commission	139,223
27	Full-Time Members of the Parole Commission	128,725
28	Chairman, Utilities Commission	157,817
29	Members of the Utilities Commission	141,934
30	Executive Director, North Carolina	
31	Agricultural Finance Authority	123,154

JUDICIAL BRANCH

SECTION 39.5.(a) Effective July 1, 2021, the annual salaries, payable monthly, for the following judicial branch officials for the 2021-2022 fiscal year are as follows:

36	<u>Judicial Branch Officials</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
37	Chief Justice, Supreme Court	\$163,251
38	Associate Justice, Supreme Court	159,014
39	Chief Judge, Court of Appeals	156,499
40	Judge, Court of Appeals	152,437
41	Judge, Senior Regular Resident Superior Court	148,324
42	Judge, Superior Court	144,213
43	Chief Judge, District Court	131,059
44	Judge, District Court	126,947
45	Chief Administrative Law Judge	128,035
46	District Attorney	139,460
47	Assistant Administrative Officer of the Courts	134,298
48	Public Defender	139,460
49	Director of Indigent Defense Services	143,736

SECTION 39.5.(a1) Effective July 1, 2022, the annual salaries, payable monthly, for the following judicial branch officials for the 2022-2023 fiscal year are as follows:

	<u>Annual Salary</u>
1 <u>Judicial Branch Officials</u>	
2 Chief Justice, Supreme Court	\$165,699
3 Associate Justice, Supreme Court	161,399
4 Chief Judge, Court of Appeals	158,846
5 Judge, Court of Appeals	154,723
6 Judge, Senior Regular Resident Superior Court	150,549
7 Judge, Superior Court	146,376
8 Chief Judge, District Court	133,025
9 Judge, District Court	128,851
10 Chief Administrative Law Judge	129,956
11 District Attorney	141,552
12 Assistant Administrative Officer of the Courts	136,312
13 Public Defender	141,552
14 Director of Indigent Defense Services	145,892

15 **SECTION 39.5.(b)** The district attorney or public defender of a judicial district, with
 16 the approval of the Administrative Officer of the Courts or the Commission on Indigent Defense
 17 Services, respectively, shall set the salaries of assistant district attorneys or assistant public
 18 defenders, respectively, in that district such that the average salaries of assistant district attorneys
 19 or assistant public defenders in that district, for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, do not exceed
 20 eighty-three thousand eight hundred thirty-two dollars (\$83,832) and the minimum salary of any
 21 assistant district attorney or assistant public defender is at least forty-four thousand nine hundred
 22 ninety-four dollars (\$44,994), effective July 1, 2021.

23 **SECTION 39.5.(b1)** The district attorney or public defender of a judicial district,
 24 with the approval of the Administrative Officer of the Courts or the Commission on Indigent
 25 Defense Services, respectively, shall set the salaries of assistant district attorneys or assistant
 26 public defenders, respectively, in that district such that the average salaries of assistant district
 27 attorneys or assistant public defenders in that district, for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, do not exceed
 28 eighty-five thousand eighty-nine dollars (\$85,089) and the minimum salary of any assistant
 29 district attorney or assistant public defender is at least forty-five thousand six hundred sixty-nine
 30 dollars (\$45,669), effective July 1, 2022.

31
 32 **CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT**

33 **SECTION 39.6.(a)** Effective July 1, 2021, G.S. 7A-101(a) reads as rewritten:

34 "(a) The clerk of superior court is a full-time employee of the State and shall receive an
 35 annual salary, payable in equal monthly installments, based on the number of State-funded
 36 assistant and deputy clerks of court as determined by the Administrative Office of Court's
 37 workload formula, according to the following schedule:

Assistants and Deputies	Annual Salary
38 0-19	\$97,375 \$98,836
39 20-29	107,625 109,239
40 30-49	117,875 119,643
41 50-99	128,125 130,047
42 100 and above	130,688 132,648.

44 If the number of State-funded assistant and deputy clerks of court as determined by the
 45 Administrative Office of Court's workload formula changes, the salary of the clerk shall be
 46 changed, on July 1 of the fiscal year for which the change is reported, to the salary appropriate
 47 for that new number, except that the salary of an incumbent clerk shall not be decreased by any
 48 change in that number during the clerk's continuance in office."

49 **SECTION 39.6.(a1)** Effective July 1, 2022, G.S. 7A-101(a), as amended by
 50 subsection (a) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"(a) The clerk of superior court is a full-time employee of the State and shall receive an annual salary, payable in equal monthly installments, based on the number of State-funded assistant and deputy clerks of court as determined by the Administrative Office of Court's workload formula, according to the following schedule:

Assistants and Deputies	Annual Salary
0-19	\$98,836 <u>\$100,318</u>
20-29	109,239 <u>110,878</u>
30-49	119,643 <u>121,438</u>
50-99	130,047 <u>131,998</u>
100 and above	132,648 <u>134,638.</u>

If the number of State-funded assistant and deputy clerks of court as determined by the Administrative Office of Court's workload formula changes, the salary of the clerk shall be changed, on July 1 of the fiscal year for which the change is reported, to the salary appropriate for that new number, except that the salary of an incumbent clerk shall not be decreased by any change in that number during the clerk's continuance in office."

ASSISTANT AND DEPUTY CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

SECTION 39.7.(a) Effective July 1, 2021, G.S. 7A-102(c1) reads as rewritten:

"(c1) A full-time assistant clerk or a full-time deputy clerk, and up to one full-time deputy clerk serving as head bookkeeper per county, shall be paid an annual salary subject to the following minimum and maximum rates:

Assistant Clerks and Head Bookkeeper	Annual Salary
Minimum	\$34,780 <u>\$35,302</u>
Maximum	64,258 <u>65,222</u>

Deputy Clerks	Annual Salary
Minimum	\$31,200 <u>\$31,666</u>
Maximum	50,466 <u>51,223."</u>

SECTION 39.7.(a1) Effective July 1, 2022, G.S. 7A-102(c1), as amended by subsection (a) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"(c1) A full-time assistant clerk or a full-time deputy clerk, and up to one full-time deputy clerk serving as head bookkeeper per county, shall be paid an annual salary subject to the following minimum and maximum rates:

Assistant Clerks and Head Bookkeeper	Annual Salary
Minimum	\$35,302 <u>\$35,831</u>
Maximum	65,222 <u>66,200</u>

Deputy Clerks	Annual Salary
Minimum	\$31,666 <u>\$32,143</u>
Maximum	51,223 <u>51,991."</u>

MAGISTRATES

SECTION 39.8.(a) Effective July 1, 2021, G.S. 7A-171.1(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Administrative Officer of the Courts, after consultation with the chief district judge and pursuant to the following provisions, shall set an annual salary for each magistrate:

- (1) A full-time magistrate shall be paid the annual salary indicated in the table set out in this subdivision. A full-time magistrate is a magistrate who is assigned to work an average of not less than 40 hours a week during the term of office. The Administrative Officer of the Courts shall designate whether a magistrate

is full-time. Initial appointment shall be at the entry rate. A magistrate's salary shall increase to the next step every two years on the anniversary of the date the magistrate was originally appointed for increases to Steps 1 through 3, and every four years on the anniversary of the date the magistrate was originally appointed for increases to Steps 4 through 6.

Table of Salaries of Full-Time Magistrates

Step Level	Annual Salary
Entry Rate	\$40,576\$41,185
Step 1	\$43,571\$44,225
Step 2	\$46,802\$47,504
Step 3	\$50,222\$50,975
Step 4	\$54,322\$55,137
Step 5	\$59,259\$60,148
Step 6	\$64,792.\$65,764."

SECTION 39.8.(a1) Effective July 1, 2022, G.S. 7A-171.1(a)(1), as amended by subsection (a) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Administrative Officer of the Courts, after consultation with the chief district judge and pursuant to the following provisions, shall set an annual salary for each magistrate:

- (1) A full-time magistrate shall be paid the annual salary indicated in the table set out in this subdivision. A full-time magistrate is a magistrate who is assigned to work an average of not less than 40 hours a week during the term of office. The Administrative Officer of the Courts shall designate whether a magistrate is full-time. Initial appointment shall be at the entry rate. A magistrate's salary shall increase to the next step every two years on the anniversary of the date the magistrate was originally appointed for increases to Steps 1 through 3, and every four years on the anniversary of the date the magistrate was originally appointed for increases to Steps 4 through 6.

Table of Salaries of Full-Time Magistrates

Step Level	Annual Salary
Entry Rate	\$41,185\$41,802
Step 1	\$44,225\$44,888
Step 2	\$47,504\$48,217
Step 3	\$50,975\$51,740
Step 4	\$55,137\$55,964
Step 5	\$60,148\$61,050
Step 6	\$65,764.\$66,750."

LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES

SECTION 39.9.(a) Effective July 1, 2021, the annual salaries of the Legislative Services Officer and of nonelected employees of the General Assembly in effect on June 30, 2021, shall be legislatively increased by one and one-half percent (1.5%).

SECTION 39.9.(a1) Effective July 1, 2022, the annual salaries of the Legislative Services Officer and of nonelected employees of the General Assembly in effect on June 30, 2022, shall be legislatively increased by one and one-half percent (1.5%).

SECTION 39.9.(b) Nothing in this act limits any of the provisions of G.S. 120-32.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRINCIPAL CLERKS

SECTION 39.10.(a) Effective July 1, 2021, G.S. 120-37(c) reads as rewritten:

1 "(c) The principal clerks shall be full-time officers. Each principal clerk shall be entitled
2 to other benefits available to permanent legislative employees and shall be paid an annual salary
3 of ~~one hundred sixteen thousand seven hundred thirty two dollars (\$116,732)~~, one hundred
4 eighteen thousand four hundred eighty-three dollars (\$118,483), payable monthly. Each principal
5 clerk shall also receive such additional compensation as approved by the Speaker of the House
6 of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, respectively, for additional
7 employment duties beyond those provided by the rules of their House. The Legislative Services
8 Commission shall review the salary of the principal clerks prior to submission of the proposed
9 operating budget of the General Assembly to the Governor and shall make appropriate
10 recommendations for changes in those salaries. Any changes enacted by the General Assembly
11 shall be by amendment to this paragraph."

12 **SECTION 39.10.(b)** Effective July 1, 2022, G.S. 120-37(c), as amended by
13 subsection (a) of this section, reads as rewritten:

14 "(c) The principal clerks shall be full-time officers. Each principal clerk shall be entitled
15 to other benefits available to permanent legislative employees and shall be paid an annual salary
16 of ~~one hundred eighteen thousand four hundred eighty three dollars (\$118,483)~~, one hundred
17 twenty thousand two hundred sixty dollars (\$120,260), payable monthly. Each principal clerk
18 shall also receive such additional compensation as approved by the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, respectively, for additional
20 employment duties beyond those provided by the rules of their House. The Legislative Services
21 Commission shall review the salary of the principal clerks prior to submission of the proposed
22 operating budget of the General Assembly to the Governor and shall make appropriate
23 recommendations for changes in those salaries. Any changes enacted by the General Assembly
24 shall be by amendment to this paragraph."

25 26 **SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS/READING CLERKS**

27 **SECTION 39.11.(a)** Effective July 1, 2021, G.S. 120-37(b) reads as rewritten:

28 "(b) The sergeant at arms and the reading clerk in each house shall be paid a salary of ~~four~~
29 ~~hundred sixty dollars (\$460.00)~~ four hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$467.00) per week plus
30 subsistence at the same daily rate provided for members of the General Assembly, plus mileage
31 at the rate provided for members of the General Assembly for one round trip only from their
32 homes to Raleigh and return. The sergeants at arms shall serve during sessions of the General
33 Assembly and at such time prior to the convening of, and subsequent to adjournment or recess
34 of, sessions as may be authorized by the Legislative Services Commission. The reading clerks
35 shall serve during sessions only."

36 **SECTION 39.11.(b)** Effective July 1, 2022, G.S. 120-37(b), as amended by
37 subsection (a) of this section, reads as rewritten:

38 "(b) The sergeant at arms and the reading clerk in each house shall be paid a salary of ~~four~~
39 ~~hundred sixty seven dollars (\$467.00)~~ four hundred seventy-four dollars (\$474.00) per week plus
40 subsistence at the same daily rate provided for members of the General Assembly, plus mileage
41 at the rate provided for members of the General Assembly for one round trip only from their
42 homes to Raleigh and return. The sergeants at arms shall serve during sessions of the General
43 Assembly and at such time prior to the convening of, and subsequent to adjournment or recess
44 of, sessions as may be authorized by the Legislative Services Commission. The reading clerks
45 shall serve during sessions only."

46 47 **COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

48 **SECTION 39.12.(a)** Community college personnel shall receive the following
49 legislative salary increases:

(1) Effective July 1, 2021, the State Board of Community Colleges shall provide community college personnel with an across-the-board salary increase in the amount of one and one-half percent (1.5%).

(2) Effective July 1, 2022, the State Board of Community Colleges shall provide community college personnel with an across-the-board salary increase in the amount of one and one-half percent (1.5%).

SECTION 39.12.(b) The minimum salaries for nine-month, full-time curriculum community college faculty for the 2021-2022 fiscal year are as follows:

<u>Education Level</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u> <u>2021-2022</u>
Vocational Diploma/Certificate or Less	\$38,145
Associate Degree or Equivalent	38,675
Bachelor's Degree	40,977
Master's Degree or Education Specialist	43,018
Doctoral Degree	45,961

SECTION 39.12.(b1) The minimum salaries for nine-month, full-time curriculum community college faculty for the 2022-2023 fiscal year are as follows:

<u>Education Level</u>	<u>Minimum Salary</u> <u>2022-2023</u>
Vocational Diploma/Certificate or Less	\$38,717
Associate Degree or Equivalent	39,225
Bachelor's Degree	41,591
Master's Degree or Education Specialist	43,663
Doctoral Degree	46,651

SECTION 39.12.(c) No full-time faculty member shall earn less than the minimum salary for the faculty member's education level. The pro rata hourly rate of the minimum salary for each education level shall be used to determine the minimum salary for part-time faculty members.

SECTION 39.12.(d) No State-funded community college employee shall earn less than thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per hour.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SECTION 39.13.(a) Employees of The University of North Carolina shall receive the following legislative salary increases:

(1) Effective July 1, 2021, the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall provide employees with an across-the-board salary increase in the amount of one and one-half percent (1.5%).

(2) Effective July 1, 2022, the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall provide employees with an across-the-board salary increase in the amount of one and one-half percent (1.5%).

SECTION 39.13.(b) All university employees, whether exempt or nonexempt from the State Human Resources Act, are eligible to receive the legislative salary increases awarded by subsection (a) of this section.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SALARY SCHEDULE

SECTION 39.14.(a) State employees serving as correctional officers in the Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction, shall be compensated at a specific pay rate on the basis of a salary schedule determined according to the duration of the employee's correctional officer work experience.

1 **SECTION 39.14.(b)** The following annual salary schedule applies under subsection
 2 (a) of this section for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, effective for each year on July 1, 2021, and
 3 July 1, 2022, respectively:

Experience	FY 2021-22			FY 2022-23		
	COI	COII	COIII	COI	COII	COIII
0	\$33,130	\$34,220	\$36,598	\$33,627	\$34,733	\$37,147
1	\$35,449	\$36,615	\$39,160	\$35,981	\$37,164	\$39,747
2	\$37,576	\$38,812	\$41,510	\$38,140	\$39,394	\$42,133
3	\$39,455	\$40,753	\$43,586	\$40,047	\$41,364	\$44,240
4	\$41,033	\$42,383	\$45,329	\$41,648	\$43,019	\$46,009
5	\$42,264	\$43,654	\$46,689	\$42,898	\$44,309	\$47,389
6+	\$43,109	\$44,527	\$47,623	\$43,756	\$45,195	\$48,337

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 15 **STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SALARY SCHEDULE**

16 **SECTION 39.15.(a)** Law enforcement officers of the State Highway Patrol, Alcohol
 17 Law Enforcement, and the State Bureau of Investigation compensated pursuant to an
 18 experience-based salary schedule shall be compensated based on the officer's respective work
 19 experience pursuant to the salary schedule in subsection (b) of this section.

20 **SECTION 39.15.(b)** The following annual salary schedule applies under subsection
 21 (a) of this section for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, effective July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022, for
 22 each respective fiscal year:

Years of Experience	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
0	46,921	47,625
1	49,971	50,721
2	53,219	54,018
3	56,678	57,529
4	60,362	61,268
5	64,286	65,250
6+	68,465	69,491

32
 33 **MOST STATE EMPLOYEES**

34 **SECTION 39.16.** Unless otherwise expressly provided by this Part, the annual
 35 salaries in effect for the following persons on June 30, 2021, and June 30, 2022, shall be
 36 legislatively increased as provided by Section 39.1 of this act:

- 37 (1) Permanent, full-time State officials and persons whose salaries are set in
 38 accordance with the State Human Resources Act.
- 39 (2) Permanent, full-time State officials and persons in positions exempt from the
 40 State Human Resources Act.
- 41 (3) Permanent, part-time State employees.
- 42 (4) Temporary and permanent hourly State employees.

43
 44 **ALL STATE-SUPPORTED PERSONNEL**

45 **SECTION 39.17.(a)** The legislative salary increases provided by this act in each
 46 year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium do not apply to persons separated from service due to
 47 resignation, dismissal, reduction in force, death, or retirement or whose last workday is prior to
 48 June 30, 2021, for the 2021-2022 fiscal year or June 30, 2022, for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

49 **SECTION 39.17.(b)** For the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, payroll checks issued to
 50 employees after July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022, respectively, that represent payment of services

1 provided prior to July 1 of each year shall not be eligible for salary increases provided for in this
2 act.

3 **SECTION 39.17.(c)** This section applies to all employees paid from State funds,
4 whether or not subject to or exempt from the North Carolina Human Resources Act, including
5 employees of public schools, community colleges, and The University of North Carolina.
6

7 **USE OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED INCREASES**

8 **SECTION 39.18.(a)** The Office of State Budget and Management shall ensure that
9 the appropriations made by this act for legislatively mandated salary increases and employee
10 benefits are used only for those purposes.

11 **SECTION 39.18.(b)** If the Director of the Budget determines that funds appropriated
12 to a State agency for legislatively mandated salary increases and employee benefits exceed the
13 amount required by that agency for those purposes, the Director may reallocate those funds to
14 other State agencies that received insufficient funds for legislatively mandated salary increases
15 and employee benefits.

16 **SECTION 39.18.(c)** Funds appropriated for legislatively mandated salary and
17 employee benefit increases may not be used to adjust the budgeted salaries of vacant positions,
18 to provide salary increases in excess of those required by the General Assembly, or to increase
19 the budgeted salary of filled positions to the minimum of the position's respective salary range.

20 **SECTION 39.18.(d)** Any funds appropriated for legislatively mandated salary and
21 employee benefit increases in excess of the amounts required to implement the increases shall be
22 credited to the Pay Plan Reserve.

23 **SECTION 39.18.(e)** No later than May 1, 2022, for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and
24 subsequently May 1, 2023, for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Office of State Budget and
25 Management shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and
26 the Fiscal Research Division on the expenditure of funds for legislatively mandated salary
27 increases and employee benefits. This report shall include at least the following information for
28 each State agency for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium:

- 29 (1) The total amount of funds that the agency received for legislatively mandated
30 salary increases and employee benefits.
- 31 (2) The total amount of funds transferred from the agency to other State agencies
32 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. This section of the report shall
33 identify the amounts transferred to each recipient State agency.
- 34 (3) The total amount of funds used by the agency for legislatively mandated salary
35 increases and employee benefits.
- 36 (4) The amount of funds credited to the Pay Plan Reserve.
37

38 **PAY PLAN RESERVE/CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

39 **SECTION 39.19.** Effective July 1, 2021, G.S. 143C-4-9(a) reads as rewritten:

40 "(a) **Creation.** – The Pay Plan Reserve is established within the General Fund. The General
41 Assembly shall appropriate in the Current Operations Appropriations Act (Act) or other
42 appropriations act a specific amount to this reserve for allocation, on an as-needed basis only, to
43 fund statutory and scheduled pay expenses authorized by:

- 44 (1) G.S. 20-187.3, for troopers of the State Highway Patrol compensated pursuant
45 to an experience-based salary schedule.
- 46 (2) G.S. 7A-102.
- 47 (3) G.S. 7A-171.1.
- 48 (4) Teacher Salary Schedule, as enacted by the General Assembly.
- 49 (5) Pay Plans for Principals and Assistant Principals, as enacted by the General
50 Assembly.

- 1 (6) The Act, for law enforcement officers of the State Bureau of Investigation and
2 Alcohol Law Enforcement.
3 (7) The Act, for correctional officers compensated pursuant to the Correctional
4 Officer Salary Schedule."
5

6 STATE AGENCY TEACHERS

7 **SECTION 39.20.** Employees of schools operated by the Department of Health and
8 Human Services, the Department of Public Safety, and the State Board of Education who are
9 paid on the Teacher Salary Schedule shall be paid as authorized under this act.
10

11 ONE-TIME BONUS PAYMENT PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE DIRECT CARE 12 WORKERS

13 **SECTION 39.21.(a)** One-Time Bonus. – Of the funds appropriated in this act to the
14 Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund, one
15 hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be used to distribute a one-time payment to eligible
16 providers to be passed along as a one-time bonus payment to each of the eligible direct care
17 workers employed by the eligible provider for continuing to provide critical services during the
18 COVID-19 pandemic. Up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of these funds may be used by
19 DHHS to administer this one-time bonus payment program.

20 **SECTION 39.21.(b)** Eligible Provider. – For the purposes of this section, the term
21 "eligible provider" means a provider that is enrolled in the Medicaid or NC Health Choice
22 program in any of the following provider categories:

- 23 (1) Providers who provide services through the following Medicaid waiver
24 programs:
25 a. The Community Alternatives Program for Children (CAP/C).
26 b. The Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults
27 (CAP/DA).
28 c. The North Carolina Innovations waiver.
29 d. The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) waiver.
30 (2) Personal care services (PCS) providers.
31 (3) Intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities
32 (ICF/IIDs), including ICF/IID-level group homes.
33 (4) Home health providers.
34 (5) Nursing homes.
35 (6) Behavioral health residential facilities, including Level III and Level IV
36 residential treatment facilities, psychiatric residential treatment facilities
37 (PRTFs), medical management and crisis stabilization facilities, and facilities
38 providing inpatient substance use disorder treatment.

39 **SECTION 39.21.(c)** Eligible Direct Care Workers. – An eligible provider shall
40 designate its employees who are direct care workers eligible for the one-time bonus payment
41 program authorized by this section. Only employees who meet all of the following criteria may
42 be so designated by an eligible provider:

- 43 (1) The employee is a direct care worker, as defined by DHHS, who interacts
44 directly with patients or clients.
45 (2) The employee has been employed by the same eligible provider since March
46 10, 2020, through August 1, 2021.
47 (3) The employee has worked at least 1,000 hours providing direct care services
48 between March 10, 2020, and August 1, 2021.
49 (4) The employee is not an employee of the State or otherwise eligible for any
50 employment-related bonus under this act.

1 **SECTION 39.21.(d)** Procedure to Participate. – To participate in the one-time bonus
2 payment program, each eligible provider shall submit the number of direct care workers the
3 provider has designated as eligible, including a description of the position held by any direct care
4 worker the provider has designated as eligible that supports designation that the position meets
5 the criteria of direct care worker, to DHHS by no later than September 1, 2021. Prior to receiving
6 any funds, the eligible provider shall submit an attestation that any funds received in accordance
7 with this section shall be provided directly to designated eligible direct care workers by no later
8 than November 1, 2021.

9 Upon receipt of the information and attestation required by this subsection from an
10 eligible provider, and no later than October 1, 2021, DHHS shall review the submitted
11 information provided against historical Medicaid and NC Health Choice claims data of that
12 eligible provider to evaluate the reasonableness of the submitted number of direct care workers
13 designated as eligible for the one-time bonus payment under this section. No payment shall be
14 made to an eligible employer until all information submitted is reviewed and the total number of
15 potential eligible direct care workers is ascertained. If, based upon the information submitted by
16 a provider, DHHS determines that the number of direct care workers designated is not correct or
17 that the provider is not an eligible provider, then, by no later than October 15, 2021, DHHS shall
18 provide notice to the provider and include the reason for the determination and the number of
19 eligible direct care workers determined to be correct by DHHS, if applicable. If DHHS makes
20 any determination of ineligibility, then DHHS shall reserve funds in the amount necessary to
21 make full payment as was applied for in case that determination is later modified.

22 No later than October 15, 2021, DHHS shall issue a one-time payment, including
23 associated payroll costs, to each eligible provider in the amount required to provide bonuses to
24 eligible direct workers, subject to the other requirements of this section.

25 **SECTION 39.21.(e)** Bonus Amount Calculation. – Subject to the requirements of
26 subsection (d) of this section, the amount of the one-time bonus available for eligible direct care
27 workers shall be calculated as the lesser of the following amounts:

- 28 (1) One hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) minus both the amount used by
29 DHHS for administration of this one-time bonus payment program and the
30 amount determined to be necessary to cover the associated payroll costs for
31 each eligible provider divided by the total number of direct care workers
32 designated by eligible providers as eligible employees.

- 33 (2) One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

34 **SECTION 39.21.(f)** Any funds remaining after all payments are made to eligible
35 providers in accordance with this section shall be credited to the State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

36 **SECTION 39.21.(g)** Nothing in this section shall be construed to create an
37 entitlement to the distribution of funds by DHHS under this section.

38 **SALARY-RELATED CONTRIBUTIONS**

39 **SECTION 39.22.(a)** Effective for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, required employer
40 salary-related contributions for employees whose salaries are paid from department, office,
41 institution, or agency receipts shall be paid from the same source as the source of the employee's
42 salary. If an employee's salary is paid in part from the General Fund or Highway Fund and in
43 part from department, office, institution, or agency receipts, required employer salary-related
44 contributions may be paid from the General Fund or Highway Fund only to the extent of the
45 proportionate part paid from the General Fund or Highway Fund in support of the salary of the
46 employee, and the remainder of the employer's requirements shall be paid from the source that
47 supplies the remainder of the employee's salary. The requirements of this section as to source of
48 payment are also applicable to payments on behalf of the employee for hospital medical benefits,
49 longevity pay, unemployment compensation, accumulated leave, workers' compensation,
50 severance pay, separation allowances, and applicable disability income benefits.
51

SECTION 39.22.(b) Effective July 1, 2021, the State's employer contribution rates budgeted for retirement and related benefits as a percentage of covered salaries for the 2021-2022 fiscal year for teachers and State employees, State law enforcement officers (LEOs), the University and Community Colleges Optional Retirement Programs (ORPs), the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (CJRS), and the Legislative Retirement System (LRS) are as set forth below:

	Teachers and State Employees	State LEOs	ORPs	CJRS	LRS
Retirement	15.74%	15.74%	6.84%	38.70%	27.15%
Disability	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.00%	0.00%
Death	0.13%	0.13%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Retiree Health	6.31%	6.31%	6.31%	6.31%	6.31%
NC 401(k)	0.00%	5.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total Contribution Rate	22.27%	27.27%	13.24%	45.01%	33.46%

The rate for teachers and State employees and State law enforcement officers includes one one-hundredth percent (0.01%) for the Qualified Excess Benefit Arrangement.

SECTION 39.22.(c) Effective July 1, 2022, the State's employer contribution rates budgeted for retirement and related benefits as a percentage of covered salaries for the 2022-2023 fiscal year for teachers and State employees, State law enforcement officers (LEOs), the University and Community Colleges Optional Retirement Programs (ORPs), the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (CJRS), and the Legislative Retirement System (LRS) are as set forth below:

	Teachers and State Employees	State LEOs	ORPs	CJRS	LRS
Retirement	16.09%	16.09%	6.84%	39.31%	26.55%
Disability	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.00%	0.00%
Death	0.13%	0.13%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Retiree Health	6.71%	6.71%	6.71%	6.71%	6.71%
NC 401(k)	0.00%	5.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total Contribution Rate	23.02%	28.02%	13.64%	46.02%	33.26%

The rate for teachers and State employees and State law enforcement officers includes one one-hundredth percent (0.01%) for the Qualified Excess Benefit Arrangement.

SECTION 39.22.(d) Effective July 1, 2021, the maximum annual employer contributions for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, payable monthly, by the State to the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees for each covered employee and the average covered retiree are as follows:

- (1) For employees, seven thousand forty-six dollars (\$7,046).
- (2) For retirees, four thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$4,875). In applying this subdivision, the annual employer contribution for the average retiree shall be calculated assuming the retiree enrollment counts remain at the April 2021 level throughout the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

SECTION 39.22.(e) Effective July 1, 2022, the maximum annual employer contributions for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, payable monthly, by the State to the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees for each covered employee or retiree are as follows:

- 1 (1) For employees, seven thousand four hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$7,498).
 2 (2) For retirees, five thousand one hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$5,188).
 3

4 **PART XL. CAPITAL**

5
 6 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS APPROPRIATIONS**

7 **SECTION 40.1.(a)** The following agency capital improvement projects have been
 8 assigned a project code for reference to allocations in this Part, past allocations, and for intended
 9 project support by the General Assembly for future fiscal years:

10 Agency Capital Improvement Project	11 Project Code
12 Administrative Office of the Courts–	
13 Supreme Court & Court of Appeals-Lexan Windows	AOC21-1
14 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	
15 Eaddy Building–Addition & Renovation	DACS21-1
16 Tidewater Research Station–Swine Unit Replacements	DACS21-2
17 NCFS–County Offices	DACS21-3
18 NCFS–Region 1 Headquarters	DACS21-4
19	
20 Department of Health and Human Services	
21 New Broughton Hospital–	
22 New Maintenance Facility	DHHS21-1
23	
24 Department of Environmental Quality	
25 Water Resources Development Projects	DEQ-WRD21
26	
27 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	
28 NC Museum of Art–Light Control	DNCR21-1
29 NC Museum of Art–Amphitheater Restoration	DNCR21-2
30 NC Museum of Natural History–Dueling Dinosaurs Lab	DNCR21-3
31 Fort Fisher Historic Site–New Visitor Center	DNCR21-4
32 Fort Fisher Aquarium–Aquarium Expansion	DNCR21-5
33 NC Zoo–Asia/Australia Exhibits	DNCR21-6
34 NC Zoo–Parking/Trams	DNCR21-7
35 NC Transportation Museum	DNCR21-8
36 Thomas Day House	DNCR21-9
37 Graveyard of the Atlantic	DNCR21-10
38 Historic Sites	DNCR21-11
39 Pisgah View State Park	DNCR21-12
40	
41 Department of Administration	
42 DHHS/Dix Campus Relocation	DOA21-1
43 Dix Campus Relocation–Utilities & Mail Service Warehouse	DOA21-2
44 State Gov't. Complex Chiller Plant	DOA21-3
45	
46 Department of Justice	
47 Edneyville Justice Academy Repairs & Renovations	DOJ21-1
48 Salemberg Justice Academy Repairs & Renovations	DOJ21-2
49	
50 Department of Insurance	
51 Office of State Fire Marshal–	

1	Land Development & Training Center	DOI21-1
2		
3	Department of Public Instruction	
4	Center for the Advancement of Teaching	DPI21-1
5		
6	Department of Public Safety	
7	Richmond Regional JDC–Raise the Age Renovations	DPS21-1
8	National Guard–	
9	Federal Match Funding Pool	NG21-1
10		
11	General Assembly	
12	Renovations/Elevator Repair	NCGA21-1
13	Downtown Government Complex	NCGA21-2
14		
15	The University of North Carolina	
16	North Carolina State University–	
17	Apiculture Facility	UNC/NCS21-1
18	S.T.E.M. Building	UNC/NCS20-1
19	Elizabeth City State University–	
20	New Residence Hall	UNC/ECS21-1
21	Sky Bridge	UNC/ECS21-2
22	New Dining Facility	UNC/ECS21-3
23	Flight School	UNC/ECS21-4
24	Appalachian State University–	
25	Peacock Hall/Business	UNC/ASU21-1
26	North Carolina School of Science and Math-Morganton–	
27	Repair & Renovation and Wellness Center	UNC/SSM21-1
28	North Carolina Central University	
29	Lab Equipment	UNC/NCC21-1
30	East Carolina University	
31	Brody School of Medicine	UNC/ECU21-1
32	University of North Carolina at Pembroke	
33	Health Sciences Center	UNC/PEM21-1
34	Fayetteville State University	
35	Dormitories	UNC/FSU21-1
36	Winston-Salem State University	
37	K.R. Williams Auditorium	UNC/WSS21-1
38		
39	Repairs and Renovations-The University of North Carolina	UNC/R&R21
40	Repairs and Renovations-State Agencies (non-UNC)	R&R21
41	Community College Capital Projects	CC21
42	Stream Debris Removal	SDR21
43	Courthouse Funds	CF21
44	K-12 Athletic Facility Funds	K-12F21
45	Airport Fund	AP21
46	Dam Fund	DAM21
47	Connect NC Bond Funds	CNC21

48 **SECTION 40.1.(b)** This subsection authorizes the following capital projects and
49 allocates funding in the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium based upon projected cash flow needs for the
50 authorized projects. The authorizations provided in this subsection represent the maximum
51 amount of funding from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund that may be expended on each

1 project. An additional action by the General Assembly is required to increase the maximum
2 authorization for any of the projects listed.

3 There is allocated from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to the Office of State
4 Budget and Management for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium the following amounts for capital
5 improvement project codes, as defined in subsection (a) of this section:

6 **Capital Improvements–**

7	State Capital and	Total	FY	FY
8	Infrastructure Fund	Project Authorization	2021-2022	2022-2023
9	AOC21-1	\$135,000	\$135,000	–
10	DACS21-1	1,632,000	1,632,000	–
11	DACS21-2	3,518,000	3,518,000	–
12	DACS21-3	4,000,000	4,000,000	–
13	DACS21-4	8,000,000	4,000,000	–
14	DHHS21-1	1,600,000	1,600,000	–
15	DEQ-WRD21	N/A	44,469,664	35,231,560
16	DNCR21-1	1,000,000	1,000,000	–
17	DNCR21-2	2,448,102	2,448,102	–
18	DNCR21-3	2,500,000	2,500,000	–
19	DNCR21-4	8,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
20	DNCR21-5	15,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
21	DNCR21-6	75,000,000	41,233,563	33,766,437
22	DNCR21-7	5,000,000	5,000,000	–
23	DNCR21-8	4,000,000	4,000,000	–
24	DNCR21-9	800,000	800,000	–
25	DNCR21-10	4,200,000	4,200,000	–
26	DNCR21-11	15,000,000	15,000,000	–
27	DNCR21-12	12,200,000	9,000,000	3,200,000
28	DOA21-1	244,000,000	50,000,000	60,500,000
29	DOA21-2	13,700,000	13,700,000	–
30	DOA21-3	21,875,000	10,286,748	11,588,252
31	DOI21-1	3,500,000	3,500,000	–
32	DOJ21-1	1,673,500	1,673,500	–
33	DOJ21-2	2,836,952	2,836,952	–
34	DPI21-1	23,416,952	19,482,815	3,934,137
35	DPS21-1	10,702,952	10,702,952	–
36	NG21-1	N/A	3,569,696	–
37	NCGA21-1	2,000,000	2,000,000	–
38	NCGA21-2	13,191,316	1,800,000	11,391,316
39	UNC/NCS21-1	4,000,000	4,000,000	–
40	UNC/NCS20-1	160,000,000	18,250,000	36,500,000
41	UNC/ECS21-1	40,000,000	10,000,000	30,000,000
42	UNC/ECS21-2	2,500,000	2,500,000	–
43	UNC/ECS21-3	7,500,000	7,500,000	–
44	UNC/ECS21-4	34,000,000	4,000,000	10,000,000
45	UNC/ASU21-1	25,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000
46	UNC/SSM21-1	12,000,000	12,000,000	–
47	UNC/NCC21-1	3,011,000	3,011,000	–
48	UNC/ECU21-1	215,000,000	21,500,000	53,750,000
49	UNC/PEM21-1	91,000,000	9,100,000	22,750,000
50	UNC/FSU21-1	20,000,000	2,000,000	5,000,000
51	UNC/WSS21-1	57,000,000	5,700,000	14,250,000

1	UNC/R&R21	N/A	250,000,000	250,000,000
2	R&R21	N/A	200,000,000	200,000,000
3	CC21	400,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000
4	SDR21	100,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000
5	CF21	64,957,500	32,478,750	32,478,750
6	K-12F21	41,000,000	20,500,000	20,500,000
7	AP21	69,650,000	34,825,000	34,825,000
8	DAM21	35,300,000	17,650,000	17,650,000
9	CNC21	400,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000

10 **SECTION 40.1.(c)** Of the funds in the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund
 11 allocated in subsection (b) of this section for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for repairs and
 12 renovations pursuant to G.S. 143C-8-13, the following allocations are made to the following
 13 agencies:

- 14 (1) Of the amount allocated for project code UNC/R&R21 from the State Capital
 15 and Infrastructure Fund, the Board of Governors is encouraged to allocate the
 16 sum of one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000) in each fiscal
 17 year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for comprehensive renovation and
 18 facility modernization projects.
- 19 (2) Of the amount allocated for project code R&R21 from the State Capital and
 20 Infrastructure Fund, the Office of State Budget and Management is
 21 encouraged to allocate the sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) in each
 22 fiscal year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for comprehensive renovation
 23 projects for State agencies, excluding The University of North Carolina.

24 The Office of State Budget and Management shall consult with or report to the Joint
 25 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, as appropriate, in accordance with
 26 G.S. 143C-8-13(b). The Board of Governors shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on
 27 Governmental Operations in accordance with G.S. 143C-8-13(b).

28 **SECTION 40.1.(d)** The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina
 29 shall utilize the funds allocated for project code UNC/R&R21 in subsection (b) of this section
 30 for the projects listed in this subsection. The Board of Governors may prioritize funding for the
 31 following listed projects that the General Assembly intends to fund through the 2023-2025 fiscal
 32 biennium:

33	UNC Constituent Institution	Authorized Project Cost
34	Appalachian State University–	
35	Wey Hall Envelope & Roof Repair	\$5,000,000
36	Wey Hall Partial Renovation–Building Systems	10,000,000
37	Walker Hall HVAC Repair & Upgrades	500,000
38	Walker Hall Envelope & Structural Repair	1,300,000
39	Campus-Wide Electronic Door Access Installation	1,500,000
40	Chapell Wilson Gutter/Soffit/Roof Replacement	600,000
41	Smith Wright Hall Roof Repair & Replacement	1,000,000
42	Holmes Convocation Center Chiller	200,000
43	BB Dougherty Chiller Repair	100,000
44	Facilities Operations/Motorpool Wall Repairs	300,000
45	John E. Thomas Chiller Compressor Upgrades	250,000
46	Anne Belk Hall Hot Water Piping Replacement	500,000
47	Edwin Duncan Hall HVAC & Lighting Improvements	800,000
48	John E. Thomas Envelope	300,000
49	Howard Street Hall Road Opening	200,000
50	Holmes Convocation Center VAV Replacement	150,000
51	Peacock Elevator Upgrade	200,000

1	University Hall Sprinkler System	250,000
2	Duncan Hall Renovation	20,000,000
3	East Carolina University–	
4	Brody High-Rise Code Compliance, Phase 2	6,000,000
5	Main Campus-College Hill Drive Steam, Phase 3	2,500,000
6	Whichard Building Comprehensive Renovation	10,000,000
7	Speight Building Roof, Window, & Envelope Replacement	4,000,000
8	Chilled Water Extension to Whichard & Graham	6,475,000
9	Main Campus-Relocate Steam & Condensate, Phase 1	5,000,000
10	Health Science Building Envelope Infiltration Repairs	5,000,000
11	Brody Building Freight Elevators-Emergency Power	250,000
12	Science & Technology–Replace Roof	400,000
13	Old Cafeteria Building–Install Steam Manhole & Replace Piping	300,000
14	Health Science Campus Catwalks/Central Utility Plant	225,000
15	Warren Life Sciences–Replace Roof–Section B	300,000
16	Health Science Campus Central Utility Plant Transformers 1 & 2	404,000
17	Bate Upgrade Elevators (2)	350,000
18	Rivers–Replace Roof	300,000
19	Christenbury–Replace Roof	410,000
20	Brody Building Envelope Infiltration Repairs, Phase 1	1,500,000
21	Brody Chilled Water Loop Valve Replacement	100,000
22	Jenkins Art North Building Envelope Repairs	1,750,000
23	McGinnis Scene Shop–Replace Roof	100,000
24	Brody–Inline Fan Replacement, Phase 1	200,000
25	Jenkins Art–Replace Distribution Sub Panels, Westside Jenkins Art	225,000
26	Messick–Upgrade/Replace Elevator	150,000
27	Building 127–Upgrade/Replace Elevator	150,000
28	Coastal Studies Annex–Repair & Coat Siding & Roofing	100,000
29	School of Dental Medicine/Comm. Svc. Learning Ctrs. Upgrades	
30	(HVAC & Indoor Air Quality)	203,000
31	Main Campus Steam Plant–Install Steam Blanket for Boilers	100,000
32	McGinnis Auditorium–Upgrade/Replace Elevator	300,000
33	Brewster–HVAC Controls Optimization/D Wing	400,000
34	Greenville Centre–HVAC Controls Upgrade	
35	(Specific Remote Terminal Unit Variable Air Volumes)	300,000
36	Plate & Frame Heat Exchanger for Science & Technology/	
37	Central Chiller Plant w/Controls Upgrade	300,000
38	Old Cafeteria Building Controls Upgrade (Specific Direct Digital Control)	300,000
39	Carol Belk Building–HVAC System (Specific Variable Air Volume Integration)	300,000
40	Rivers Building–HVAC System (Specific Variable Air Volume)	300,000
41	Austin Building–Air Handlers Replacement	1,500,000
42	Warren Life Sciences–Extend Sprinkler System to Original Section	181,000
43	Building 43–Upgrade Freight Elevator/Replace Shaft and Jack	230,000
44	Main Campus–Replace Power Distribution System Steam Plant	250,000
45	Biotechnology Building–Upgrade Laboratory Exhaust System	452,000
46	Biotechnology Building–Replace Exhaust Fans	130,134
47	Repair & Repave Service Drive at West End Dining/	
48	Behind White Residence Hall	150,000
49	Wright Building/Wright Auditorium–Fire Alarm System Upgrade	300,000
50	Old Cafeteria & Ragsdale Annex–Replace Roof	240,000
51	Brody School of Medicine–Replace Computer Room Air Conditioning Units	200,000

1	Cotanche Data Center–Renovations to Improve Fire Protec. Syst./Data Rooms	210,000
2	Howell Science Building South	30,000,000
3	Elizabeth City State University–	
4	Repair Campus Main Switch	700,000
5	Repair Campus Pump Station	650,000
6	Infrastructure Upgrades–Water & Electrical, Phase 1	12,000,000
7	Emergency Generator Power–Operations	4,900,000
8	Emergency Generator Power–Residence Halls	2,100,000
9	Campus-Wide Lockdown System	2,000,000
10	Building Demolition (4 Buildings)	1,500,000
11	Butler Residence Hall Renovations	2,500,000
12	Underground Infrastructure–	
13	(Replace all campus plumbing gate valves/infrastructure for fire pump)	150,000
14	Underground Infrastructure–	
15	(Replace 6-in. with 8-in. line to improve water volume/Campus North)	300,000
16	Jenkins Hall, Phase 2–Renovation of Laboratory and Classroom	400,000
17	Vaughn Center–Repair Student Phys. Ed. Learning Spaces–	
18	(Pool, flooring, ceilings & building envelope)	550,000
19	Fine Arts–Roof Replacement	200,000
20	Dixon Hall–Classroom & Laboratory Renovations	400,000
21	ITC–Air Handler Replacement	300,000
22	Lester Hall–Demolition	495,000
23	Infrastructure Upgrades–Water & Electrical, Phase 2	27,000,000
24	Fayetteville State University–	
25	Lyons Science Renovation	1,500,000
26	Butler Renovation–(HVAC, Bldg. Envelope, Fire Alarm)	3,450,000
27	A.B. Rosenthal Building–Targeted Renovation	10,000,000
28	Campus-Wide Utility Infrastructure	9,950,000
29	Barber/Collins Admin Complex–Roof Replacement	200,000
30	Campus-Wide Exterior Lighting Retrofit	400,000
31	Campus-Wide Brick Paver & Concrete Walk Repairs	500,000
32	Telecom–Roof Replacement	150,000
33	Butler–Roof Replacement	650,000
34	Chesnutt–MEP (Generator)	400,000
35	Telecom–MEP (Central Plant Tie, AHU, BAS, MDP, Generator)	750,000
36	University Advancement–MEP (AHU, Heat Pumps, BAS, MDP)	600,000
37	FM Complex–MEP (HVAC, MDP, Generator, Restrooms)	450,000
38	Harris CBE–Precast Concrete Structural Repair	100,000
39	Cook–Exterior Stairs & Patio Repairs	100,000
40	J. Knuckles Science Annex–Roof Replacement	150,000
41	H.T. Chick–Targeted Renovation	9,500,000
42	North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University–	
43	Carver Hall–Comprehensive Modernization, Phase 1	9,700,000
44	Price Hall–Renovation, Phase 1	8,000,000
45	Marteena Hall Renovation	9,100,000
46	General Classroom, B Side–Roof Repairs	1,241,107
47	Boiler Replacement	1,459,200
48	Hines Hall–HVAC Modifications	300,000
49	Waterproofing Buildings	600,000
50	IRC Building–HVAC Repairs/Replacement	705,274
51	Dudley–HVAC Repairs/Controls	403,305

1	McNair Hall–HVAC Repairs	250,000
2	Elevator Repairs/Replacement	450,000
3	Campus-Wide Steam Leaks	500,000
4	Building Steam System Repairs	200,000
5	Moore Gym/Hodgin Hall/Fraiser Hall–Roof Repairs	1,000,000
6	Price Hall/1020 Wendover/Hodgin Hall/Campbell Hall/C.H. Moore–	
7	Window Replacement	200,000
8	1020 Wendover/Price/Corbett Sports Center/Campbell, & Carver–	
9	Asbestos Abatement	150,000
10	Campus-Wide–Back Flow Preventors	300,000
11	Beef Barn/Bull Barn/Calf Barn/Dairy Barn	100,000
12	Carver Hall–Comprehensive Modernization, Phase 2	10,400,000
13	Price Hall Renovation, Phase 2	8,500,000
14	North Carolina Central University–	
15	Lee Biology Renovation	8,100,000
16	B.N. Duke Auditorium–Steam to Natural Gas Conversion	350,000
17	Art Museum–Roof Replacement	250,000
18	Campus-Wide Steam System Repairs	
19	(Steam Traps, Valves, Leaks, Piping & Insulation Replacement, MHs)	600,000
20	Robinson Science Building–Repair & Restore Brick Façade	300,000
21	Hubbard Totton Building–Elevator Replacement	350,000
22	Campus-Wide ADA Compliance Upgrades, Phase 2	100,000
23	William Jones Building–HVAC Upgrades	450,000
24	Walker PE Complex–Elevator Replacement	350,000
25	Sanitary Sewer System–	
26	(Locate/assess terra-cotta pipes; stop inflow and infiltration)	100,000
27	Roof Gutters & Vent Repairs	310,000
28	Taylor Building–Repair & Restore Brick Façade	161,000
29	Water System–Re-route South and East Sides/Increase Capacity	135,000
30	Campus-Wide Annual Flat Roof Diagnostics, Prev. Maint., & Leak Repairs	300,000
31	Fire Alarm Systems Upgrades & Repairs	250,000
32	Steam Plant–Roof Repair	40,000
33	Asbestos/Mold Remediation & Contaminants Removal	300,000
34	Shepard Library–ITS/NOC/HVAC Upgrades	230,000
35	Fine Arts Building–Fire Alarm System Replacement	495,000
36	Miller Morgan Building–VFDs Replacement	80,000
37	B.N. Duke Auditorium–Repair & Restore Brick Façade	300,000
38	Edmonds Building–Brick Façade Repair & ADA Access	
39	(Ease of Entry & Code Compliant Steps and Handrails)	245,300
40	Taylor Education Building Renovation	13,750,000
41	North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics–	
42	Campus-Wide HVAC Renovations	2,000,000
43	Chiller Replacement	3,000,000
44	Building Envelope Repairs	5,850,000
45	Cafeteria Renovation	2,500,000
46	Academic Commons & Dining Hall Renovation	12,400,000
47	North Carolina State University–	
48	Page Hall–Building Envelope Repairs & Plumbing Upgrades	4,000,000
49	Scott Hall–HVAC Renovation	5,000,000
50	Mann Hall–HVAC & Plumbing Renovation	10,000,000
51	Kilgore Hall–HVAC Renovation	10,000,000

1	North & Central Campus–Domestic Water Line Replacement	4,303,000
2	Poe Hall–Fire Protection Systems	3,500,000
3	Thomas Hall–HVAC Renovation	4,000,000
4	Research Building III–HVAC Upgrades	900,000
5	Original Campus–Domestic Water Line Repair Under RR Tracks	270,000
6	Dabney Labs–Renovation	1,500,000
7	Polk–2nd Floor Overhang Structural Repair	150,000
8	Scott Hall Labs–Renovation	2,500,000
9	Brooks Hall–Renovation, Phase 1	1,500,000
10	Mann Hall–Electrical Upgrades	950,000
11	Thomas Hall Labs–Renovation	1,000,000
12	CVM Equine AHU Replacement	300,000
13	McKimmon–ADA Improvements/Restrooms	500,000
14	Morrill Drive Domestic Water Line Replacement	661,000
15	Nelson, Park Alumni, Beef Ed. Unit, Schaub, CVM Research–	
16	Fire Alarm Panel Replacement	250,000
17	Campus-Wide Domestic Water Line & Valve Replacement, Phase 2	650,000
18	Don Ellis, Brooks–BAS Controls Upgrade, Phase 1	100,000
19	Polk Hall Labs–Renovation, Phase 1	1,500,000
20	Campus-Wide Asbestos Removal Steam System	650,000
21	Caldwell Hall–Pointing & Caulking	100,000
22	Research Building I–AHU Replacement	850,000
23	Research Building IV–HVAC Upgrades	1,100,000
24	Centennial Campus–Repair Steam Leaks	550,000
25	CVM Main–Fire Alarm Upgrade, Phase 3	400,000
26	Mann Hall–Fire Sprinkler System	500,000
27	Campus Steam Leak Repair–MH13	200,000
28	Gardner Labs–Renovation	480,000
29	Textiles–COT Pod 2, South Side Foundation Waterproofing	350,000
30	Campus Cooling Tower Refurbish at CBC	250,000
31	Polk Hall–Fire Alarm Upgrade	600,000
32	Biltmore–Code Deficiencies	2,000,000
33	Campus Upgrade Sanitary/Storm Water System, Phase 1	844,000
34	Campus Chilled Water System Improvements	575,000
35	Kilgore–Foundation Waterproofing	350,000
36	Cox–Pointing & Caulking	300,000
37	Tompkins Hall–Above-Grade Waterproofing/Pointing	200,000
38	Yarborough–Chiller Controls Upgrade	146,000
39	Campus Sewer Line Replacement/Court of NC	175,000
40	111 Lampe Drive Renovation	42,000,000
41	University of North Carolina at Asheville–	
42	Campus Safety Improvements, Access Control, Cameras	2,300,000
43	Campus Roadway Repairs	4,400,000
44	Campus-Wide–Arc Flash Compliance, Phase II	150,000
45	Replace & Upgrade Fueling Station/Compliant Storage Tanks & System	
46	(FCAP #31053)	150,000
47	Replace Pedestrian Paths/Main Quad to Owen Hall	250,000
48	Replace Walkways in Tennent Park/ADA Accessible Path to	
49	Main Quadrangle/Carmichael Hall	250,000
50	Repair Concrete at Carmichael Plaza & Walk Along Ramsey/Tennent Park	200,000
51	Reuter Center–Replace BAS; Add VFD to AHU (FCAP #31131)	150,000

1	Reuter Center/Riverside Warehouse–Roof Replacements (FCAP #14433)	475,000
2	Rework Intersection at Edgewood & University Heights	250,000
3	Utility Location Survey/Installation of Underground Utility Markers	200,000
4	Zageir Hall–Replace Machinery w/new HE Models (FCAP #31124)	225,000
5	Underground Waterline Repairs–	
6	(Replace Domestic Waterline/Valves & Assoc. Work)	506,000
7	Campus-Wide–Implement Interoperable Communications/911 Commission	250,000
8	Campus-Wide–Install Sub-Metering in all Buildings:	
9	(Gas, Electric, Domestic Hot Water, Rain Water Systems, & Heating)	150,000
10	Replace Sidewalks at Zageir Hall	150,000
11	Weizenblatt Hall–Replace Low Slope Roof w/New Membrane Roof	175,000
12	118 W.T. Weaver–HVAC Replacement	
13	(Replace Major HVAC Equip./Update Controls)	518,974
14	Campus-Wide–Replace Deteriorated/Rusted Handrails w/Aluminum	250,000
15	Lipinsky Renovation	10,000,000
16	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill–	
17	Wilson Library–Means of Egress	9,300,000
18	Swain Hall–Targeted Renovation	5,800,000
19	Phillips Hall–1958 Central HVAC System	6,000,000
20	Hamilton Hall–Central HVAC System	8,800,000
21	Wilson Library–1953 Central HVAC System AHU 1 & 2	7,000,000
22	Wilson Library–1953 Central HVAC System AHU 3	4,000,000
23	462 Art Studio Bldg.–Steel Roof	219,772
24	12 Carroll Hall–Replace Roofing/Built-Up Roof, Sector C	406,823
25	209 First Dental–Replace Roofing/Slate Roof	565,120
26	166 General Storeroom–Replace Roofing/Built-Up Roof, Sector 5	577,490
27	625 ITS Building–Manning–Replace Roofing/Built-Up Roof	672,719
28	27 Memorial Hall–Replace Barrel Roof	330,000
29	226 Old Clinic–Replace Built-Up Roof	283,355
30	5 South Building–Replace Metal Roof/Gutters & Install Fall Protection	927,239
31	228 Brinkhous-Bullitt Building–Electrical Service & Distribution	
32	(Replace Main/Sub-Distribution)	4,843,986
33	12 Carroll Hall–Repair & Renovate Elevator #1618	746,929
34	12 Carroll Hall–Repair & Renovate Elevator #6442	464,850
35	41 Coastal Process Environmental Health Lab Building–	
36	System Cumulative Deficiencies	675,000
37	13 Davie Hall–Replace Air Handling Unit 1A, 1st Floor, 1967 Bldg.	428,865
38	13 Davie Hall–Replace Air Handling Unit 1B, 1st Floor, 1967 Bldg.	169,045
39	3 Ackland Art Museum–Install Bldg. Automation System	236,625
40	13 Davie Hall–Replace Air Handling Unit 1C, 1st Floor, 1967 Bldg.	225,461
41	14 Dey Hall–Repair & Renovate Elevator #4576	407,206
42	369 Friday Center–Replace Heating/Cooling Air Handling Units:	
43	AHU 01/Office, 1st Floor	255,456
44	369 Friday Center–Replace Heating/Cooling Air Handling Units:	
45	AHU 02/Mail/Book Room, 1st Floor	272,402
46	462 Art Studio Building–Install Fire Sprinkler System	326,540
47	211 Brauer Hall–Fire Alarm Systems:	
48	Replace Fire Alarm Initiating Devices & Control Panel	565,868
49	13 Davie Hall–Fire Alarm Systems:	
50	Replace Fire Alarm Control Panel	135,985
51	498 Kenan Center–Fire Alarm Systems:	

1	Replace Initiating Devices & Control Panel	200,000
2	3 Ackland Art Museum–Air Handling Units:	
3	(AHU 2, Rear Galleries, Admin, 1983 Building)	419,748
4	24 Wilson Library–Replace AHU 7 HVAC System	5,086,299
5	3 Ackland Art Museum–Replace Windows/Painted Wood Window	484,785
6	328 Bingham Facility (Building 1)–Replace Roofing/EPDM Roof	225,560
7	228 Brinkhous-Bullitt Building–Provide Roof Fall Protection	156,547
8	229 Burnett-Womack Building–Provide Roof Fall Protection	138,419
9	University of North Carolina at Charlotte–	
10	Atkins Library Tower–ADA & Elev.	10,000,000
11	Smith–Replace HVAC & Controls, Envelope, Replace Roof	5,950,000
12	Atkins Library Tower–Fire & Smoke Systems	3,840,000
13	Woodward–Controls & Lab HVAC Modernization	2,700,000
14	Friday–HVAC, Controls & Electrical Upgrade	9,700,000
15	Atkins–Roof	911,250
16	Reese–Roof	226,100
17	Reese–Fire Systems	773,500
18	Memorial Hall–Fire Systems	327,250
19	Duke–HVAC & Controls	654,500
20	Friday–Roof	1,011,000
21	RUP-2–HVAC & Controls	416,500
22	King–Fire Systems & Abatement	729,000
23	Fretwell–HVAC & Controls	1,574,009
24	Memorial Hall–Envelope	120,311
25	Memorial Hall–Roof	188,792
26	Reese–Envelope	995,269
27	King–Envelope	839,459
28	Grigg–HVAC & Controls	561,202
29	Friday–Fire Systems	631,072
30	Rowe–Elevators	156,334
31	Rowe–Electrical	154,042
32	Fretwell–Fire Systems	362,670
33	Cameron–Second Floor Renovation	19,100,000
34	Burson–Renovation	25,900,000
35	University of North Carolina at Greensboro–	
36	Coleman–Fire Alarm Replacement	2,440,000
37	Steam Distribution Replacement, Phase IV-B	1,550,000
38	Campus Chiller Water Infrastructure & Equip. Improvements	10,400,000
39	Petty Bldg.–Portico Waterproofing	712,031
40	MHRA Building–Fire Alarm System Replacement	985,327
41	Mossman Bldg.–Roof Replacement	773,128
42	Campus-Wide ADA Compliance–Restrooms/Entrances, etc.	400,000
43	UNCG State Building–Exterior Envelope Repairs	762,000
44	Cone Art Bldg.–Replace Gallery Lighting/Light Controls, Phases 2 & 3	861,750
45	Replace Generator Diesel Fuel Tank	839,175
46	Campus-Wide–Replace Property-Line Fences/Replace Underground	
47	Piping for Roof Drainage	230,000
48	Sullivan Science Bldg.–Replace HVAC/Greenhouse	683,434
49	Campus-Wide–Pedestrian Crosswalks Repair & Upgrade	486,000
50	Armfield-Preyer/Visitor's Center–Exterior Renovation & Waterproofing	435,000
51	Campus-Wide Walks and Hardscape Improvements	240,000

1	Campus-Wide Asbestos & Lead Abatement	240,000
2	Petty Bldg.–Replace EST QuickStart Fire Alarm System	400,000
3	Sink Bldg./Maintenance Compound–Asphalt Replacement	140,000
4	Coleman Bldg.–VCT Flooring Abatement & Replacement	250,000
5	996 Spring Garden/1605 Spring Garden/535 Tate Street/2900 Oakland Ave.–	
6	Fire Alarm Upgrade	250,000
7	Cone Arts/Lecture Hall, Room 103–Seating, Flooring, Lighting, Other Upgrades	187,000
8	Jackson Library–Renovation/Addition	81,000,000
9	University of North Carolina at Pembroke–	
10	Jacobs Hall–Demolition/Site Restoration	1,250,000
11	Campus Roof Replacements	1,500,000
12	Campus Safety & Regional Emergency Response Center	4,480,000
13	Campus Gas Line Replacement	550,000
14	Jones Pool–HVAC Replacement	1,300,000
15	Livermore & Jones–Generator	424,500
16	Honors College–Renovation	250,000
17	Jones Auxiliary Gym/Dance Studio–Flooring/Studio Upgrades	625,000
18	Education–Boiler Replacement	110,000
19	Chavis–Air Handlers	390,000
20	Moore Hall & Chavis–Boiler Replacement	190,000
21	Lumbee Hall & Old Main–Elevator Replacement	465,000
22	Jones/Livermore/Lumbee/Old Main–FACP Replacement	682,000
23	Jones–Ceiling Repaint	110,000
24	Business Administration Renovation	12,500,000
25	School of the Arts–	
26	Stevens Center–Roof, Water Intrusion, Bldg. Envelope	4,800,000
27	Gray Building–Roof, Bldg. Envelope, HVAC, Fire Suppression	3,350,000
28	Performance Place/Workplace/WPV–Roof Replacements	2,435,000
29	Gray Building–New Electrical Service Main	256,000
30	Design and Production/Workplace/Film Building 3–Life Safety Code Correction	134,000
31	Admin/Aquarius/Facilities/D&P Storage/WorkplaceWest V/Demille–	
32	Install Exit/Egress Lighting	115,000
33	Workplace–Renovate Drama Studios	448,000
34	Drainage & Landscape Improvements/Common Area at Moore & Sanford	397,000
35	Workplace–Renovate Drama Administrative Offices	323,000
36	Facilities Management–Install Shop Exhaust & Heating System	95,000
37	Gray Building–Remove Boilers	123,000
38	Film School, Buildings 1 & 2–Repair & Replace Windows	202,000
39	Film Archives Building–A/C & Controls	485,000
40	Performance Place, Film 2–	
41	Provide Heating/Cooling to Control Booth and Foley Booth	87,000
42	Gray Building–Modifications to Heating/Ventilation/AC System for Police	101,000
43	Film School–Paint Rooftop Components	81,000
44	Facilities Management–Resurface Drives/Vehicle Staging	75,000
45	Design & Production–Renovate Administrative/Faculty Offices	162,000
46	Design & Production–Mechanical System Retrocommissioning	134,000
47	Campus-Wide ADA/Misc. Improvements	39,000
48	Chapel St. Buildings–Roof Replacement	34,000
49	300 Waughtown–Exterior Waterproofing & Repairs	73,000
50	Film School, Building 3–Theater Dimmers	232,000
51	Hanes Student Commons–Motor Control Center	150,000

1	Commons Building–Upgrade Air Distribution & Controls	93,000
2	Commons–Partial Interior Renovation	75,000
3	Residence Halls A-F–Replace Floor Slabs, Sidewalks, & Stairs	118,000
4	Stevens Center Renovation, Phase 1	25,000,000
5	University of North Carolina at Wilmington–	
6	Coastal Marine Studies–Plumbing, Mech., Elec. Renovation	9,930,000
7	West Side Energy Plant Modernization	3,926,440
8	Wagoner/Hurst/Hamilton Roadways–Storm Water Refurbishment	2,500,000
9	Warehouse/Receiving–Replace Fire Alarm System	161,000
10	Telecommunications–Replace Fire Alarm System	62,000
11	Kenan Auditorium–Fire/Life Safety Improvements	75,000
12	Isaac Bear Bldg.–Fire Sprinkler	410,000
13	Alderman Hall–Replace Windows	280,000
14	Randall Library Renovation & Expansion	61,500,000
15	Western Carolina University–	
16	Killian Building–HVAC Upgrades/Window Replacement	3,570,000
17	Reid Building–Roof Replacement	2,520,000
18	Moore Building–Abatement, Demo. & Struct. Improvements	7,100,000
19	Moore Building–Infrastructure & Accessibility	4,200,000
20	HFR Building–Roof Replacement	660,000
21	Campus-Wide Fire Alarm System Upgrades	300,000
22	Reid Building–Gym Floor Replacement	275,000
23	Undersized Water Main Replacements/Non-Functioning Valves/Upgrade Lines	3,000,000
24	Facilities Management Building–Roof Replacement	193,000
25	Highlands Biological Station–Structural Repairs	250,000
26	Ramsey Activities Center–Elevator Replacement	250,000
27	HFR Building–Chiller Replacement	200,000
28	Old Student Union–Foundation & Exterior Repair	450,000
29	Hunter Library–Cooling Tower Replacement	175,000
30	Campus-Wide Egress Lighting/Exit Light Replacement	100,000
31	Moore Building Renovation	15,000,000
32	Winston-Salem State University–	
33	Hauser Hall Renovations–Restore the Core	9,500,000
34	Computer Science–Roof Repair	120,000
35	Gaines Complex–Roof Replacement	660,000
36	Computer Science–Exterior Wall Repairs	110,000
37	W.B. Atkinson–Exterior Wall Repairs	125,000
38	Elva Jones Computer Science–HVAC Upgrades/BAS Controls Replacement	1,450,000
39	O’Kelly Library–Upgrade HVAC Make-Up Air System	375,000
40	1600 Lowery St.–Add Fire Alarm System	125,000
41	Campus-Wide Fire Alarm System Upgrades	750,000
42	R.J. Reynolds–Roof Replacement	205,000
43	Coltrane Hall–Exterior Wall Repairs/Door & Window Replacement	275,000
44	O’Kelly Library–Upgrade Electrical System	250,000
45	Hauser Hall–Renovation, Phase 2	7,500,000
46	PBS North Carolina–	
47	Tower Lighting/FAA Markers/Tower Elev. Repair	2,200,000
48	Bryan Center–Replace HVAC Air Handler & Controls	2,707,000
49	Bryan Center–Chiller & Cooling Tower Replacement	1,120,000
50	North Carolina Arboretum–	
51	Infrastructure Restoration & Road Projects	1,000,000

1 **SECTION 40.1.(e)** Of the funds in the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund
 2 allocated in subsection (b) of this section for project code CC21, the following amounts are
 3 allocated for capital improvement projects at community colleges in this State in the aggregate
 4 amount of four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000). Funds allocated pursuant to this
 5 subsection shall be used for the purpose of issuing allotted proceeds to community colleges for
 6 new construction or rehabilitation of existing facilities and repairs and renovations in accordance
 7 with the following:

Community College	Proceeds Allotment
9 Alamance CC	\$ 7,938,704
10 Asheville-Buncombe TCC	\$ 8,265,643
11 Beaufort County CC	\$ 4,149,414
12 Bladen CC	\$ 3,520,119
13 Blue Ridge CC	\$ 2,905,574
14 Brunswick CC	\$ 2,278,736
15 Caldwell CC and TI	\$ 6,909,954
16 Cape Fear CC	\$ 9,986,372
17 Carteret CC	\$ 3,375,700
18 Catawba Valley CC	\$ 8,655,880
19 Central Carolina CC	\$10,031,233
20 Central Piedmont CC	\$20,000,000
21 Cleveland CC	\$ 7,598,247
22 Coastal Carolina CC	\$ 8,460,455
23 College of the Albemarle	\$ 6,376,529
24 Craven CC	\$ 5,765,056
25 Davidson County CC	\$ 6,755,089
26 Durham TCC	\$ 6,188,478
27 Edgecombe CC	\$ 5,417,837
28 Fayetteville TCC	\$20,000,000
29 Forsyth TCC	\$14,572,113
30 Gaston College	\$ 9,009,858
31 Guilford TCC	\$19,525,968
32 Halifax CC	\$ 2,996,526
33 Haywood CC	\$ 2,105,434
34 Isothermal CC	\$ 5,007,321
35 James Sprunt CC	\$ 3,144,017
36 Johnston CC	\$ 5,111,793
37 Lenoir CC	\$11,826,322
38 Martin CC	\$ 2,190,242
39 Mayland CC	\$ 3,829,850
40 McDowell TCC	\$ 2,173,649
41 Mitchell CC	\$ 3,397,210
42 Montgomery CC	\$ 1,860,231
43 Nash CC	\$ 7,753,111
44 Pamlico CC	\$ 1,222,332
45 Piedmont CC	\$ 3,001,442
46 Pitt CC	\$14,535,241
47 Randolph CC	\$ 5,418,451
48 Richmond CC	\$ 7,526,958
49 Roanoke Chowan CC	\$ 2,217,281
50 Robeson CC	\$ 6,555,976
51 Rockingham CC	\$ 4,407,523

1	Rowan-Cabarrus CC	\$12,614,170
2	Sampson CC	\$ 5,203,976
3	Sandhills CC	\$ 4,970,448
4	Southeastern CC	\$ 6,701,009
5	South Piedmont CC	\$ 5,560,411
6	Southwestern CC	\$ 5,020,226
7	Stanly CC	\$ 5,610,190
8	Surry CC	\$ 7,888,312
9	Tri-County CC	\$ 2,055,656
10	Vance-Granville CC	\$ 7,394,217
11	Wake TCC	\$20,000,000
12	Wayne CC	\$ 9,149,360
13	Western Piedmont CC	\$ 3,947,229
14	Wilkes CC	\$ 5,514,320
15	Wilson CC	\$ 4,402,607

16 **SECTION 40.1.(f)** There is created within the Community Colleges System Office
17 the Community Colleges Building Fund as an interest-bearing capital project fund. At the
18 beginning of each fiscal year, the Office of State Budget and Management shall transfer an
19 amount equal to the amount allocated for community college capital projects in the most recent
20 Current Operations Appropriations Act to the Community Colleges Building Fund. Proceeds
21 disbursed from the Fund shall be used for new construction or rehabilitation of existing facilities,
22 repairs and renovations, building of technology infrastructure, and the purchase of measures to
23 ensure building security. Projects for facilities for centralized administration, trailers, relocatable
24 classrooms, or mobile classrooms are not eligible for funding. Any items purchased with such
25 proceeds and installed or replaced as part of a renovation or rehabilitation must have a useful life
26 of at least 10 years or must extend the life of the facility by at least 10 years once renovated or
27 rehabilitated. The Community Colleges System Office shall develop a priority list of projects and
28 capital needs to administer the proceeds from the Community Colleges Building Fund and shall
29 prioritize allocation of funds among projects for new construction and repairs and renovations
30 by ranking the projects for the various community colleges according to greatest need and the
31 ability for disbursed funds to be expended and projects completed expeditiously.

32 As of the effective date of this section, a county that is a development tier three area,
33 as defined in G.S. 143B-437.08, shall provide local matching funds from county funds, other
34 non-State funds, or a combination of these sources for such proceeds in the amount of one dollar
35 (\$1.00) of local matching funds for every one dollar (\$1.00) of such proceeds. The provisions of
36 G.S. 115D-31, or any other provision of law permitting prior expenditures to be used for match
37 purposes, do not apply for purposes of meeting the matching funds requirements of this section.
38 For rehabilitation of existing facilities and repairs and renovations, community colleges are not
39 required to match proceeds allocated in this section. Each community college receiving the
40 proceeds allocated pursuant to subsection (e) of this section shall report by January 1, and
41 quarterly thereafter, to the Community Colleges System Office on the projects funded from those
42 allocations, and the Community Colleges System Office shall combine the reports and submit
43 them in accordance with G.S. 143C-8-14. Allocations from the fund shall not be used to retire
44 debt issued or authorized prior to July 1, 2021. The amount distributed to any single community
45 college shall not exceed the amount listed in the allocation schedule in subsection (e) of this
46 section. Interest credited to the Community Colleges Building Fund shall revert to the State
47 Capital and Infrastructure Fund.

48 **SECTION 40.1.(g)** For project code NCGA21-2, the Legislative Services Office
49 shall utilize funds appropriated for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to expand upon the Government
50 Facilities Master Plan initiated pursuant to Section 36.2(a) of S.L. 2018-5, with a focus on

1 potential remodeling expenditures and the use of leasing alternatives to more effectively renovate
 2 and remodel State-owned property for the following:

- 3 (1) The Department of Public Instruction/Education Building.
- 4 (2) Dobbs Building.
- 5 (3) Bath Building.
- 6 (4) Albemarle Building.
- 7 (5) The Department of Administration Building.

8 The expanded Government Facilities Master Plan outlined in this subsection shall
 9 also consider available options for consolidating the facilities of the Department of Commerce,
 10 The University of North Carolina System Office, the Community Colleges System Office, and
 11 the Department of Public Instruction into a single location located in the downtown government
 12 complex.

13 **SECTION 40.1.(h)** In connection with the expanded Government Facilities Master
 14 Plan described in subsection (g) of this section, the Legislative Services Office, utilizing the
 15 Alternative Workplace Requirements methodology developed for the State of North Carolina
 16 during a project conducted with the assistance of the Office of State Auditor in 2019, shall direct
 17 a study of the Albemarle Building to determine the necessary space to house the Office of the
 18 State Auditor, considering the necessary amount of square footage that employees, or groups of
 19 employees, need in order to perform the required tasks for their positions. The cost of the study
 20 described in this subsection shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and shall
 21 be funded utilizing funds available to the Department of Insurance.

22 **SECTION 40.1.(i)** For project code NCGA21-2, and notwithstanding
 23 G.S. 143-135.26 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the Legislative Services Office
 24 shall utilize the funds appropriated for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to initiate advance planning, full
 25 planning, and design for the location of The University of North Carolina System Office in the
 26 downtown government complex, including any facility consolidation identified using the study
 27 conducted pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

28 **SECTION 40.1.(j)** Of the funds allocated in this Part for project code CF21, the
 29 Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) shall provide funds in the form of aggregate grants
 30 in the following amounts to the following counties for courthouse repair and renovation:

County Courthouse	Grant Amount
31 Alleghany County	\$2,000,000
32 Burke County	\$1,000,000
33 Cabarrus County	\$4,500,000
34 Caldwell County	\$4,500,000
35 Cleveland County	\$4,500,000
36 Columbus County	\$2,000,000
37 Davie County	\$1,000,000
38 Hoke County	\$31,000,000
39 Jones County	\$250,000
40 Lenoir County	\$550,000
41 Lincoln County	\$4,500,000
42 Madison County	\$3,800,000
43 Pender County	\$250,000
44 Rutherford County	\$3,107,500
45 Stokes County	\$2,000,000

46 **SECTION 40.1.(k)** Of the funds allocated in this Part for project code K-12F21, the
 47 Department of Public Instruction (DPI) shall provide funds during the 2021-2022 fiscal year in
 48 the form of aggregate grants for repair and renovation of athletic facilities and related activities
 49 in the form of grants as follows:

Facility/Project	Amount
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1	Alexander Central High School–	
2	Track	\$300,000
3	Tennis Courts	\$330,000
4	North Lincoln High School–	
5	Field Turf	\$400,000
6	Mitchell High School–	
7	Football Field Turf	\$1,100,000
8	Mountain Heritage High School–	
9	Field Turf	\$1,100,000
10	Madison High School–	
11	Repairs	\$2,500,000
12	Bethel Middle School–	
13	Sports Field	\$1,500,000
14	Lincoln County–	
15	Lincoln Rescue Park Soccer Fields	\$1,100,000

16 DPI shall distribute the remaining funds allocated for project code K-12F21 in the
 17 form of grants during the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to local school administrative units for the
 18 repair and renovation of athletic facilities at public schools located in this State. DPI shall
 19 prioritize the provision of grants to low-wealth public school units.

20 **SECTION 40.1.(j)** Of the funds allocated in this Part for project code AP21, the
 21 Division of Aviation in the Department of Transportation (Division) shall provide funding for
 22 the repair and renovation of public use airport facilities in the form of grants in aggregate amounts
 23 as follows:

24	Airport Facility	Amount
25	Rockingham County NC Shiloh Airport	\$7,000,000
26	Stanly County Airport	\$28,000,000
27	Gastonia Municipal Airport	\$250,000
28	Statesville Regional Airport	\$500,000
29	Johnston County Airport	\$7,500,000
30	Mt. Airy/Surry County Airport	\$2,900,000
31	Cape Fear Regional Jetport	\$3,500,000
32	Smith Reynolds Airport	\$20,000,000

33 **SECTION 40.1.(m)** Of the funds allocated in this Part for project code DAM21, the
 34 Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources in the Department of Environmental Quality
 35 (Division) shall provide funding for the repair of dams and related structures in the form of grants
 36 in aggregate amounts as follows:

37	Dam/Structure	Amount
38	Lake Lure Dam	\$16,500,000
39	Boiling Springs Dam	\$12,200,000
40	Lake Adger Dam	\$6,500,000
41	Fair Lake Dam	\$100,000

42 **SECTION 40.1.(n)** For the Gaston Aquatics Center (Center) grant allocated in this
 43 Part, Gaston Aquatics, Inc., a nonprofit organization, shall match the sum of two million dollars
 44 (\$2,000,000) to the Center for pool construction on a one-to-one basis. The Center shall have
 45 four years in which to raise the matching funds. Upon raising the initial sum of one million dollars
 46 (\$1,000,000) in non-State funding, the Center shall receive the sum of one million dollars
 47 (\$1,000,000). Upon raising an additional sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), the Center
 48 shall receive the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Funds allocated in this Part to the
 49 Center that have not been disbursed by June 30, 2025, shall revert to the State Capital and
 50 Infrastructure Fund.

1 **SECTION 40.1.(o)** For the Gaston Community Foundation grant allocated in this
2 Part, Gaston Community Foundation (Foundation) shall match the sum of two million dollars
3 (\$2,000,000) on a one-to-one basis. The Foundation shall have four years in which to raise the
4 matching funds. Upon raising the initial sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in non-State
5 funding, the Foundation shall receive the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Upon raising
6 an additional sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), the Foundation shall receive the sum of
7 one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Funds allocated in this Part to the Foundation that have not
8 been disbursed by June 30, 2025, shall revert to the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund.

9 **SECTION 40.1.(p)** From the funds allocated in this Part to the Gaston County
10 Family YMCA, the Warlick Family YMCA (Warlick) shall be allotted the sum of five hundred
11 thousand dollars (\$500,000) upon raising matching funds in the sum of five hundred thousand
12 dollars (\$500,000) in non-State funds. Funds allocated in this Part that have not been disbursed
13 by June 30, 2025, shall revert to the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund.

14 **SECTION 40.1.(q)** For project code DACS21-4, the Department of Agriculture and
15 Consumer Services shall select a site located in Duplin County for the construction of the new
16 Region 1 headquarters for the North Carolina Forestry Service.

17 **SECTION 40.1.(q1)** Section 3.9 of S.L. 2020-97 reads as rewritten:

18 **"SECTION 3.9.** The funds allocated to the North Carolina Forest Service by subdivision
19 (10) of Section 4.1 of S.L. 2016-124 and that are unencumbered and unexpended for those
20 purposes or for the additional purposes authorized by Section 12.9 of S.L. 2017-57 shall be used
21 by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the following purposes:

- 22 (1) ~~The purchase and renovation of an existing facility for use as a regional~~
23 ~~headquarters and training facility construction authorization and partial~~
24 ~~support of construction of a Region One headquarters and training facility for~~
25 ~~the North Carolina Forest Service. The facility shall include, but is not limited~~
26 ~~to, an office building with classrooms, an equipment maintenance facility, and~~
27 ~~multi-bay equipment shelters.~~
28 (2) Support of operations and other receipt-supported activities such as
29 maintenance and repairs at the North Carolina State Fair and the Western
30 North Carolina Agriculture Center."

31 **SECTION 40.1.(r)** For project code DNCR21-11, notwithstanding
32 G.S. 143-341(4)d. and Article 6 of Chapter 146 of the General Statutes, the Department of
33 Natural and Cultural Resources may utilize the funds allocated in this Part for Historic Sites for
34 the following:

- 35 (1) An amount not exceeding six million one hundred thousand dollars
36 (\$6,100,000) for the purchase of approximately 194 acres containing Hayes
37 Manor and the Samuel Johnston Historic Farm in Chowan County, to be added
38 to Edenton State Historic Site.
39 (2) An amount not exceeding one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars
40 (\$125,000) for the purchase of approximately 48 acres adjacent to the Moore's
41 Creek National Battlefield in Pender County. The Department shall seek to
42 enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Park Service to
43 manage the site.
44 (3) An amount not exceeding thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) for the
45 purchase of approximately 2.35 acres near the Alamance Battleground State
46 Historic Site in Alamance County, to be added to the Historic Site.
47 (4) An amount not exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purchase
48 of approximately 100 acres adjacent to the Charlotte Hawkins Brown State
49 Historic Site in Guilford County, to be added to the Historic Site.
50 (5) An amount not exceeding one million eight hundred thousand dollars
51 (\$1,800,000) for the purchase of approximately 245 acres at the Shallow Ford

1 of the Yadkin in Forsyth County, to be managed in conjunction with other
2 nearby historic sites.

3 (6) An amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the
4 purchase of a conservation and preservation easement for an approximately
5 40-acre tract at the site of the Cherokee settlement of Watauga Town in Macon
6 County.

7 (7) An amount not exceeding seven hundred thirteen thousand four hundred
8 dollars (\$713,400) for the purchase of two sites totaling approximately 2.6
9 acres and of a conservation and preservation easement at a third site of
10 approximately 0.7 acres at the site of the Cherokee settlement of Nikwasi
11 Town in the Town of Franklin in Macon County.

12 (8) An amount not exceeding ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) for the purchase
13 of Wyse Fork Battlefield, consisting of approximately 46.65 acres known as
14 the McQuiston Tract at Wyse Fork, as a match to American Battlefield Trust
15 and federal Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant funds. The site is to be
16 maintained by the Historical Preservation Group of Wyse Fork.

17 (9) Four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$425,000) for the construction of
18 a parking lot at the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin in Forsyth County.

19 (10) Forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) to be placed into the stewardship
20 endowment to cover the cost of stewardship for the Moore's Creek National
21 Battlefield in Pender County and the Cherokee settlements of Watauga Town
22 in Macon County and Nikwasi Town in the Town of Franklin in Macon
23 County.

24 (11) An amount not exceeding four hundred sixty-seven thousand five hundred
25 dollars (\$467,500) for the purchase of two tracts situated in Harnett and
26 Cumberland Counties as a match for federal Battlefield Land Acquisition
27 Grant funds to ultimately be transferred to the Averagesboro Battlefield
28 Commission.

29 (12) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be used for the Road to Freedom program.

30 (13) An amount not exceeding one million twenty thousand dollars (\$1,020,000)
31 for the purchase of six tracts situated in Johnston and Wayne Counties related
32 to the Bentonville Battlefield as a match for federal Battlefield Land
33 Acquisition Grant funds.

34 (14) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to be used for Horne Creek Historic Farm.

35 Notwithstanding G.S. 143-341(4)e. and Article 6 of Chapter 146 of the General
36 Statutes, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources may enter into a memorandum of
37 understanding or a lease agreement with a nonprofit entity for the operation of the Hayes Manor
38 facility and the Wyse Fork Battlefield, and other activities related to the operation of those sites.

39 At each of the sites described in this subsection, the Department of Natural and
40 Cultural Resources shall seek to partner with nonprofit organizations to provide funds and in-kind
41 contributions for site development, preservation, or operational support in order to minimize the
42 use of public funds. The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources shall report to the Joint
43 Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the
44 Fiscal Research Division no later than April 1, 2022, with an estimate of any additional recurring
45 costs associated with acquisition, maintenance, and operation of the sites acquired pursuant to
46 this subsection.

47 The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources shall utilize the remaining funds
48 allocated for project code DNCR21-11 for repair and renovation projects at Historic Sites located
49 in this State.

50 **SECTION 40.1.(s)** For the Holy Angels grant allocated in this Part, Holy Angels
51 Services, Inc., a nonprofit, shall utilize funds received to pay for costs associated with the

1 construction of up to three new group homes with up to a combined total of 20 intermediate care
 2 facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) beds operating these new homes.
 3 Notwithstanding the State Medical Facilities Plan, Article 9 of Chapter 131E of the General
 4 Statutes, or any other provision of law to the contrary, Holy Angels Services, Inc., shall be
 5 exempt from certificate of need review for the construction of each group home, including up to
 6 a combined total of 20 new ICF/IID beds operating in the group homes, for which funding was
 7 received under this Part. These group homes and beds shall be subject to existing licensure laws
 8 and requirements.

9 **SECTION 40.1.(t)** For the Harnett Health Systems grant allocated in this Part,
 10 Harnett Health Systems, Inc., shall utilize funds received for the same purpose and subject to the
 11 same guidelines and limitations set forth in Section 9F.9(a) of this act.
 12

13 **SIX-YEAR INTENDED PROJECT ALLOCATION SCHEDULE**

14 **SECTION 40.2.** It is the intent of the General Assembly to fund capital improvement
 15 projects on a cash flow basis and to plan for future project funding based upon projected
 16 availability in the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund. Nothing in this section shall be construed
 17 (i) to appropriate funds or (ii) as an obligation by the General Assembly to appropriate funds for
 18 the projects listed in future years. The following schedule lists capital improvement projects that
 19 will begin or be completed in fiscal years outside of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium and estimated
 20 amounts (in thousands) needed for completion of those projects:
 21

22	Project Code	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25	FY25-26	FY26-27
24	UNC/R&R21	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
25	R&R21	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
26	DOA21-1	50,000	60,500	54,000	64,500	—	—
27	NCGA21-2	1,800	11,391.3	38,000	51,000	—	—
28	UNC/ECU21-1	21,500	53,750	86,000	53,750	—	—
29	UNC/NCS20-1	18,250	36,500	18,250	—	—	—
30	UNC/PEM21-1	9,100	22,750	36,400	22,750	—	—
31	UNC/ECS21-4	4,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	—	—
32	UNC/FSU21-1	2,000	5,000	8,000	5,000	—	—
33	UNC/WSS21-1	5,700	14,250	22,800	14,250	—	—
34	CC	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	—	—

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 36 **WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

37 **SECTION 40.3.(a)** The Department of Environmental Quality shall allocate funds
 38 for water resources development projects in accordance with the schedule that follows. The
 39 amounts set forth in the schedule include funds appropriated in this act for water resources
 40 development projects and funds carried forward from previous fiscal years. These funds will
 41 provide a State match for an estimated two hundred twenty million five hundred twenty-six
 42 thousand dollars (\$220,526,000) in federal funds.
 43

44	Name of Project	2021-2022	2022-2023
46	(1) Princeville Flood Damage Reduction	\$5,197,500	\$5,197,500
47	(2) Carolina Beach CSDM	4,750,000	1,083,333
48	(3) Wilmington Harbor DA Maintenance	3,663,642	7,334,000
49	(4) Kure Beach CSDM	4,889,423	825,641
50	(5) Surf City/North Topsail Beach CSR	14,537,000	14,537,000
51	(6) Ocean Isle CSDM	494,599	1,534,615

1	(7)	WRD Grant Program–State & Local Projects	2,750,000	1,500,000
2	(8)	WRD Grant Program–EQIP Projects	2,000,000	2,750,000
3	(9)	Manteo Old House Channel, Sec. 204, CAP, (65/35)	2,700,000	–
4	(10)	Wrightsville Beach CSDM	3,487,500	469,471
5		TOTALS	\$44,469,664	\$35,231,560

SECTION 40.3.(b) Part 8A of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 143-215.73B. Water resources development grants administration.

(a) Fund Creation. – There is established the Water Resources Development Grants Special Fund, a special fund within the Department of Environmental Quality to be used in accordance with this section.

(b) Fund Uses; Flexibility. – Monies within the Water Resources Development Grants Special Fund shall be used for water resources development projects as directed by an act of the General Assembly. Where the actual project costs are different from the authorized estimated project costs, the Department may adjust the allocations among projects as needed. If any funded projects are delayed and the budgeted State funds cannot be used during any given fiscal year, or if the projects are accomplished at a lower cost, the Department may use the resulting fund availability to fund any of the following:

- (1) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project feasibility studies.
- (2) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects whose schedules have advanced and require State matching funds in the current fiscal year.
- (3) State-local water resources development projects.
- (4) NRCS-EQIP stream restoration projects.

(c) Reports – The Department shall submit semiannual reports on the use of funds from the Water Resource Development Grant Special Fund to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management on or before March 1 and September 1. Each report shall include all of the following:

- (1) The project name.
- (2) The estimated cost of each project.
- (3) The date that work on each project began or is expected to begin.
- (4) The date that work on each project was completed or is expected to be completed.
- (5) The actual cost of the project.

The semiannual reports also shall show those projects advanced in schedule and those projects delayed in schedule.

(d) Maximum Share. – Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, funds appropriated for a water resources development project shall be used to provide no more than fifty percent (50%) of the nonfederal portion of the funds for the project. The limitation on fund use shall only apply to projects in which a local government participates."

SECTION 40.3.(c) The following project funds shall be transferred to the Water Resources Development Grants Special Fund established in G.S. 143-215.73B(a), as enacted in subsection (b) of this section:

Fund Number	Project Title	Allotment Balance
4T17	DWR – State & Local Projects	\$187,438.98
4U07	DWR – State & Local Water Res Develop Grant	317,000.00
4U08	DWR – Cape Fear Lock & Dam # Fish Ramp	470,684.08
4U10	DWR – Environmental Qual Incent Prog	259,732.98
4V11	DWR – NRCS EQUIP	53,123.81

1	4V12	DWR – State & Local Projects	465,701.71
2	4Y13	DWR – NRCS EQUIP	881,757.48
3	4Y14	DWR – Everette Jordan Reservoir Water	15,167.24
4	4Y16	DWR – State & Local Projects	1,857,851.47
5	4Y17	DWR – Brunswick/FT Anderson Cape Fear	365,495.08
6	4Y19	DWR – Lindsey Bridge Dam Restoration	210,750.00
7	4Y26	DWR – Town of Rutherfordton Stream	500,000.00
8	4Y27	DWR – Ararat River Greenway Stream Restoration	500,000.00
9	4O01	DWR – Princeville Flood Damage Reduction	
10		(Pre-Contr/Design)	3,465,000.00
11	4O02	DWR – Carolina Beach CSRM	1,754,946.65
12	4O03	DWR – Kure Beach CSRM	2,187,500.37
13	4O04	DWR – Wrightsville Beach CSRM	2,206,487.00
14	4O05	DWR – Ocean Isle CSRM	1,040,016.76
15	4O06	DWR – Planning Assistance to Communities	244,613.13
16	4O07	DWR – Wilmington Harbor DA Maintenance	3,670,358.64
17	4O08	DWR – Morehead City Maintenance	1,980,627.09
18	4O09	DWR – Surf City/ North Topsail CSRM	12,500,000.00
19	4O10	DWR – Dan River Regional Water Supply Project	34,000.00
20	4O11	DWR – Carteret County (Bogue Banks) CSRM	2,567,320.08
21	4O12	DWR – Neuse River-Goldsboro Sec. 1135. CAP, Project	
22		Mods. (50/50)	333,500.00
23	4O13	DWR – Concord Streams, Sec. 206, CAP, Ecosystem	
24		Restoration, Strick Branch, Constr. (65/35)	1,023,000.00
25	4O14	DWR – Lumberton 205, CAP, Flood Damage	
26		Reduction (50/50)	125,000.00
27	4O15	DWR – B. Everette Jordan Reservoir Water Supply	1,732,410.25
28	4O16	DWR – North Topsail Beach Shoreline Protection –	
29		Phase 2	1,500,000.00
30	4O17	DWR – NRCS EQIP/Stream Restoration	2,064,698.97
31	4O18	DWR – State-Local Projects (WRD Grant Program)	4,734,317.22
32	4O20	DWR – Cape Fear Lock and Dam # 2 and # 3 Fish Ramp	903,140.24
33	TOTALS		\$50,151,639.23

NATIONAL GUARD PROJECTS

SECTION 40.4.(a) From the funds allocated in this Part for Project Code NG21-1, the Office of State Budget and Management may disburse to the Department of Public Safety funds needed to provide a State match for federal funds for projects included in the latest Armory and Facilities Development Plan developed pursuant to G.S. 127A-210, or as needed for repairs of facilities damaged during Hurricane Florence, and designated by the Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard in an amount not exceeding three million five hundred sixty-nine thousand six hundred ninety-six dollars (\$3,569,696) during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

SECTION 40.4.(b) No later than June 1, 2023, and every two years thereafter until project completion, the Department shall report on the use of these funds to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly, and the Office of State Budget and Management. Each report shall include all of the following:

- (1) The status of all projects undertaken pursuant to this section.
- (2) The estimated total cost of each project.
- (3) The date that work on each project began or is expected to begin.

- 1 (4) The date that work on each project was completed or is expected to be
- 2 completed.
- 3 (5) The actual cost of each project, including federal matching funds.
- 4 (6) Facilities planned for closure or reversion.
- 5 (7) A list of projects advanced in schedule, those projects delayed in schedule,
- 6 and an estimate of the amount of funds expected to revert to the General Fund.
- 7

NON-GENERAL FUND/NON-SCIF CAPITAL PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS

SECTION 40.5.(a) The General Assembly authorizes the following capital projects to be funded with receipts or from other non-General Fund and non-State Capital and Infrastructure Fund sources available to the appropriate department:

Name of Project	Amount of Non-General Fund Funding Authorized	
	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources		
Edenton State Historic Site–		
Frinks House Renovations	\$300,000	–
USS NC Battleship–		
Mast Repairs	1,000,000	–
Bentonville State Historic Site–		
Harper House Renovations	115,000	–
NC Museum of Art–		
Terrace & Green Project	2,500,000	–
Brunswick Town State Historic Site–		
Shoreline Stabilization	3,000,000	–
Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum–		
Memorial Galen Stone Hall	1,100,000	–
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services		
State Fair–Repairs & Improvements	5,000,000	–
NC Forest Service–		
Design & Install New Bridges	25,000	\$100,000
Equipment Shelters	500,000	500,000
Parking Lot Expansions	500,000	250,000
Picnic Shelters	25,000	50,000
Restrooms	25,000	125,000
Storage Buildings	125,000	–
Viewing Platforms	25,000	125,000
State Research Stations–		
Equipment Storage Shelter	500,000	–
Dilapidated Building Demolition	100,000	–
Livestock & Mission Critical Facility Improvements	–	500,000
Irrigation Improvements at Research Stations	–	500,000
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs		
New State Veterans Home–Raleigh	85,700,000	–
Department of Public Safety		
Alcoholic Beverage Control–		
Office Roof Replacement	864,000	–
Warehouse Office Renovation	480,000	–
Warehouse Storage	313,000	–
Wildlife Resources Commission		

1	Land Acquisition	10,000,000	6,000,000
2	Setzer Hatchery Revision	18,500,000	–
3	Samarcand Training Facility	7,500,000	–
4	New Bern Depot Boat Storage Facility	275,000	–
5	Marion Aquaculture Building	360,000	–
6	Elizabethtown Depot Storage Shed	200,000	–
7	McKinney Lake Residence	300,000	–
8	Sandhills Depot Pole Shed	200,000	–
9	District 7 Storage Building–Wilkesboro	140,000	–
10	Burnsville Depot	500,000	–
11	Balsam Depot Renovation	400,000	–
12	Game Land Improvements	1,000,000	–
13	Morganton Pole Shed	–	130,000
14	Mills River Depot Pole Shed	–	150,000
15	Caswell Depot Storage Building	–	440,000
16	Rhems Depot Storage Building	–	230,000
17			
18	TOTAL AMOUNT OF NON-GENERAL		
19	FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS		
20	AUTHORIZED	\$141,572,000	\$9,100,000
21			

22 **SECTION 40.5.(b)** From funds deposited with the State Treasurer in a capital
 23 improvement account to the credit of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
 24 pursuant to G.S. 146-30, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the 2021-2022
 25 fiscal year and the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year
 26 shall be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to be used,
 27 notwithstanding G.S. 146-30, by the Department for its plant conservation program under Article
 28 19B of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes for costs incidental to the acquisition of land, such as
 29 land appraisals, land surveys, title searches, and environmental studies, and for the management
 30 of the plant conservation program preserves owned by the Department.

31 **SECTION 40.5.(c)** Notwithstanding Section 36.7(d) of S.L. 2018-5, as enacted by
 32 Section 9.1(a) of S.L. 2018-97, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs may utilize
 33 funds in an amount not exceeding twenty-nine million nine hundred ninety-five thousand dollars
 34 (\$29,995,000) in funds appropriated in this act from the North Carolina Veterans Home Trust
 35 Fund established under G.S. 143B-1293 to provide the required State match for federal funding
 36 for the construction of a new State veterans nursing facility in Wake County. Any federal funds
 37 received for this purpose are hereby appropriated.

38
 39 **STATE CONSTRUCTION CHANGES**

40 **SECTION 40.6.** G.S. 143-341 reads as rewritten:

41 **"§ 143-341. Powers and duties of Department.**

42 The Department of Administration has the following powers and duties:

43 ...

44 (3) Architecture and Engineering:

45 a. To examine and approve all plans and specifications for the
 46 construction or renovation of the following:

- 47 1. All State buildings or buildings located on State lands, except
 48 those buildings over which a local building code inspection
 49 department has and exercises jurisdiction. For the purposes of
 50 this sub-sub-subdivision, buildings, facilities, or projects
 51 located on State lands that are (i) privately owned or privately

1 leased and (ii) located within the North Carolina Global
2 TransPark are exempt.

- 3 2. All community college buildings requiring the estimated
4 expenditure of public money for construction or repair work
5 for which public bidding is required under G.S. 143-129 of two
6 million dollars (\$2,000,000) or less prior to the awarding of a
7 contract for such work; and to examine and approve all
8 changes in those plans and specifications made after the
9 contract for such work has been awarded.

10 ...

- 11 c. To supervise the letting of all contracts for the design, construction or
12 renovation of all State buildings and all community college buildings
13 whose plans and specifications must be examined and approved under
14 a.2. of this subdivision.

- 15 d. To supervise and inspect all work done and materials used in the
16 construction or renovation of all State buildings and all community
17 college buildings whose plans and specifications must be examined
18 and approved under a.2. of this subdivision; to act as the appropriate
19 official inspector or inspection department for purposes of
20 G.S. 143-143.2; and no such work may be accepted by the State or by
21 any State agency until it has been approved by the Department.

22"

23 24 **STREAM DEBRIS REMOVAL**

25 **SECTION 40.7.(a)** For project code SDR21, the Division of Soil and Water
26 Conservation of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall develop a schedule
27 for the removal and disposal of waterway debris from waters of the State located in a targeted
28 river basin. The Department shall contract with one or more appropriate and qualified private
29 entities to carry out the debris removal and disposal activities.

30 **SECTION 40.7.(b)** Stream debris removal projects funded under this section shall
31 be exempt from the requirements of Articles 1, 4, and 7 of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes,
32 as well as requirements for stormwater or water quality permits under Article 21 of Chapter 143
33 of the General Statutes. The Department of Environmental Quality is directed to waive any right
34 of certification under section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act with respect to projects funded
35 by this act.

36 **SECTION 40.7.(c)** Funds allocated by this section for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium
37 shall not revert but shall remain available for nonrecurring expenses until the funds have been
38 spent or encumbered.

39 **SECTION 40.7.(d)** The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall
40 report within 30 days of the end of each fiscal quarter in which funds are expended to the chairs
41 of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Environment and Natural
42 Resources and the Fiscal Research Division regarding uses of the funds appropriated by this
43 section. The report shall include a cumulative and quarterly listing of projects funded, counties
44 where funded projects were located, and linear feet of streams cleared.

45 **SECTION 40.7.(e)** Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

- 46 (1) Acute incident. – A natural event such as a hurricane, tornado, or extreme rain
47 event that results in the release of large amounts of waterway debris.
48 (2) Targeted river basins. – The Neuse River basin, the Cape Fear River basin,
49 the Lumber River basin, the Tar-Pamlico River basin, and the White Oak
50 River basin.

- 1 (3) Vegetative debris. – Vegetative matter resulting from landscaping,
2 maintenance, right-of-way or land-clearing operations, including whole trees,
3 tree limbs, tree stumps, limbs or leaves, shrubbery, grass clippings, and other
4 plant material.
- 5 (4) Waters of the State. – Any surface body or accumulation of water, whether
6 publicly or privately owned and whether naturally occurring or artificially
7 created, which is contained within, flows through, or borders upon any part of
8 this State.
- 9 (5) Waterway debris. – Any solid material, including, but not limited to,
10 vegetative debris and debris exposed to or that has the potential to release oil,
11 hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants, that enters a waterway in a
12 targeted basin following an acute incident and poses a threat to the natural or
13 man-made environment or has the potential to increase the risk or severity of
14 future flood events. This may include shoreline and wetland debris and debris
15 in inland, non-tidal waterways of a targeted river basin.

17 GRANTS TO NON-STATE ENTITIES

18 **SECTION 40.8.(a)** Definitions. – For purposes of this Part, nonrecurring funds
19 allocated from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund as grants are subject to all of the
20 following requirements:

- 21 (1) Grants are subject to the provisions of subsections (b) through (f) and (f2)
22 through (k) of G.S. 143C-6-23.
- 23 (2) Grants of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less may be made in a
24 single annual payment in the discretion of the Director of the Budget. Grants
25 of more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be made in
26 quarterly or monthly payments in the discretion of the Director of the Budget.
27 A State agency administering a grant shall begin disbursement of funds to a
28 non-State entity, as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1(d), that meets all applicable
29 requirements as soon as practicable, but no later than 100 days after the date
30 this act becomes law.
- 31 (3) Grants shall be disbursed upon a demonstration by the grantee that the
32 intended project or purpose is ready to receive funding.
- 33 (4) Beginning on the first day of a quarter following the deadline provided in
34 subdivision (2) of this subsection and quarterly thereafter, the Office of State
35 Budget and Management shall report to the Fiscal Research Division on the
36 status of funds disbursed for each grant until all funds are fully disbursed. At
37 a minimum, the report required under this subdivision shall include updates
38 on (i) the date of the initial contract, (ii) the date the contract was sent to the
39 entity receiving the funds, (iii) the date the disbursing agency received the
40 fully executed contract back from the entity, (iv) the contract execution date,
41 and (v) the payment date.
- 42 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of G.S. 143C-1-2(b) to the contrary, unless
43 otherwise indicated, nonrecurring funds appropriated in this Part as grants
44 shall not revert until expended or the particular project has been completed.
- 45 (6) Grants to nonprofit organizations are for nonsectarian, nonreligious purposes
46 only.

47 **SECTION 40.8.(b)** This section expires on June 30, 2023.

49 CONNECT NC BOND CHANGES

50 **SECTION 40.9.(a)** The General Assembly finds the following:

- 1 (1) The use of general obligation bonds can be an efficient method for financing
2 needs of the State.
- 3 (2) Debt service, even on general obligation bonds, is a cost that can be avoided
4 if the State has funds to directly pay for capital needs.
- 5 (3) Where the State provides a general obligation bond question to the voters, it
6 is tantamount to representing both that capital improvements covered by the
7 debt question are needed by the State and that the incurrence of debt for those
8 purposes is the most responsible, cost-effective way of meeting those needs.
- 9 (4) If subsequent economic changes affect the validity of those representations,
10 including where, as here, management of State resources has resulted in
11 having sufficient funding for such capital improvements, thereby obviating
12 the need to incur debt service costs, then such changes also affect the
13 representations and assumptions on which the voters rely in voting for the
14 issuance of the debt. Stated alternatively, voters make assumptions on the need
15 for debt based on the amount and uses set forth in the ballot question, and, if
16 circumstances change those assumptions, the State has an obligation to avoid
17 associated costs if it would be inefficient to incur them.
- 18 (5) This section allocates funds to satisfy the needs and purposes for which
19 indebtedness was originally authorized by the voters of this State pursuant to
20 S.L. 2015-280. Accordingly, funding and debt service costs using the general
21 obligation debt for such purposes would be redundant and would frustrate the
22 assumptions made by (and the representations made to) the voters of this State
23 at the time the debt obligation was approved by the voters as to the State's
24 need.

25 **SECTION 40.9.(b)** For project code CNC21, the Office of State Budget and
26 Management shall allocate the sum of four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) for the
27 purposes described in Section 1(f) of S.L. 2015-280. Funds allocated pursuant to this subsection
28 will be used to fully fund all projects authorized and listed in S.L. 2015-280, and further debt
29 authorized by that Session Law may not be used to increase the total funding for any project
30 authorized above the applicable project amount provided in S.L. 2015-280.

31 **SECTION 40.9.(c)** The State Treasurer shall not issue more than an aggregate
32 principal amount of one billion six hundred million dollars (\$1,600,000,000) of general
33 obligation bonds of the State authorized pursuant to Section 1 of S.L. 2015-280. The authority to
34 issue additional bonds or notes previously authorized under S.L. 2015-280 above the amount
35 provided in this subsection is repealed, and the bond referendum authorized by and held pursuant
36 to S.L. 2015-280 no longer provides authority to issue further debt, other than refunding bonds,
37 authorized by that act.

38 **SECTION 40.9.(d)** Subdivision (3) of Section 1(f) of S.L. 2015-280 is repealed.

39 **SECTION 40.9.(e)** Section 4(b) of S.L. 2015-280 reads as rewritten:

40 "**SECTION 4.(b)** Any funds retained by the Office of State Budget and Management
41 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section at the time a project is completed shall be retained by
42 the Office of State Budget and Management ~~until reallocated for other purposes by the General~~
43 ~~Assembly Management.~~ The Office of State Budget and Management shall report to the Joint
44 Legislative Oversight Committee on Capital Improvements on any funds retained pursuant to
45 this subsection within 90 days of a project's completion."
46

47 **CAPITAL PROJECT REPORTING**

48 **SECTION 40.10.(a)** Article 8 of Chapter 143C of the General Statutes is amended
49 by adding the following new section to read:

50 **"§ 143C-8-14. Capital project reporting.**

- 51 (a) **Definitions.** – The following definitions apply in this section:

- 1 (1) Capital project. – Any capital improvement, as that term is defined in
2 G.S. 143C-1-1, that is (i) funded in whole or in part with State funds, including
3 receipts, non-General Fund sources, or statutorily or constitutionally
4 authorized indebtedness of any kind, (ii) not complete, and (iii) authorized by
5 the General Assembly for a total project cost of at least ten million dollars
6 (\$10,000,000).
- 7 (2) Construction phase. – The status of a particular capital project as described
8 using the terms customarily employed in the design and construction
9 industries.
- 10 (b) Reporting. – The following reports on capital projects are required:
- 11 (1) By October 1 and April 1 of each year, the following reports shall be submitted
12 to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Capital Improvements and
13 the Fiscal Research Division:
- 14 a. The Office of State Budget and Management shall report on the status
15 of capital projects funded from the State Capital and Infrastructure
16 Fund or other State funds.
- 17 b. The Department of Administration shall provide a consolidated report
18 on the status of agency capital projects funded from non-State funds.
- 19 (2) Beginning January 1, and quarterly thereafter, each State agency shall report
20 on the status of agency capital projects to the Office of State Budget and
21 Management.
- 22 (c) Report Contents. – The reports required by subsection (b) of this section shall include
23 at least the following information about every agency capital project:
- 24 (1) The current construction phase of the project.
- 25 (2) The anticipated time line from the current construction phase to project
26 completion.
- 27 (3) Information about expenditures that have been made in connection with the
28 project, regardless of source of the funds expended.
- 29 (4) Information about the adequacy of funding to complete the project, including
30 estimates of how final expenditures will relate to initial estimates of
31 expenditures, and whether or not scope reductions will be necessary in order
32 to complete the project within its budget.
- 33 (5) For capital projects authorized within the most recent fiscal year only, an
34 estimate of the operating costs for the project for the first five fiscal years of
35 its operation.
- 36 (d) Additional Requirements. – In addition to the other reports required by this section,
37 the State Construction Office shall submit a report on April 1 of each year to the Joint Legislative
38 Oversight Committee on Capital Improvements and the Fiscal Research Division that contains
39 the following:
- 40 (1) The status of the Facilities Condition Assessment Program (FCAP), including
41 (i) summary information about the average length of time that passes between
42 FCAP assessments for an average State building, (ii) detailed information
43 about when the last FCAP assessment was for each State building complex,
44 and (iii) detailed information about the condition and repairs and renovations
45 needs of each State building complex.
- 46 (2) The status of plan review, approval, and permitting for each State capital
47 improvement project and community college capital improvement project
48 over which the Office exercises plan review, approval, and permitting
49 authority, including (i) summary information about the workload of the Office
50 during the previous quarter, including information about the average length of
51 time spent by the State Construction Office on each major function it performs

1 that is related to capital project approval, and (ii) detailed information about
 2 the amount of time spent engaged in those functions for each project that the
 3 State Construction Office worked on during the previous quarter."

4 **SECTION 40.10.(b)** It is the intent of the General Assembly to consolidate reporting
 5 for capital improvement projects. To that end, reporting requirements imposed on capital
 6 improvement projects authorized by a previous act of the General Assembly are hereby repealed
 7 and replaced with the reporting requirements imposed under subsection (a) of this section.

8 **SECTION 40.10.(c)** G.S. 143C-8-13 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 143C-8-13. Repairs and Renovations.**

10 ...

11 (b) Allocation and Reallocation of Funds for Particular Projects. –Any funds that are
 12 allocated to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina or to the Office of State
 13 Budget and Management may be allocated or reallocated ~~by~~ at the discretion of those agencies
 14 for repairs and renovations projects so long as all of the following conditions are satisfied:

15 (1) Any project that receives an allocation or reallocation satisfies the
 16 requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

17 (2) ~~If the allocation or reallocation of funds from one project to another under this~~
 18 ~~section is two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) or more for~~
 19 ~~a particular project, the~~ The Office of State Budget and Management or the
 20 Board of Governors, as appropriate, consults with ~~shall report to the Joint~~
 21 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research
 22 Division on the initial allocation prior to the expenditure or reallocation of
 23 funds.

24 (3) ~~If the allocation or reallocation of funds from one project to another under this~~
 25 ~~section is less than two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for~~
 26 ~~a particular project, On or before August 1 each year, the Office of State~~
 27 Budget and Management or the Board of Governors, as appropriate shall
 28 submit a final report showing the allocation or reallocation of funds is
 29 reported during the preceding fiscal year to the Joint Legislative Commission
 30 on Governmental Operations—Operations, the Joint Legislative Capital
 31 Improvements Oversight Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division, within
 32 60 days of the expenditure or reallocation.

33 (4) If the funds were previously allocated for a repairs and renovations project
 34 that was not specifically authorized by an act of the General Assembly;
 35 provided, however, if a project specifically authorized by the General
 36 Assembly has been completed, then funds may be reallocated pursuant to this
 37 subsection.

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39
 40 **PART XLI. TRANSPORTATION**

41
 42 **CASH FLOW HIGHWAY FUND AND HIGHWAY TRUST FUND**

43 **SECTION 41.1.(a)** Subsections (b) and (c) of Section 4.1 of S.L. 2020-91 are
 44 repealed.

45 **SECTION 41.1.(b)** The General Assembly authorizes and certifies anticipated
 46 revenues for the Highway Fund as follows:

47	For Fiscal Year 2023-2024	\$2,628.0 million
48	For Fiscal Year 2024-2025	\$2,724.2 million
49	For Fiscal Year 2025-2026	\$2,814.8 million
50	For Fiscal Year 2026-2027	\$2,833.6 million
51	For Fiscal Year 2027-2028	\$2,875.9 million

1 **SECTION 41.1.(c)** The General Assembly authorizes and certifies anticipated
2 revenues for the Highway Trust Fund as follows:

3 For Fiscal Year 2023-2024 \$1,758.1 million

4 For Fiscal Year 2024-2025 \$1,797.5 million

5 For Fiscal Year 2025-2026 \$1,809.0 million

6 For Fiscal Year 2026-2027 \$1,843.8 million

7 For Fiscal Year 2027-2028 \$1,878.7 million

8 **SECTION 41.1.(d)** The Department of Transportation, in collaboration with the
9 Office of State Budget and Management, shall develop a five-year revenue forecast. The
10 five-year revenue forecast developed under this subsection shall be used (i) to develop the
11 five-year cash flow estimates included in the biennial budgets, (ii) to develop the Strategic
12 Transportation Improvement Program, and (iii) by the Department of the State Treasurer to
13 compute transportation debt capacity.

14 **DOT/BUDGET REORGANIZATION**

15 **SECTION 41.2.(a)** It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of
16 Transportation have a transparent budget that is representative of the Department's mission and
17 goals and aligns to the internal organization of the Department.

18 **SECTION 41.2.(b)** The Department shall create within the Financial Management
19 Division of the Department of Transportation the Budget Section dedicated to the management
20 of the budget for the Department. The Budget Section shall be separate from the other sections
21 in the Financial Management Division and shall directly report to the Chief Financial Officer of
22 the Department. The initial duty of the Budget Section, with the assistance of the Office of State
23 Budget and Management, shall be to reorganize the entire budget of the Department of
24 Transportation using the following criteria:

- 25
- 26 (1) The Highway Fund Budget Code shall contain Fund Codes representative of
27 divisional organizational units within the Department of Transportation. The
28 Divisions include: Highway Division, Ferry Division, Rail Division, Public
29 Transportation, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Secretary's Office, Board of
30 Transportation, Facilities Management, and others determined by the Office
31 of State Budget and Management in conjunction with the Department of
32 Transportation and in consultation with the Fiscal Research Division.
 - 33 (2) The current Fund Codes shall be combined to create a budget message
34 indicative of the divisions and units within the Department.
 - 35 (3) The Fund Codes shall be developed as prescribed in the State Budget Manual
36 to include the six account groups. All relevant full-time equivalent (FTE)
37 positions shall be correctly assigned to the Fund Code and Organizational
38 Unit.
 - 39 (4) The Field Codes shall be eliminated, and the complete personal services
40 budget, including full-time equivalent positions, shall be assigned to the
41 organizational Fund Code unit.
 - 42 (5) The Fund Codes shall include any receipts collected and used for the units,
43 including federal receipts.
 - 44 (6) The Highway Division's Fund Code shall include distinct responsible cost
45 centers for specific programs and grants established by the General Assembly.
46 The Accounts shall include relevant personal services, purchased services,
47 grants-in-aid, leases, and the entire operating budgets for the Division.
 - 48 (7) The Department shall develop options for groupings of projects within the
49 Highway Trust Fund – Strategic Transportation Investments and consider
50 identifying funded projects by the project's first year of funding. The

1 Department shall work with OSBM in developing the comprehensive budget
2 structure for the Highway Trust Fund.

3 **SECTION 41.2.(c)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
4 Department of Transportation shall reclassify four vacant full-time equivalent positions, pursuant
5 to the classification system established by the State Human Resources Commission, to the
6 Financial Management Division, with one Budget Manager and three Budget Analysts, for the
7 Budget Section.

8 **SECTION 41.2.(d)** No later than November 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022, the
9 Department shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
10 and the Fiscal Research Division on the status of the creation of the Budget Office. The report
11 shall include the identification of the positions to be reclassified to the Budget Office and the
12 schedule and status for advertising and filling positions.

13 14 **BUILD NC BONDS/MAX CASH BALANCE EXCEPTION**

15 **SECTION 41.3.** G.S. 142-97(2)a. shall not apply to the issuance and sale of Build
16 NC Bonds during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

17 18 **SPEND PLAN TECHNICAL REVISION**

19 **SECTION 41.4.** G.S. 143C-6-11.1(a) reads as rewritten:

20 "(a) The Department of Transportation shall develop a comprehensive cash-spending
21 plan, known as the "Spend Plan," that is based on the appropriations of the General Assembly,
22 to spend money from any source, including federal funds and bond proceeds, for programs,
23 functions, activities or objects, by the Department."
24

25 **INDEMNIFY WILMINGTON FOR MAP ACT**

26 **SECTION 41.5.(a)** The Department of Transportation shall defend, indemnify, and
27 hold harmless the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and its members
28 against any claims, civil actions, and proceedings arising out of the filing or amendment of a
29 transportation corridor official map in accordance with Article 2E of Chapter 136 of the General
30 Statutes, as it existed before its repeal, for the proposed Hampstead Bypass (R-3300) that extends
31 from the Wilmington Bypass in New Hanover County to U.S. Highway 17 in Pender County.

32 **SECTION 41.5.(b)** The Department of Transportation shall defend, indemnify, and
33 hold harmless the City of Wilmington and its members and employees against any claims, civil
34 actions, and proceedings arising out of the filing or amendment of all transportation corridor
35 official maps, including for Military Cutoff Road (U-4751) and the Martin Luther King/Kerr
36 Ave. Project (U-3338), filed by the City of Wilmington in accordance with Article 2E of Chapter
37 136 of the General Statutes and G.S. 160A-458.4 as they existed before their repeal.

38 **SECTION 41.5.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies
39 retroactively to June 13, 2019.
40

41 **DMV PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD EXPANSION**

42 **SECTION 41.6.(a)** Expand Performance Dashboard. – No later than October 1,
43 2021, the Department of Transportation shall expand the performance dashboard available on the
44 Department's website to display the total number of transactions completed by the Division of
45 Motor Vehicles per month and year-to-date. The performance dashboard report shall sort the
46 transactions by type and indicate whether the transactions were conducted in person, by mail, or
47 by online application.

48 **SECTION 41.6.(b)** Establish Performance Dashboard Archive. – No later than
49 October 1, 2021, the Department shall maintain and make available from the performance
50 dashboard an archive of all prior performance dashboard reports.

1 **SECTION 41.6.(c)** Paperless Operations Report. – By March 15, 2022, the Division
2 of Motor Vehicles shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight
3 Committee and the Fiscal Research Division. The report shall contain all of the following:

- 4 (1) A list of services provided by the Division that currently involve paper
5 correspondence of any kind.
6 (2) A list of services provided by the Division involving paper correspondence
7 that could be made paperless.
8 (3) A description of requirements to implement paperless transactions for the
9 services identified in subdivision (2) of this subsection, including one-time
10 and recurring costs.
11 (4) A description of the processes the Division is currently pursuing to implement
12 paperless transactions for the services identified in subdivision (2) of this
13 subsection.
14 (5) An estimate of when the processes described in subdivision (4) of this
15 subsection will be fully implemented.
16

17 **DMV MOBILE UNIT DEPLOYMENT AND REOPENING CLOSED DRIVERS**
18 **LICENSE OFFICES**

19 **SECTION 41.7.(a)** The Division of Motor Vehicles shall utilize mobile units on a
20 rotating basis to drivers license offices closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The deployment
21 of mobile units shall continue until Executive Order No. 116 (2020), Declaration of a State of
22 Emergency to Coordinate Response and Protective Actions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19,
23 is rescinded. The mobile units deployed pursuant to this subsection shall (i) operate five days per
24 week between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. and (ii) not require appointments for service.
25 The Division shall make a reasonable effort to notify the public of the operation of mobile units.

26 **SECTION 41.7.(b)** The Division shall open drivers license offices closed due to the
27 COVID-19 pandemic 14 days after the rescission of Executive Order No. 116 or August 15,
28 2021, whichever is earlier.

29 **SECTION 41.7.(c)** Subsection (a) of this section is effective 14 days after it becomes
30 law. The remainder of this section is effective when it becomes law.
31

32 **DMV SATURDAY OFFICE HOURS PILOT PROGRAM**

33 **SECTION 41.8.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Division of Motor
34 Vehicles from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the Division shall
35 use one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for costs related to the expanded
36 Saturday hours under this section.

37 **SECTION 41.8.(b)** Expand Drivers License Office Saturday Hours. – For the
38 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the Division of Motor Vehicles shall expand operations by operating
39 one drivers license office in each of the nine most populous counties in the State, as determined
40 by the most recent federal decennial census, on Saturdays between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and
41 5:00 P.M., in addition to each office's normal operating hours.

42 **SECTION 41.8.(c)** Saturday Hours Service by Order of Arrival. – Notwithstanding
43 any executive order or Division policy, a drivers license office shall not require appointments
44 during Saturday operations. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall make a reasonable effort to
45 notify the public of the Saturday operations of drivers license offices.

46 **SECTION 41.8.(d)** By October 15, 2021, and quarterly for the remainder of the
47 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the Division of Motor Vehicles shall submit a report to the Joint
48 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division that contains
49 all of the following information:

- 50 (1) Total costs incurred by each drivers license office as a result of operating on
51 Saturdays.

- 1 (2) The total number of transactions by type at each drivers license office on
 2 Saturdays.
 3 (3) The total number of hours each drivers license office was operational on a
 4 Saturday but not fully utilized.
 5

6 EXTEND DURATION OF DEALER PLATES AND DEALER LICENSES

7 **SECTION 41.9.(a)** G.S. 20-79 reads as rewritten:

8 "§ 20-79. Dealer license plates.

9 (a) How to Get a Dealer Plate. – The Division may issue a person licensed under Article
 10 12 of this Chapter the appropriate classification of dealer license plate. A person eligible for a
 11 dealer license plate may obtain one by filing an application with the Division and paying the
 12 required fee. An application must be filed on a form provided by the Division. The required fee
 13 is three times the amount set by G.S. 20-87(7).
 14 ...

15 (c) Form and Duration. – A dealer license plate is subject to G.S. 20-63, except for the
 16 requirement that the plate display the registration number of a motor vehicle and the requirement
 17 that the plate be a "First in Flight" plate, a "First in Freedom" plate, or a "National/State Mottos"
 18 plate. A dealer license plate must have a distinguishing symbol identifying the plate as a dealer
 19 license plate. The symbol may vary depending upon the classification of dealer license plate
 20 issued. The Division must provide suitably reduced sized license plates for motorcycle dealers
 21 and manufacturers.

22 A dealer license plate is issued for a period of ~~one year~~ three years. The Division shall vary
 23 the expiration dates of dealer registration renewals so that an approximately equal number expires
 24 at the end of each month, quarter, or other period consisting of one or more months. A dealer
 25 license plate may be transferred from one vehicle to another. When the Division issues a dealer
 26 plate, it may issue a registration that expires at the end of any monthly interval. When one of the
 27 following occurs, a dealer must surrender to the Division all dealer license plates issued to the
 28 dealer:

- 29 (1) The dealer surrenders the license issued to the dealer under Article 12 of this
 30 Chapter.
 31 (2) The Division suspends or revokes the license issued to the dealer under Article
 32 12 of this Chapter.
 33 (3) The Division rescinds the dealer license plates because of a violation of the
 34 restrictions on the use of a dealer license plate.

35 To obtain a dealer license plate after it has been surrendered, the dealer must file a new
 36 application for a dealer license plate and pay the required fee for the plate.
 37"

38 **SECTION 41.9.(b)** G.S. 20-288 reads as rewritten:

39 "§ 20-288. Application for license; license requirements; expiration of license; bond.

40 ...
 41 (c) All licenses that are granted shall be for a period of ~~one year~~ three years unless sooner
 42 revoked or suspended. The Division shall vary the expiration dates of all licenses that are granted
 43 so that an equal number of licenses expire at the end of each month, quarter, or other period
 44 consisting of one or more months to coincide with G.S. 20-79(c).
 45"

46 **SECTION 41.9.(c)** G.S. 20-289 reads as rewritten:

47 "§ 20-289. License fees.

48 (a) The license fee for each ~~fiscal year~~ three-year period, or part thereof, shall be as
 49 follows:

- 1 (1) For motor vehicle dealers, distributors, distributor branches, and wholesalers,
 2 ~~ninety dollars (\$90.00)~~ two hundred ninety-one dollars (\$291.00) for each
 3 place of business.
- 4 (2) For manufacturers, ~~one hundred ninety five dollars (\$195.00)~~ six hundred
 5 thirty dollars and seventy-five cents (\$630.75) and for each factory branch in
 6 this State, ~~one hundred thirty dollars (\$130.00)~~ four hundred twenty-five
 7 dollars and seventy-five cents (\$425.75).
- 8 (3) For motor vehicle sales representatives, ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~ sixty-four
 9 dollars and fifty cents (\$64.50).
- 10 (4) For factory representatives, or distributor representatives, ~~twenty dollars~~
 11 ~~(\$20.00)~~ sixty-four dollars and fifty cents (\$64.50).

12"

13 **SECTION 41.9.(d)** By March 31, 2022, the Division of Motor Vehicles shall submit
 14 a report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research
 15 Division. The report shall contain the following information:

- 16 (1) The number of dealers, as defined in G.S. 20-79(h), affected by this section.
 17 (2) Changes to the Division's operations and operational costs caused by the
 18 implementation of this section.

19 **SECTION 41.9.(e)** Subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section become effective
 20 January 1, 2022, and apply to all applications for dealer plates, new licenses, or license renewals
 21 submitted on or after that date. The remainder of this section is effective when it becomes law.
 22

23 **DMV SALARY ADJUSTMENT FUND**

24 **SECTION 41.10.(a)** For the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the funds appropriated in
 25 this act from the Highway Fund to the Salary Adjustment Fund shall only be used for the salary
 26 adjustment of Division of Motor Vehicle personnel. To be eligible for a salary increase under
 27 this section, a DMV employee must not have any active disciplinary action and must not have
 28 received a salary adjustment under the authority provided in Section 34.19 of S.L. 2018-5.

29 **SECTION 41.10.(b)** No later than January 1 and June 30 of each year of the
 30 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the Department shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative
 31 Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division on the actions taken
 32 pursuant to this section. The report shall contain all of the following:

- 33 (1) The total amount of salary adjustments implemented pursuant to this section.
 34 (2) The average percentage increase in salary for each employee whose salary
 35 was increased pursuant to this section.
 36 (3) The total number of employees whose salaries were increased pursuant to this
 37 section.
 38 (4) The methodology used by the Department to calculate salary adjustments
 39 pursuant to this section.
 40 (5) A description of any proposed future salary adjustments.

41 **AVIATION/DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT**

42 **SECTION 41.11.** Article 7 of Chapter 63 of the General Statutes is amended by
 43 adding a new section to read:

44 **"§ 63-74.5. Division of Aviation annual report.**

45 Beginning October 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the Division of Aviation shall submit to
 46 the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division a
 47 report containing the following information from the prior fiscal year:

- 48 (1) A list of all public use airports within the State, their municipality and county,
 49 status as commercial services or general aviation, airport code, and the
 50 following corresponding information:
 51

- 1 a. Total amount of funds allocated to each airport subtotaling federal,
 2 Commercial Services, State Aid to Airports, Special Projects,
 3 Economic Development and State Transportation Improvement
 4 Program dollars, and total number of projects receiving allocations.
 5 b. Total amount of funds disbursed to each airport subtotaling federal,
 6 Commercial Services, State Aid to Airports, Special Projects,
 7 Economic Development and State Transportation Improvement
 8 Program dollars, and total number of projects receiving disbursements.
 9 c. Total amount of unallocated State appropriations for Commercial
 10 Services, State Aid to Airports, Special Projects, and Economic
 11 Development.
- 12 (2) Summary of activities related to unmanned aircraft systems, including total
 13 number of drones owned subtotaled by units of the Department of
 14 Transportation and by other State agencies, purposes and uses of drones in
 15 each unit and agency, a list describing each private sector partnership to which
 16 the Division of Aviation is a party, and any other activities of this unit.
- 17 (3) Total number of trips and flight hours by each manned aircraft owned by the
 18 Department of Transportation, subtotaled by agency, fees charged to each
 19 agency, and total cost of providing services to each agency.
- 20 (4) Summary of activities related to Safety and Education, including total
 21 expenditures, number and description of programs, and number of
 22 participants."

24 QUARTERLY ALLOCATIONS TO PORTS AUTHORITY AND COMMERCIAL

25 AIRPORTS

26 **SECTION 41.12.(a)** G.S. 136-176(b3) reads as rewritten:

27 "(b3) Funds appropriated to the North Carolina State Ports Authority from the Highway
 28 Trust Fund may only be used (i) to pay debt service or related financing costs and expenses on
 29 revenue bonds or notes issued by the State Ports Authority and (ii) for capital projects. An
 30 appropriation to the State Ports Authority from the Highway Trust Fund constitutes an agreement
 31 by the State to pay the funds appropriated to the State Ports Authority within the meaning of
 32 G.S. 159-81(4). Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is the intention of the General Assembly that
 33 the appropriation of funds to the State Ports Authority, the enactment of this subsection, and the
 34 issuance of bonds or notes by the State Ports Authority in reliance thereon shall not in any manner
 35 constitute a pledge of the faith and credit and taxing power of the State, and nothing contained
 36 herein shall prohibit the General Assembly from amending an appropriation made to the State
 37 Ports Authority at any time to decrease or eliminate the amount annually appropriated to the State
 38 Ports Authority. Funds appropriated to the State Ports Authority for the purposes described in
 39 this subsection are not subject to the formula set forth in G.S. 136-189.11. The Department of
 40 Transportation shall disburse funds appropriated under this subsection to the State Ports
 41 Authority on a quarterly basis, beginning September 30 of each fiscal year."

42 **SECTION 41.12.(b)** G.S. 63-74(d) reads as rewritten:

43 "(d) Permissible Uses, Reporting, and Return of Funds. – The Department of
 44 Transportation shall not allocate funds to an airport under this section until that airport has
 45 provided a report outlining how the airport will use the funds in conformance with the purposes
 46 of the program. Airports shall submit their report between July 1 and August 15 of the fiscal year.
 47 No later than 45 days from the date the Department receives the report required under this
 48 subsection, the Department shall ~~make a determination~~ determine whether the intended use of
 49 the funds matches the purposes of the program and, if so, allocate funds under this section to the
 50 compliant airport. The Department of Transportation shall disburse funds appropriated under this
 51 section on a quarterly basis, beginning September 30 of the fiscal year. An airport that receives

1 funds under this section shall return the funds to the Department if the funds are in the possession
2 or control of the airport and not expended or encumbered by ~~August 31~~ September 30 of the year
3 following the fiscal year in which the Department makes the allocation. All funds returned to the
4 Department under this section, or retained by the Department for failure of an eligible airport to
5 submit a report under this subsection, shall be credited to the fund from which they were
6 appropriated and shall remain unexpended and unencumbered until appropriated by the General
7 Assembly."

8 9 **AVIATION/GRANT FUNDS NOT AUTHORIZED TO FUND POSITIONS**

10 **SECTION 41.13.(a)** The following positions shall not be paid for by funds
11 appropriated to the State Aid to Airports grant program:

12	60015627	Airport Preservation Engineer
13	60016342	Technical Trainer II
14	60020073	Business Officer II
15	60020271	Engineer III
16	60026296	Program Manager II
17	60015619	Aviation Safety Specialist
18	60027110	Engineer II
19	60015609	Engineering Supervisor III
20	60015610	Engineer III
21	60015612	Engineer III
22	60015613	Engineer II
23	60015621	Engineer II
24	60015622	Engineer III
25	60029095	Engineer III

26 **SECTION 41.13.(b)** Article 7 of Chapter 63 of the General Statutes is amended by
27 adding a new section to read:

28 **"§ 63-74.2. Division of Aviation grant funded positions prohibited.**

29 The Department of Transportation shall not create or authorize any Division of Aviation
30 positions that are paid for using State funds appropriated for State Aid to Airports or any other
31 airport aid program."
32

33 **AVIATION/STATE PLANE COST OF USE RATE ANALYSIS**

34 **SECTION 41.14.(a)** The Division of Aviation shall conduct a rates and charges
35 analysis for the Hawker Beechcraft King Air B200 passenger aircraft (King Air). The report shall
36 contain a comparison of the market rates of private aircraft providers in North Carolina and
37 surrounding states and an analysis of actual operating-cost-rate for the King Air. The Division of
38 Aviation shall submit the results of the study, including a recommended rate, to the Joint
39 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division by December
40 1, 2021.

41 **SECTION 41.14.(b)** The Department of Transportation shall charge one thousand
42 two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per hour to State agencies, excluding the Department of
43 Transportation, for use of the King Air.
44

45 **FERRY CAPITAL SPECIAL FUND**

46 **SECTION 41.15.(a)** G.S. 136-82 reads as rewritten:

47 **"§ 136-82. Department of Transportation to establish and maintain ferries.**

48 ...

49 (c2) Ferry Capital Special Fund. – The Ferry Capital Special Fund is established as a
50 special fund separate from the Highway Fund within the Department of Transportation.

1 (d) Use of Toll Proceeds. – The Department of Transportation shall ~~credit~~ deposit the
2 proceeds from tolls collected on North Carolina Ferry System routes and ~~certain route-generated~~
3 receipts ~~generated~~ authorized under subsection (f) of this section to ~~reserve account fund codes~~
4 within the ~~Highway Fund~~ Ferry Capital Special Fund for each of the Highway Divisions in which
5 system terminals are located and fares are earned. For the purposes of this subsection, fares are
6 earned based on the terminals from which a passenger trip originates and terminates. Commuter
7 pass receipts shall be ~~credited~~ deposited proportionately to each ~~reserve account fund code~~ based
8 on the distribution of trips originating and terminating in each Highway Division. The proceeds
9 ~~credited~~ deposited to each ~~reserve account fund code~~ shall be used exclusively for prioritized
10 North Carolina Ferry System ferry passenger vessel replacement projects in the Division in which
11 the proceeds are earned. Proceeds may be used to fund ferry passenger vessel replacement
12 projects or supplement funds allocated for ferry passenger vessel replacement projects approved
13 in the Transportation Improvement Program.

14 ...

15 (f) Authority to Generate Certain Receipts. – The Department of Transportation,
16 notwithstanding any other provision of law, may operate or contract for the following
17 receipt-generating ~~activities and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (f1) of this section,~~
18 ~~use the proceeds for ferry passenger vessel replacement projects in the manner set forth in~~
19 ~~subsection (d) of this section: activities. The proceeds collected on North Carolina Ferry System~~
20 ~~routes from receipts generated under this subsection shall be deposited and used in accordance~~
21 ~~with subsection (d) of this section. The proceeds collected from receipts generated from the~~
22 ~~Shipyard shall be deposited and used in accordance with subsection (f1) of this section.~~

- 23 (1) Operation of, concessions on the ferries and at ferry facilities to provide to
24 passengers on the ferries food, drink, and other refreshments, personal comfort
25 items, Internet access, and souvenirs publicizing the ferry system.
- 26 (2) Sponsorships, including, but not limited to, the sale of naming rights to any
27 ferry vessel, ferry route, or ferry facility.
- 28 (3) Advertising on or within any ferry vessel or at any ferry facility, including,
29 but not limited to, display advertising and advertising delivered to passengers
30 through the use of video monitors, public address systems installed in
31 passenger areas, and other electronic media.
- 32 (4) Any other receipt-generating activity not otherwise forbidden by applicable
33 law pertaining to public health or safety.

34 The Department may issue rules to implement this subsection.

35 (f1) Use of Receipts Generated From Shipyard. – The Department of Transportation shall
36 ~~credit~~ deposit the proceeds from receipts generated under subsection (f) of this section from
37 activities performed by the North Carolina State Shipyard to a ~~reserve account fund code~~ within
38 the ~~Highway Fund~~ Ferry Capital Special Fund to be used exclusively for improvements to the
39 Shipyard, including equipment and associated infrastructure. ~~Notwithstanding the restrictions on~~
40 ~~the use of proceeds set forth in subsections (d) and (f) of this section, the Department may use a~~
41 ~~proportional amount of the proceeds credited to each reserve account described in subsection (d)~~
42 ~~of this section to replace or repair equipment in accordance with this subsection if there is an~~
43 ~~insufficient amount of funds in the reserve account within the Highway Fund for the Shipyard.~~

44 (f2) ~~Reserve Account~~ Ferry Systemwide Fund Code and Disposition of Marine Vessels. –
45 There is created in the ~~Highway Fund~~ Ferry Capital Special Fund a Ferry Systemwide ~~reserve~~
46 ~~account~~ fund code. The funds in the ~~account~~ this fund code shall be used for the acquisition or
47 construction of marine vessels to maintain existing service capacity by replacing marine vessels
48 that have reached the end of their useful life, as determined by the Department of Transportation.
49 The Department of Transportation shall decommission and dispose of a marine vessel subject to
50 replacement in a timely manner after the replacement marine vessel is operationalized.
51 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any proceeds received from the disposition

1 of a marine vessel shall be ~~credited~~ deposited to the ~~reserve account fund~~ code established under
2 this subsection. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as prohibiting the Department of
3 Transportation from using funds held in the ~~reserve account fund~~ code established under this
4 subsection to supplement funds ~~credited~~ deposited to a ~~reserve account fund~~ code under
5 subsection (d) of this section to use exclusively for prioritized Ferry System ferry passenger
6 vessel replacement projects in the Highway Division in which the funds ~~credited~~ deposited to the
7 ~~reserve account fund~~ code under subsection (d) of this section are earned. For purposes of this
8 subsection, the term "marine vessels" means tugs, barges, dredges, and ferries other than
9 passenger-only vessels.

10 ...

11 (h) Transfer of Funds. – Notwithstanding G.S. 136-44.2(f), G.S. 136-44.2(f1), and any
12 other provision of law to the contrary, beginning with the 2021-2022 fiscal year, no later than 45
13 days after the first day of the fiscal year, the Department of Transportation shall transfer from the
14 Highway Fund to the Ferry Systemwide fund code of the Ferry Capital Special Fund all
15 unexpended funds for the Ferry Division's budget from the prior fiscal year.

16 (i) Semiannual Report. – No later than March 1 and September 1 of each year, the Ferry
17 Division shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and
18 the Fiscal Research Division that contains the total cost to operate each ferry route."

19 **SECTION 41.15.(b)** G.S. 136-16.10 reads as rewritten:

20 "**§ 136-16.10. Allocations by Department Chief Financial Officer to eliminate overdrafts.**

21 The Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Transportation shall allocate at the
22 beginning of each fiscal year from the various appropriations made to the Department of
23 Transportation for State Construction, State Funds to Match Federal Highway Aid, ~~State~~
24 ~~Maintenance, and Ferry Operations,~~ and State Maintenance sufficient funds to eliminate all
25 overdrafts on State maintenance and construction projects, and these allocations shall not be
26 diverted to other purposes."

27 **SECTION 41.15.(c)** G.S. 136-44.2(f1)(2) reads as rewritten:

28 "(2) The unallotted and unencumbered balances on the last day of the fiscal year
29 for the following:

- 30 a. Funds appropriated from the Highway Fund for the multimodal
31 programs of the Department, consisting of funds for bicycle and
32 pedestrian, ~~ferry,~~ railroad, aviation, and public transportation
33 programs, excluding funds deposited in the Freight Rail & Rail
34 Crossing Safety Improvement Fund.
- 35 b. Funds appropriated from the Highway Fund for the construction
36 programs of the Department, consisting of funds for secondary
37 construction, access and public service roads, spot safety
38 improvement, small urban construction, and economic development
39 programs."

40 **SECTION 41.15.(d)** Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of Section 35.1 of S.L.
41 2016-94 is repealed.

42 **DOT/RECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS**

43 **SECTION 41.16.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
44 Department of Transportation shall reclassify 11 vacant positions, pursuant to the classification
45 system established by the State Human Resources Commission, to the following positions:

- 46 (1) Up to four full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in the Office of Civil Rights.
47 (2) Up to seven FTE positions in the Purchasing Division to manage the
48 procurement and contractual needs of the Department.
49

50 **DOT/FACILITIES PLAN**

1 **SECTION 41.17.(a)** The Department of Transportation shall develop a 10-year
 2 Facilities Plan for the Department's current and future facility needs. The plan shall identify the
 3 need for replacement and major renovations of all DOT-owned buildings and include the
 4 following components: complete facility inventory, condition analysis, building and site usage,
 5 building capacity analysis with square footage, staff replacement, renovation cost estimates, and
 6 proposed 10-year replacement and renovations schedule. The Department shall seek input from
 7 all units of the Department to develop the holistic plan of the Department.

8 **SECTION 41.17.(b)** The Department shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative
 9 Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division. The report shall include
 10 all components of the plan, including the proposed 10-year schedule, estimated costs, and the
 11 status of all building replacements and renovations underway by the Department. The report is
 12 due no later than March 1, 2022.

13
 14 **REPORT ON PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR DOT BUILDINGS**

15 **SECTION 41.18.(a)** The Facilities Division of the Department of Transportation
 16 shall develop a preventive maintenance program for all buildings owned by the Department. The
 17 plan shall include a schedule to examine the building systems, including lighting and electrical,
 18 safety, HVAC, building interior, full building exterior, and a short-term and long-term plan for
 19 repair and maintenance.

20 **SECTION 41.18.(b)** No later than March 1, 2022, the Facilities Division shall
 21 submit a report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal
 22 Research Division on the plan, schedule, and an estimate of recurring funds needed for
 23 maintenance and repair.

24
 25 **CAPITAL, REPAIRS, AND RENOVATIONS**

26 **SECTION 41.19.** For the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the funds appropriated in this
 27 act from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation for capital, repairs, and
 28 renovations shall be used as follows:

29
 30

Item	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
31 Polk Maintenance Shop	\$745,285	
32 Currituck Equipment and Maintenance Storage Facility	\$447,544	
33 Northampton Sub Shop	\$3,000,000	
34 Alamance County Sub Shop		\$1,792,764
35 Edgecombe Maintenance and Storage		\$1,751,208
36 Alleghany Equipment Shop		\$162,000
37 Ferry Facilities – Hatteras Dolphins and Exterior Door, 38 Silver Lake Dolphins and Gantries, Minnesott Gantry 39 and Ramp, and Cedar Island Ticket Booth	\$860,000	
40 Other Statewide – Repairs	\$1,637,500	\$1,681,250
41 Shipyard Water Tower	\$771,015	
42		
43 Total	\$7,461,344	\$5,387,222

44

45 **DOT/CONTRACTING AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL ITEMS**

46 **SECTION 41.20.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 143-135.26(1), or any other provision of
 47 law to the contrary, for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the Department of Transportation shall
 48 have the authority to (i) procure design services and (ii) oversee the solicitation, bidding, and
 49 contracting for the construction of the capital replacement projects listed in Section 41.19 of this
 50 act and shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Administration, if the
 51 estimated cost of the design and construction of the replacement building is less than two million

1 dollars (\$2,000,000). The Department of Transportation shall advertise and award contracts in
2 the manner required by Article 3 and Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes. Upon
3 request, the Department of Administration shall assist the Department of Transportation in
4 advertising and awarding a contract under this section.

5 **SECTION 41.20.(b)** No later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, the
6 Department of Transportation shall report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight
7 Committee and the Fiscal Research Division on the status of all contracts awarded by the
8 Department of Transportation under subsection (a) of this section. The report shall include for
9 each capital replacement project:

- 10 (1) The estimated cost of the design and construction of the replacement structure.
- 11 (2) The method for replacement, to include design phase through construction.
- 12 (3) Any assistance provided by the Department of Administration.
- 13 (4) The issued request for proposal, selection criteria, bid amounts, and selected
14 contractor.
- 15 (5) The status of project, total contract cost, amount paid-to-date, and anticipated
16 completion date.

17 18 **REVISE CASH WATCH REPORT**

19 **SECTION 41.21.** G.S. 143C-6-11(n) reads as rewritten:

20 "(n) Cash Watch Weekly Report. – The Department of Transportation shall publish for
21 public review a weekly report of the Department's cash position, which shall be entitled "NCDOT
22 Cash Watch Numbers." The report shall be issued as a press release to all interested parties,
23 posted on the Department's Web site, and submitted to the Joint Legislative Transportation
24 Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division. In addition to any cash flow category the
25 Department determines is beneficial to include, the report shall contain the following:

- 26 (1) Total Cash and Bond Proceeds
- 27 (2) Add Receipts
 - 28 a. Add subcategory of federal receipts
 - 29 b. Add subcategory of federal receipts (declared disaster
30 reimbursements)
- 31 (3) Less Disbursements
 - 32 a. Payroll
 - 33 b. Debt Service
 - 34 c. STI Construction Costs
 - 35 d. General Operating Costs
 - 36 e. Map Act Claims/Settlements
 - 37 f. State Aid Payments
 - 38 g. Disaster-Related Costs
 - 39 h. Other
- 40 (4) Reserved Cash
 - 41 a. GARVEE/Federal Repayment Reserve
 - 42 b. Transportation Emergency Reserve
 - 43 c. Trustee Accounts – Build NC proceeds
 - 44 d. Trustee Accounts – GARVEE
 - 45 e. Trustee Accounts – Other Bonds
 - 46 f. Repealed by Session Laws 2020-91, s. 4.10(a), effective July 1, 2020.
 - 47 g. Repealed by Session Laws 2020-91, s. 4.10(a), effective July 1, 2020.
- 48 (5) Unreserved Cash Balance Total
 - 49 a. Highway Fund Total
 - 50 b. Highway Trust Fund Total
 - 51 c. Statutory Cash Requirement"

HIGHWAY DIVISIONS ANNUAL REPORT

SECTION 41.22. G.S. 143C-6-11 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(s) No later than September 1 of each year, the Department of Transportation shall submit to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division an annual report on the prior fiscal year allocations and expenditures for each highway division that contains the following information:

- (1) A chart detailing all Highway Fund allocations allotted to each highway division by category and purpose, the actual amount spent by each division, and any funds remaining for each division for the fiscal year.
- (2) The amount of funds reallocated between divisions under G.S. 136-44.6 by division source and recipient.
- (3) The overdrafts and carryforward amounts in total and by division."

REST AREAS

SECTION 41.23.(a) No later than August 15, 2021, the Department of Transportation shall open and fully operate all rest areas owned or maintained by the Department.

SECTION 41.23.(b) Article 7 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 136-102.10. Rest areas report.

No later than October 1 of each year, the Department shall submit an annual report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division that contains the following information:

- (1) Total inventory of rest areas.
- (2) Location and description of each rest area to include condition of the rest area buildings, parking, landscape, ingress and egress roads, restrooms, lighting, vending, whether collocated with a welcome center, and availability of Wi-Fi and cell phone service strength.
- (3) Most recent reopening date and the reason and length of closure before reopening.
- (4) Actual expenditures by categories to include staff, contracts, building operations, and other maintenance.
- (5) Number of estimated visitors and how estimated visitors are calculated.
- (6) Planned renovations and closures for renovations."

PART XLII. FINANCE**PERSONAL INCOME TAX REDUCTION**

SECTION 42.1.(a) G.S. 105-153.7(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Tax. – A tax is imposed for each taxable year on the North Carolina taxable income of every individual. The tax shall be levied, collected, and paid annually. The tax is ~~five and one quarter percent (5.25%)~~ a percentage of the taxpayer's North Carolina taxable ~~income~~ income computed as follows:

<u>Taxable Years Beginning</u>	<u>Tax</u>
<u>In 2022</u>	<u>4.99%</u>
<u>In 2023</u>	<u>4.7%</u>
<u>In 2024</u>	<u>4.6%</u>
<u>In 2025</u>	<u>4.5%</u>
<u>After 2025</u>	<u>3.99%."</u>

SECTION 42.1.(b) G.S. 105-153.5(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

"(1) Standard deduction amount. – The standard deduction amount is zero for a person who is not eligible for a standard deduction under section 63 of the Code. For all other taxpayers, the standard deduction amount is equal to the amount listed in the table below based on the taxpayer's filing status:

Filing Status	Standard Deduction
Married, filing jointly/surviving spouse	\$21,500 <u>\$25,500</u>
Head of Household	16,125 <u>19,125</u>
Single	10,750 <u>12,750</u>
Married, filing separately	10,750 <u>12,750</u> ."

SECTION 42.1.(c) G.S. 105-153.5(a1) reads as rewritten:

"(a1) Child Deduction Amount. – A taxpayer who is allowed a federal child tax credit under section 24 of the Code for the taxable year is allowed a deduction under this subsection for each qualifying child for whom the taxpayer is allowed the federal tax credit. The amount of the deduction is equal to the amount listed in the table below based on the taxpayer's adjusted gross income, as calculated under the Code:

Filing Status	AGI	Deduction Amount
Married, filing jointly/ surviving spouse	Up to \$40,000	\$2,500.00 <u>\$3,000</u>
	Over \$40,000	2,000.00 <u>2,500</u>
	Up to \$60,000	2,000.00 <u>2,500</u>
	Over \$60,000	1,500.00 <u>2,000</u>
	Up to \$80,000	1,500.00 <u>2,000</u>
	Over \$80,000	1,000.00 <u>1,500</u>
	Up to \$100,000	1,000.00 <u>1,500</u>
	Over \$100,000	500.00 <u>1,000</u>
	Up to \$120,000	500.00 <u>1,000</u>
	Over \$120,000	0 <u>0</u>
Head of Household	Up to \$140,000	500.00 <u>500.00</u>
	Over \$140,000	0 <u>0</u>
	Up to \$30,000	\$2,500.00 <u>\$3,000</u>
	Over \$30,000	2,000.00 <u>2,500</u>
	Up to \$45,000	2,000.00 <u>2,500</u>
	Over \$45,000	1,500.00 <u>2,000</u>
	Up to \$60,000	1,500.00 <u>2,000</u>
	Over \$60,000	1,000.00 <u>1,500</u>
	Up to \$75,000	1,000.00 <u>1,500</u>
	Over \$75,000	500.00 <u>1,000</u>
Single	Up to \$90,000	500.00 <u>1,000</u>
	Over \$90,000	0 <u>0</u>
	Up to \$105,000	500.00 <u>500.00</u>
	Over \$105,000	0 <u>0</u>
	Up to \$20,000	\$2,500.00 <u>\$3,000</u>
	Over \$20,000	2,000.00 <u>2,500</u>
	Up to \$30,000	2,000.00 <u>2,500</u>
	Over \$30,000	1,500.00 <u>2,000</u>
	Up to \$40,000	1,500.00 <u>2,000</u>
	Over \$40,000	1,000.00 <u>1,500</u>
Up to \$50,000	1,000.00 <u>1,500</u>	
Over \$50,000	500.00 <u>1,000</u>	
Up to \$60,000	500.00 <u>1,000</u>	

1		Over \$60,000	0
2		<u>Up to \$70,000</u>	<u>500.00</u>
3		<u>Over \$70,000</u>	<u>0</u>
4			
5	Married, filing separately	Up to \$20,000	\$2,500.00 <u>\$3,000</u>
6		Over \$20,000	
7		Up to \$30,000	2,000.00 <u>2,500</u>
8		Over \$30,000	
9		Up to \$40,000	1,500.00 <u>2,000</u>
10		Over \$40,000	
11		Up to \$50,000	1,000.00 <u>1,500</u>
12		Over \$50,000	
13		Up to \$60,000	500.00 <u>1,000</u>
14		Over \$60,000	0.
15		<u>Up to \$70,000</u>	<u>500.00</u>
16		<u>Over \$70,000</u>	<u>0."</u>

17 **SECTION 42.1.(d)** This section is effective for taxable years beginning on or after
 18 January 1, 2022.

19
 20 **PHASE OUT CORPORATE INCOME TAX**

21 **SECTION 42.2.(a)** G.S. 105-130.3 reads as rewritten:

22 "**§ 105-130.3. Corporations.**

23 A tax is imposed on the State net income of every C Corporation doing business in this State
 24 ~~at the rate of two and one-half percent (2.5%).~~ State. An S Corporation is not subject to the tax
 25 levied in this section. The tax is a percentage of the taxpayer's State net income computed as
 26 follows:

27	<u>Taxable Years Beginning</u>	<u>Tax</u>
28	<u>In 2024</u>	<u>2%</u>
29	<u>In 2025</u>	<u>1.5%</u>
30	<u>In 2026</u>	<u>1%</u>
31	<u>In 2027</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
32	<u>After 2027</u>	<u>0%."</u>

33 **SECTION 42.2.(b)** This section is effective for taxable years beginning on or after
 34 January 1, 2024.

35
 36 **FRANCHISE TAX REDUCTION AND SIMPLIFICATION**

37 **SECTION 42.3.(a)** G.S. 105-122(d) reads as rewritten:

38 "(d) Tax Base. – A corporation's tax base is the ~~greatest of the following:~~

- 39 (1) ~~The proportion of its net worth as set out in subsection (c1) of this section.~~
- 40 (2) ~~Fifty five percent (55%) of the corporation's appraised value as determined~~
 41 ~~for ad valorem taxation of all the real and tangible personal property in this~~
 42 ~~State. For purposes of this subdivision, the appraised value of tangible~~
 43 ~~property, including real estate, is the ad valorem valuation for the calendar~~
 44 ~~year next preceding the due date of the franchise tax return.~~
- 45 (3) ~~(Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and~~
 46 ~~applicable to the calculation of franchise tax reported on the 2019 and later~~
 47 ~~corporate income tax returns) The corporation's total actual investment in~~
 48 ~~tangible property in this State. For purposes of this subdivision, the total actual~~
 49 ~~investment in tangible property in this State is the total original purchase price~~
 50 ~~or consideration to the reporting taxpayer of its tangible properties, including~~
 51 ~~real estate, in this State plus additions and improvements thereto less (i)~~

1 ~~reserve for depreciation as permitted for income tax purposes and (ii) any~~
2 ~~indebtedness specifically incurred and existing solely for and as the result of~~
3 ~~the purchase of any real estate and any permanent improvements made on the~~
4 ~~real estate."~~

5 **SECTION 42.3.(b)** G.S. 105-114.1(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) Controlled Companies. – If a corporation or an affiliated group of corporations owns
7 more than fifty percent (50%) of the capital interests in a noncorporate limited liability company,
8 the corporation or group of corporations must include in its ~~three tax bases~~base pursuant to
9 G.S. 105-122 the same percentage of ~~(i) the noncorporate limited liability company's net worth;~~
10 ~~(ii) fifty five percent (55%) of the noncorporate limited liability company's appraised ad valorem~~
11 ~~tax value of property; and (iii) the noncorporate limited liability company's actual investment in~~
12 ~~tangible property in this State, as appropriate.~~worth."

13 **SECTION 42.3.(c)** G.S. 105-120.2(b) reads as rewritten:

14 "(b) Tax Rate. – Every corporation taxed under this section shall annually pay to the
15 Secretary of Revenue, at the time the return is due, ~~the greater of the following:~~

16 (1) ~~A~~a franchise or privilege tax at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50)
17 per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the amount determined under subsection
18 (a) of this section, but in no case shall the tax be more than one hundred fifty
19 thousand dollars (\$150,000) nor less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

20 (2) ~~If the tax calculated under this subdivision exceeds the tax calculated under~~
21 ~~subdivision (1) of this subsection, then the tax is levied at the rate of one dollar~~
22 ~~and fifty cents (\$1.50) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) on the greater of the~~
23 ~~following:~~

24 a. ~~Fifty five percent (55%) of the appraised value as determined for ad~~
25 ~~valorem taxation of all the real and tangible personal property in this~~
26 ~~State of each such corporation plus the total appraised value of~~
27 ~~intangible property returned for taxation of intangible personal~~
28 ~~property as computed under G.S. 105-122(d).~~

29 b. ~~The total actual investment in tangible property in this State of such~~
30 ~~corporation as computed under G.S. 105-122(d)."~~

31 **SECTION 42.3.(d)** This section is effective for taxable years beginning on or after
32 January 1, 2023, and applicable to the calculation of franchise tax reported on the 2022 and later
33 corporate income tax return.

34 **IRC UPDATE**

35 **SECTION 42.4.(a)** G.S. 105-228.90(b)(7) reads as rewritten:

36 "(7) Code. – The Internal Revenue Code as enacted as of ~~May 1, 2020, April 1,~~
37 ~~2021,~~ including any provisions enacted as of that date that become effective
38 either before or after that date."

39 **SECTION 42.4.(b)** G.S. 105-153.5(a)(2)b. reads as rewritten:

40 "b. Mortgage Expense and Property Tax. – The amount allowed as a
41 deduction for interest paid or accrued during the taxable year under
42 section 163(h) of the Code with respect to any qualified residence plus
43 the amount allowed as a deduction for property taxes paid or accrued
44 on real estate under section 164 of the Code for that taxable year. For
45 taxable years 2014 through ~~2020, 2021,~~ the amount allowed as a
46 deduction for interest paid or accrued during the taxable year under
47 section 163(h) of the Code with respect to any qualified residence shall
48 not include the amount for mortgage insurance premiums treated as
49 qualified residence interest. The amount allowed under this
50 sub-subdivision may not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).
51

1 For spouses filing as married filing separately or married filing jointly,
2 the total mortgage interest and real estate taxes claimed by both
3 spouses combined may not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).
4 For spouses filing as married filing separately with a joint obligation
5 for mortgage interest and real estate taxes, the deduction for these
6 items is allowable to the spouse who actually paid them. If the amount
7 of the mortgage interest and real estate taxes paid by both spouses
8 exceeds twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), these deductions must be
9 prorated based on the percentage paid by each spouse. For joint
10 obligations paid from joint accounts, the proration is based on the
11 income reported by each spouse for that taxable year."

12 **SECTION 42.4.(c)** G.S. 105-153.5(c2) reads as rewritten:

13 "(c2) Decoupling Adjustments. – In calculating North Carolina taxable income, a taxpayer
14 must make the following adjustments to the taxpayer's adjusted gross income:

15 (1) For taxable years 2014 through ~~2020~~, 2025, the taxpayer must add the amount
16 excluded from the taxpayer's gross income for the discharge of qualified
17 principal residence indebtedness under section 108 of the Code. The purpose
18 of this subdivision is to decouple from the income exclusion available under
19 federal tax law. If the taxpayer is insolvent, as defined in section 108(d)(3)
20 of the Code, then the addition required under this subdivision is limited to the
21 amount of discharge of qualified principal residence indebtedness excluded
22 from adjusted gross income under section 108(a)(1)(E) of the Code that
23 exceeds the amount of discharge of indebtedness that would have been
24 excluded under section 108(a)(1)(B) of the Code.

25 ...

26 (18) For taxable ~~year 2020~~, years 2020 through 2025, a taxpayer must add the
27 amount excluded from the taxpayer's gross income for payment by an
28 employer, whether paid to the taxpayer or to a lender, of principal or interest
29 on any qualified education loan, as defined in section 221(d)(1) of the Code,
30 incurred by the taxpayer for education of the taxpayer. The purpose of this
31 subdivision is to decouple from the exclusion for certain employer payments
32 of student loans under section 2206 of the CARES ~~Act~~, Act or under the
33 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260.

34 ...

35 (20) A taxpayer must add the amount of any expense deducted under the Code to
36 the extent ~~that payment of the expense results in forgiveness of a covered loan~~
37 ~~pursuant to section 1106(b) of the CARES Act, and the income associated~~
38 ~~with the forgiveness is excluded from gross income pursuant to section~~
39 ~~1106(i) of the CARES Act. The term "covered loan" has the same meaning as~~
40 ~~defined in section 1106 of the CARES Act.~~ the expense is allocable to income
41 that is either wholly excluded from gross income or wholly exempt from the
42 taxes imposed by this Part.

43 (21) For taxable years 2021 and 2022, a taxpayer must add an amount equal to the
44 amount by which the taxpayer's deduction under section 274(n) of the Code
45 exceeds the deduction that would have been allowed under the Internal
46 Revenue Code as enacted as of May 1, 2020. The purpose of this subdivision
47 is to decouple from the increased deduction under the Consolidated
48 Appropriations Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260, for business-related expenses for
49 food and beverages provided by a restaurant.

50 (22) For taxable years 2021 through 2025, a taxpayer must add the amount
51 excluded from the taxpayer's gross income for the discharge of a student loan

1 under section 108(f)(5) of the Code. The purpose of this subdivision is to
2 decouple from the exclusion from income for the discharge of a student loan
3 under section 9675 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

4 (23) For taxable year 2020, a taxpayer must add the amount excluded from the
5 taxpayer's gross income for unemployment compensation received by the
6 taxpayer under section 85(c) of the Code. The purpose of this subdivision is
7 to decouple from the exclusion from income for unemployment compensation
8 under section 9042 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021."

9 **SECTION 42.4.(d)** G.S. 105-130.5(a)(32) reads as rewritten:

10 "(32) The amount of any expense deducted under the Code to the extent ~~that~~
11 ~~payment of the expense results in forgiveness of a covered loan pursuant to~~
12 ~~section 1106(b) of the CARES Act and the income associated with the~~
13 ~~forgiveness is excluded from gross income pursuant to section 1106(i) of the~~
14 ~~CARES Act. The term "covered loan" has the same meaning as defined in~~
15 ~~section 1106 of the CARES Act.~~the expense is allocable to income that is
16 either wholly excluded from gross income or wholly exempt from the taxes
17 imposed by this Part."

18 **SECTION 42.4.(e)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

19
20 **REDUCE IMPACT OF FEDERAL SALT CAP BY ALLOWING CERTAIN**
21 **PASS-THROUGHS TO ELECT TO PAY TAX AT THE ENTITY LEVEL**

22 **SECTION 42.5.(a)** G.S. 105-131(b) reads as rewritten:

23 "(b) For the purpose of this Part, unless otherwise required by the context:

24 ...

25 (11) "Taxed S Corporation" means an S Corporation for which a valid election
26 under G.S. 105-131.1A(a) is in effect."

27 **SECTION 42.5.(b)** G.S. 105-131.1 reads as rewritten:

28 "**§ 105-131.1. Taxation of an S Corporation and its shareholders.**

29 (a) An S Corporation shall not be subject to the tax levied under G.S. 105-130.3. A taxed
30 S Corporation shall be subject to tax under G.S. 105-131.1A.

31 (b) ~~Each~~ Except with respect to a taxed S Corporation, each shareholder's pro rata share
32 of an S Corporation's income attributable to the State and each resident shareholder's pro rata
33 share of income not attributable to the State, shall be taken into account by the shareholder in the
34 manner and subject to the adjustments provided in Parts 2 and 3 of this Article and section 1366
35 of the Code and shall be subject to the tax levied under Parts 2 and 3 of this Article."

36 **SECTION 42.5.(c)** Part 1A of Article 4 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is
37 amended by adding a new section to read:

38 "**§ 105-131.1A. Taxation of S Corporation as a taxed pass-through entity.**

39 (a) Taxed S Corporation Election. – An S Corporation may elect, on its timely filed
40 annual return required under G.S. 105-131.7, to have the tax under this Article imposed on the S
41 Corporation for any taxable period covered by the return. An S Corporation may not revoke the
42 election after the due date of the return including extensions.

43 (b) Taxable Income of Taxed S Corporation. – A tax is imposed for the taxable period on
44 the North Carolina taxable income of a taxed S Corporation. The tax shall be levied, collected,
45 and paid annually. The tax is imposed on the North Carolina taxable income at the rate levied in
46 G.S. 105-153.7. The North Carolina taxable income of a taxed S Corporation is determined as
47 follows:

48 (1) The North Carolina taxable income of a taxed S Corporation with respect to
49 such taxable period shall be equal to the sum of the following:

- 1 a. Each shareholder's pro rata share of the taxed S Corporation's income
2 or loss, subject to the adjustments provided in G.S. 105-153.5 and
3 G.S. 105-153.6, attributable to the State.
- 4 b. Each resident shareholder's pro rata share of the taxed S Corporation's
5 income or loss, subject to the adjustments provided in G.S. 105-153.5
6 and G.S. 105-153.6, not attributable to the State with respect to such
7 taxable period.
- 8 (2) Separately stated items of deduction are not included when calculating each
9 shareholder's pro rata share of the taxed S Corporation's taxable income. For
10 purposes of this subdivision, separately stated items are those items described
11 in section 1366 of the Code and the regulations under it.
- 12 (3) The adjustments required by G.S. 105-153.5(c3) are not included in the
13 calculation of the taxed S Corporation's taxable income.
- 14 (c) Tax Credit. – A taxed S Corporation that qualifies for a credit may apply each
15 shareholder's pro rata share of the taxed S Corporation's credits against the shareholder's pro rata
16 share of the taxed S Corporation's income tax imposed by subsection (b) of this section. An S
17 Corporation must pass through to its shareholders any credit required to be taken in installments
18 by this Chapter if the first installment was taken in a taxable period that the election under
19 subsection (a) of this section was not in effect. An S Corporation shall not pass through to its
20 shareholders any of the following:
- 21 (1) Any credit allowed under this Chapter for any taxable period the S
22 Corporation makes the election under subsection (a) of this section and the
23 carryforward of the unused portion of such credit.
- 24 (2) Any subsequent installment of such credit required to be taken in installments
25 by this Chapter after the S Corporation makes an election under subsection (a)
26 of this section and the carryforward of any unused portion of such installment.
- 27 (d) Tax Credit for Income Taxes Paid to Other States. – With respect to resident
28 shareholders, a taxed S Corporation is allowed a credit against the taxes imposed by this section
29 for income taxes imposed by and paid to another state or country on income taxed under this
30 section. The credit allowed by this subsection is administered in accordance with the provisions
31 of G.S. 105-153.9.
- 32 (e) Deduction Allowed for Shareholders of a Taxed S Corporation. – The shareholders
33 of a taxed S Corporation are allowed a deduction as specified in G.S. 105-153.5(c3)(1). This
34 adjustment is only allowed if the taxed S Corporation complies with the provisions of subsection
35 (g) of this section.
- 36 (f) Addition Required for Shareholders of a Taxed S Corporation. – The shareholders of
37 a taxed S Corporation must make an addition as provided in G.S. 105-153.5(c3)(2).
- 38 (g) Payment of Tax. – Except as provided in Article 4C of this Chapter, the full amount
39 of the tax payable as shown on the return of the taxed S Corporation must be paid to the Secretary
40 within the time allowed for filing the return. In the case of any overpayment by a taxed S
41 Corporation of the tax imposed under this section, only the taxed S Corporation may request a
42 refund of the overpayment. If the taxed S Corporation files a return showing an amount due with
43 the return and does not pay the amount shown due, the Department may collect the tax from the
44 taxed S Corporation pursuant to G.S. 105-241.22(1). The Secretary must issue a notice of
45 collection for the amount of tax debt to the taxed S Corporation. If the tax debt is not paid to the
46 Secretary within 60 days of the date the notice of collection is mailed to the taxed S Corporation,
47 the shareholders of the S Corporation are not allowed the deduction provided in
48 G.S. 105-153.5(c3)(1). The Secretary must send the shareholders a notice of proposed
49 assessment in accordance with G.S. 105-241.9. For purposes of this subsection, the term "tax
50 debt" has the same meaning as defined in G.S. 105-243.1(a).

1 (h) Basis. – The basis of both resident and nonresident shareholders of a taxed S
2 Corporation in their stock and indebtedness of the taxed S Corporation shall be determined as if
3 the election under subsection (a) of this section had not been made and each of the shareholders
4 of the taxed S Corporation had properly taken into account each shareholder's pro rata share of
5 the taxed S Corporation's items of income, loss, and deduction in the manner required with
6 respect to an S Corporation for which no such election is in effect."

7 **SECTION 42.5.(d)** G.S. 105-131.7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 "(g) Taxed S Corporation. – Subsections (b) through (f) of this section do not apply to an
9 S Corporation with respect to any taxable period for which it is a taxed S Corporation under
10 G.S. 105-131.1A."

11 **SECTION 42.5.(e)** G.S. 105-131.8(a) reads as rewritten:

12 "(a) ~~For~~ Except as otherwise provided in G.S. 105-153.9(a)(4) with respect to a taxed S
13 Corporation, for purposes of G.S. 105-153.9 and G.S. 105-160.4, each resident shareholder is
14 considered to have paid a tax imposed on the shareholder in an amount equal to the shareholder's
15 pro rata share of any net income tax paid by the S Corporation to a state that does not measure
16 the income of S Corporation shareholders by the income of the S Corporation. For purposes of
17 the preceding sentence, the term "net income tax" means any tax imposed on or measured by a
18 corporation's net income."

19 **SECTION 42.5.(f)** G.S. 105-153.3 reads as rewritten:

20 "**§ 105-153.3. Definitions.**

21 The following definitions apply in this Part:

22 ...

23 (18a) Taxed partnership. – A partnership for which a valid election under
24 G.S. 105-154.1 is in effect.

25 (18b) Taxed pass-through entity. – A taxed S Corporation or a taxed partnership.

26 (18c) Taxed S Corporation. – Defined in G.S. 105-131(b).

27 "

28 **SECTION 42.5.(g)** G.S. 105-154(d) reads as rewritten:

29 "(d) Payment of Tax on Behalf of Nonresident Owner or Partner. – If a business conducted
30 in this State is owned by a nonresident individual or by a partnership having one or more
31 nonresident members, the manager of the business shall report information concerning the
32 earnings of the business in this State, the distributive share of the income of each nonresident
33 owner or partner, and any other information required by the Secretary. The distributive share of
34 the income of each nonresident partner includes any guaranteed payments made to the partner.
35 The manager of the business shall pay with the return the tax on each nonresident owner or
36 partner's share of the income computed at the rate levied on individuals under G.S. 105-153.7.
37 The business may deduct the payment for each nonresident owner or partner from the owner or
38 partner's distributive share of the income of the business in this State. If the nonresident partner
39 is not an individual and the partner has executed an affirmation that the partner will pay the tax
40 with its corporate, partnership, trust, or estate income tax return, the manager of the business is
41 not required to pay the tax on the partner's share. In this case, the manager shall include a copy
42 of the affirmation with the report required by this subsection. The affirmation must be annually
43 filed by the nonresident partner and submitted by the manager by the due date of the report
44 required in this subsection. Otherwise, the manager of the business is required to pay the tax on
45 the nonresident partner's share. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 105-241.7(b), the
46 manager of the business may not request a refund of an overpayment made on behalf of a
47 nonresident owner or partner if the manager of the business has previously filed the return and
48 paid the tax due. The nonresident owner or partner may, on its own income tax return, request a
49 refund of an overpayment made on its behalf by the manager of the business within the provisions
50 of G.S. 105-241.6. This subsection does not apply to a partnership with respect to any taxable
51 period for which it is a taxed partnership."

1 SECTION 42.5.(h) Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is
2 amended by adding a new section to read:

3 **"§ 105-154.1. Taxation of partnership as a taxed pass-through entity.**

4 (a) Taxed Partnership Election. – A partnership may elect, on its timely filed annual
5 return required under G.S. 105-154(c), to have the tax under this Article imposed on the
6 partnership for any taxable period covered by the return. A partnership may not revoke the
7 election after the due date of the return, including extensions. This election cannot be made by a
8 publicly traded partnership that is described in section 7704(c) of the Code or by a partnership
9 that has at any time during the taxable year a partner who is not one of the following:

10 (1) An individual.

11 (2) An estate.

12 (3) A trust described in section 1361(c)(2) of the Code.

13 (4) An organization described in section 1361(c)(6) of the Code.

14 (b) Taxable Income of Taxed Partnership. – A tax is imposed for the taxable period on
15 the North Carolina taxable income of a taxed partnership. The tax shall be levied, collected, and
16 paid annually. The tax is imposed on the North Carolina taxable income at the rate levied in
17 G.S. 105-153.7. The North Carolina taxable income of a taxed partnership is determined as
18 follows:

19 (1) The North Carolina taxable income of a taxed partnership with respect to such
20 taxable period shall be equal to the sum of the following:

21 a. Each partner's distributive share of the taxed partnership's income or
22 loss, subject to the adjustments provided in G.S. 105-153.5 and
23 G.S. 105-153.6, attributable to the State.

24 b. Each resident partner's distributive share of the taxed partnership's
25 income or loss, subject to the adjustments provided in G.S. 105-153.5
26 and G.S. 105-153.6, not attributable to the State with respect to such
27 taxable period.

28 (2) Separately stated items of deduction are not included when calculating each
29 partner's distributive share of the taxed partnership's taxable income. For
30 purposes of this subdivision, separately stated items are those items described
31 in section 702 of the Code and the regulations adopted under it.

32 (3) The adjustments required by G.S. 105-153.5(c3) are not included in the
33 calculation of the taxed partnership's taxable income.

34 (c) Tax Credit. – A taxed partnership that qualifies for a credit may apply each partner's
35 distributive share of the taxed partnership's credits against the partner's distributive share of the
36 taxed partnership's income tax imposed by subsection (b) of this section. A partnership must pass
37 through to its partners any credit required to be taken in installments by this Chapter if the first
38 installment was taken in a taxable period that the election under subsection (a) of this section was
39 not in effect. A partnership shall not pass through to its partners any of the following:

40 (1) Any credit allowed under this Chapter for any taxable period the partnership
41 makes the election under subsection (a) of this section and the carryforward
42 of the unused portion of such credit.

43 (2) Any subsequent installment of such credit required to be taken in installments
44 by this Chapter after the partnership makes an election under subsection (a) of
45 this section and the carryforward of any unused portion of such installment.

46 (d) Deduction Allowed for Partners of a Taxed Partnership. – The partners of a taxed
47 partnership are allowed a deduction as specified in G.S. 105-153.5(c3)(3). This adjustment is
48 only allowed if the taxed partnership complies with the provisions of subsection (f) of this
49 section.

50 (e) Addition Required for Partners of a Taxed Partnership. – The partners of a taxed
51 partnership must make an addition as provided in G.S. 105-153.5(c3)(4).

1 (f) Payment of Tax. – Except as provided in Article 4C of this Chapter, the full amount
2 of the tax payable as shown on the return of the taxed partnership must be paid to the Secretary
3 within the time allowed for filing the return. In the case of any overpayment by a taxed
4 partnership of the tax imposed under this section, only the taxed partnership may request a refund
5 of the overpayment. If the taxed partnership files a return showing an amount due with the return
6 and does not pay the amount shown due, the Department may collect the tax from the taxed
7 partnership pursuant to G.S. 105-241.22(1). The Secretary must issue a notice of collection for
8 the amount of the tax debt to the taxed partnership. If the tax debt is not paid to the Secretary
9 within 60 days of the date the notice of collection is mailed to the taxed partnership, the partners
10 of the partnership are not allowed the deduction provided in G.S. 105-153.5(c3)(3). The
11 Secretary must send the partners a notice of proposed assessment in accordance with
12 G.S. 105-241.9. For purposes of this subsection, the term "tax debt" has the same meaning as
13 defined in G.S. 105-243.1(a).

14 (g) Basis. – The basis of both resident and nonresident partners of a taxed partnership
15 shall be determined as if the election under subsection (a) of this section had not been made and
16 each of the partners of the taxed partnership had properly taken into account each partner's
17 distributive share of the taxed partnership's items of income, loss, and deduction in the manner
18 required with respect to a partnership for which no such election is in effect."

19 **SECTION 42.5.(i)** G.S. 105-153.5 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

20 "(c3) Taxed Pass-Through Entities. – In calculating North Carolina taxable income, a
21 taxpayer must make the following adjustments to the taxpayer's adjusted gross income:

22 (1) A taxpayer that is a shareholder of a taxed S Corporation may deduct the
23 amount of the taxpayer's pro rata share of income from the taxed S
24 Corporation to the extent it was included in the taxed S Corporation's North
25 Carolina taxable income and the taxpayer's adjusted gross income.

26 (2) A taxpayer that is a shareholder of a taxed S Corporation must add the amount
27 of the taxpayer's pro rata share of loss from the taxed S Corporation to the
28 extent it was included in the taxed S Corporation's North Carolina taxable
29 income and the taxpayer's adjusted gross income.

30 (3) A taxpayer that is a partner of a taxed partnership may deduct the amount of
31 the taxpayer's distributive share of income from the taxed partnership to the
32 extent it was included in the taxed partnership's North Carolina taxable income
33 and the taxpayer's adjusted gross income.

34 (4) A taxpayer that is a partner of a taxed partnership must add the amount of the
35 taxpayer's distributive share of loss from the taxed partnership to the extent it
36 was included in the taxed partnership's North Carolina taxable income and the
37 taxpayer's adjusted gross income."

38 **SECTION 42.5.(j)** G.S. 105-153.9(a) reads as rewritten:

39 "(a) An individual who is a resident of this State is allowed a credit against the taxes
40 imposed by this Part for income taxes imposed by and paid to another state or country on income
41 taxed under this Part, subject to the following conditions:

42 ...

43 (4) Shareholders of a taxed S Corporation shall not be allowed a credit under this
44 section for taxes paid by the taxed S Corporation to another state or country
45 on income that is taxed to the taxed S Corporation. For purposes of allowing
46 the credit under this section for taxes paid to another state or country by a
47 taxed S Corporation's shareholders, a shareholder's pro rata share of the
48 income of the taxed S Corporation shall be treated as income taxed to the
49 shareholder under this Part and a shareholder's pro rata share of the tax
50 imposed on the taxed S Corporation under G.S. 105-131.1A shall be treated
51 as tax imposed on the shareholder under this Part.

1 (5) Partners of a taxed partnership shall not be allowed a credit under this section
2 for taxes paid by the taxed partnership to another state or country on income
3 that is taxed to the taxed partnership. The taxed partnership as defined in
4 G.S. 105-153.3(18a) is entitled to a credit under this section for all such taxes
5 paid. For purposes of allowing the credit under this section for taxes paid to
6 another state or country by a taxed partnership's partners, a partner's pro rata
7 share of the income of the taxed partnership shall be treated as income taxed
8 to the partner under this Part and a partner's pro rata share of the tax imposed
9 on the taxed partnership under G.S. 105-154.1 shall be treated as tax imposed
10 on the partner under this Part."

11 **SECTION 42.5.(k)** G.S. 105-160.4 reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 105-160.4. Tax credits for income taxes paid to other states by estates and trusts.**

13 ...

14 (f) Fiduciaries and beneficiaries of estates and trusts who are shareholders of a taxed S
15 Corporation are not allowed a credit under this section for taxes paid by the estates and trusts or
16 by the taxed S Corporation to another state or country on income that is taxed to the taxed S
17 Corporation. The taxed S Corporation is entitled to a credit under G.S. 105-153.9(a)(4) for all
18 such taxes paid. For purposes of this subsection, the term "taxed S Corporation" is the same as
19 defined in G.S. 105-131(b).

20 (g) Fiduciaries and beneficiaries of estates and trusts who are partners of a taxed
21 partnership are not allowed a credit under this section for taxes paid by the estates and trusts or
22 by the taxed partnership to another state or country on income that is taxed to the taxed
23 partnership. The taxed partnership is entitled to a credit under G.S. 105-153.9(a)(5) for all such
24 taxes paid. For purposes of this subsection, the term "taxed partnership" is the same as defined
25 in G.S. 105-153.3."

26 **SECTION 42.5.(l)** G.S. 105-163.38 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

27 "**(6)** Taxed pass-through entity. – Defined in G.S. 105-153.3."

28 **SECTION 42.5.(m)** G.S. 105-163.39 is amended by adding a new subsection to
29 read:

30 "**(d)** Taxed Pass-Through Entity. – This Article applies to every taxed pass-through entity
31 in the same manner as a corporation subject to tax under Article 4 of this Chapter, except that
32 G.S. 105-163.41(d)(5) shall not apply with respect to a taxable year of a taxed pass-through entity
33 if it was not a taxed pass-through entity during its preceding taxable year."

34 **SECTION 42.5.(n)** This section is effective for taxable years beginning on or after
35 January 1, 2021.

36
37 **CREATE SEPARATE STATE NET OPERATING LOSS CALCULATION FOR**
38 **INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES**

39 **SECTION 42.6.(a)** G.S. 105-153.5 reads as rewritten:

40 **"§ 105-153.5. Modifications to adjusted gross income.**

41 ...

42 (b) Other Deductions. – In calculating North Carolina taxable income, a taxpayer may
43 deduct from the taxpayer's adjusted gross income any of the following items that are included in
44 the taxpayer's adjusted gross income:

45 ...

46 **(16)** A State net operating loss as allowed under G.S. 105-153.5A.

47 (c) Additions. – In calculating North Carolina taxable income, a taxpayer must add to the
48 taxpayer's adjusted gross income any of the following items that are not included in the taxpayer's
49 adjusted gross income:

50 ...

1 (6) ~~The Any amount of allowed as a net operating loss carried to and deducted on~~
2 ~~the federal return but not absorbed in that year and carried forward to a~~
3 ~~subsequent year deduction under the Code.~~

4 "

5 **SECTION 42.6.(b)** Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is
6 amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **"§ 105-153.5A. Net operating loss provisions.**

8 (a) State Net Operating Loss. – A taxpayer's State net operating loss for a taxable year is
9 the amount by which business deductions for the year exceed gross business income for the year
10 as determined under the Code adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-153.5 and G.S. 105-153.6. The
11 amount of a taxpayer's State net operating loss must also be determined in accordance with the
12 following modifications:

13 (1) No State net operating loss deduction shall be allowed.

14 (2) The amount deductible on account of losses from sales or exchanges of capital
15 assets shall not exceed the amount includable on account of gains from sales
16 or exchanges of capital assets.

17 (3) The exclusion provided by Code section 1202 shall not be allowed.

18 (4) No deduction shall be allowed under G.S. 105-153.5(a1) for the child
19 deduction.

20 (5) The deductions which are not attributable to a taxpayer's trade or business
21 shall be allowed only to the extent of the amount of the gross income not
22 derived from such trade or business.

23 (6) Any deduction under Code section 199A shall not be allowed.

24 (b) Deduction. – A taxpayer may carry forward a State net operating loss the taxpayer
25 incurred in a prior taxable year and deduct it in the current taxable year, subject to the limitations
26 in this subsection:

27 (1) The loss was incurred in one of the preceding 15 taxable years.

28 (2) Any loss carried forward is applied to the next succeeding taxable year before
29 any portion of it is carried forward and applied to a subsequent taxable year.

30 (3) The taxpayer's State net operating loss deduction may not exceed the amount
31 of the taxpayer's North Carolina taxable income determined without deducting
32 the taxpayer's State net operating loss.

33 (4) The portion of the State net operating loss attributable to the carryforward
34 allowed under subsection (f) of this section is only allowed to the extent
35 described in subsection (f) of this section.

36 (c) Nonresidents. – In the case of a taxpayer that is a nonresident in the year of the loss,
37 the State net operating loss only includes income and deductions derived from a business carried
38 on in this State in the year of the loss. In the case of a taxpayer that is a nonresident in the year
39 of the deduction, the State net operating loss must be included in the numerator of the fraction
40 used to calculate taxable income as defined in G.S. 105-153.4(b).

41 (d) Part-Year Residents. – In the case of a taxpayer that is a part-year resident in the year
42 of the loss, the State net operating loss includes income and deductions derived from a business
43 carried on in this State while the taxpayer was a nonresident and includes business income and
44 deductions derived from all sources during the period the taxpayer was a resident. In the case of
45 a taxpayer that is a part-year resident in the year of the deduction, the State net operating loss
46 must be included in the numerator of the fraction used to calculate taxable income as defined in
47 G.S. 105-153.4(c).

48 (e) Administration. – A taxpayer claiming a deduction under this section must maintain
49 and make available for inspection by the Secretary all records necessary to determine and verify
50 the amount of the deduction. The Secretary or the taxpayer may redetermine a loss originating in
51 a taxable year that is closed under the statute of limitations for the purpose of determining the

1 amount of loss that can be carried forward to a taxable year that remains open under the statute
 2 of limitations.

3 (f) Federal Net Operating Loss Carryforwards. – The portion of a taxpayer's federal net
 4 operating loss carryforward that was not absorbed in tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2021,
 5 may be included in the amount of a taxpayer's State net operating loss in taxable years beginning
 6 on or after January 1, 2021. The federal net operating loss carryforward is only allowed as a State
 7 net operating loss in tax years beginning after January 1, 2021, to the extent that it meets all of
 8 the following conditions:

9 (1) The loss would have been allowed in that taxable year under section 172 of
 10 the Code as enacted on May 1, 2020.

11 (2) The provisions of G.S. 105-153.5(c2)(8), (9), (10), (13), and (14) do not apply
 12 to the federal net operating loss carryforward.

13 (3) The loss was incurred in one of the preceding 15 taxable years."

14 **SECTION 42.6.(c)** This section is effective for taxable years beginning on or after
 15 January 1, 2021.

16
 17 **EXTEND THE TIME TO COMPLETE AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT UNDER THE MILL**
 18 **REHABILITATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS**

19 **SECTION 42.7.(a)** G.S. 105-129.71(a1) reads as rewritten:

20 "(a1) Credit for Rehabilitated Railroad Station. – A taxpayer who is allowed a credit under
 21 section 47 of the Code for making qualified rehabilitation expenditures of at least ten million
 22 dollars (\$10,000,000) with respect to a certified rehabilitation of an eligible railroad station is
 23 allowed a credit equal to a percentage of the expenditures that qualify for the federal credit. In
 24 order to be eligible for a credit allowed by this Article, the taxpayer must provide to the Secretary
 25 a copy of the eligibility certification and the cost certification. The amount of the credit is equal
 26 to forty percent (40%) of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures. The credit cannot be claimed
 27 for a taxable year beginning prior to January 1, 2021. ~~The tax credit must be taken in two equal~~
 28 ~~installments on returns filed for taxable years 2021 and 2022. The sum of the two installments is~~
 29 ~~equal to the credit amount allowed for qualified rehabilitation expenditures incurred in taxable~~
 30 ~~years 2019, 2020, and 2021. When the eligible site is placed into service in two or more phases~~
 31 ~~in different years, the amount of credit that may be claimed in a year is the amount based on the~~
 32 ~~qualified rehabilitation expenditures associated with the phase placed into service during that~~
 33 ~~year.~~

34 For purposes of this subsection, the term "eligible railroad station" is a site located in this
 35 State that satisfies all of the following conditions:

36 ...

37 (4) It is a designated local landmark as certified by a city on or before ~~June 30,~~
 38 ~~2019.~~September 1, 2020.

39 ...

40 (7) It is issued a certificate of occupancy on or before December 31, ~~2021.~~2023."

41 **SECTION 42.7.(b)** G.S. 105-129.75 reads as rewritten:

42 **"§ 105-129.75. Sunset and applicable expenditures.**

43 (a) Sunset. – Except for credits allowed under G.S. 105-129.71(a1), this Article expires
 44 January 1, 2015, for rehabilitation projects for which an application for an eligibility certification
 45 is submitted on or after that date. Eligibility certifications under this Article expire January 1,
 46 ~~2023.~~2025.

47 (b) Delayed Sunset and Applicable Expenditures. – For credits allowed under
 48 G.S. 105-129.71(a1), the following applies:

49 (1) The qualified rehabilitation expenditures must be incurred on or after January
 50 1, 2019, and before January 1, ~~2022.~~2024.

1 (2) This Article expires, and a tax credit allowed under G.S. 105-127.71(a1) may
2 not be claimed, for rehabilitation projects not completed and placed in service
3 prior to ~~January 1, 2022~~ July 1, 2024."

4 **SECTION 42.7.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law.
5

6 **LIMIT GROSS PREMIUMS TAX ON SURETY BONDS**

7 **SECTION 42.8.(a)** G.S. 105-228.5(b1) reads as rewritten:

8 "(b1) Calculation of Tax Base. – In determining the amount of gross premiums from
9 business in this State, all gross premiums received in this State, credited to policies written or
10 procured in this State, or derived from business written in this State shall be deemed to be for
11 contracts covering persons, property, or risks resident or located in this State unless one of the
12 following applies:

- 13 (1) The premiums are properly reported and properly allocated as being received
14 from business done in some other nation, territory, state, or states.
15 (2) The premiums are from policies written in federal areas for persons in military
16 service who pay premiums by assignment of service pay.

17 Gross premiums from business done in this State in the case of life insurance contracts,
18 including supplemental contracts providing for disability benefits, accidental death benefits, or
19 other special benefits that are not annuities, means all premiums collected in the calendar year,
20 other than for contracts of reinsurance, for policies the premiums on which are paid by or credited
21 to persons, firms, or corporations resident in this State, or in the case of group policies, for
22 contracts of insurance covering persons resident within this State. The only deductions allowed
23 shall be for premiums refunded on policies rescinded for fraud or other breach of contract and
24 premiums that were paid in advance on life insurance contracts and subsequently refunded to the
25 insured, premium payer, beneficiary or estate. Gross premiums shall be deemed to have been
26 collected for the amounts as provided in the policy contracts for the time in force during the year,
27 whether satisfied by cash payment, notes, loans, automatic premium loans, applied dividend, or
28 by any other means except waiver of premiums by companies under a contract for waiver of
29 premium in case of disability.

30 Gross premiums from business done in this State in the case of an insurer of bail bonds means
31 the amounts received by an insurer from a surety bondsman during the calendar year for bail
32 bonds written on behalf of the insurer. An insurer is subject to the definitions of gross premiums
33 under this section for gross premiums from transacting any other line of insurance business. For
34 purposes of this paragraph, the terms "bail bonds," "insurer," and "surety bondsman" have the
35 same meaning as defined in G.S. 58-71-1.

36 Gross premiums from business done in this State for all other health care plans and contracts
37 of insurance, including contracts of insurance required to be carried by the Workers'
38 Compensation Act, means all premiums written during the calendar year, or the equivalent
39 thereof in the case of self-insurers under the Workers' Compensation Act, for contracts covering
40 property or risks in this State, other than for contracts of reinsurance, whether the premiums are
41 designated as premiums, deposits, premium deposits, policy fees, membership fees, or
42 assessments. Gross premiums shall be deemed to have been written for the amounts as provided
43 in the policy contracts, new and renewal, becoming effective during the year irrespective of the
44 time or method of making payment or settlement for the premiums, and with no deduction for
45 dividends whether returned in cash or allowed in payment or reduction of premiums or for
46 additional insurance, and without any other deduction except for return of premiums, deposits,
47 fees, or assessments for adjustment of policy rates or for cancellation or surrender of policies."

48 **SECTION 42.8.(b)** This section is effective for taxable years beginning on or after
49 January 1, 2022.
50

1 **MODIFY EXCISE TAX ON CIGARS AND CLARIFY DELIVERY SALES AND**
2 **REMOTE SALES OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

3 **SECTION 42.9.(a)** G.S. 105-113.4 reads as rewritten:

4 **"§ 105-113.4. Definitions.**

5 The following definitions apply in this Article:

- 6 ...
- 7 (2) Cost price. – ~~The actual price a person liable for the tax on tobacco products~~
8 paid for an item subject to the tax imposed by Part 3-Part 3A of this Article
9 paid for the products, before any discount, rebate, or allowance or the tax
10 imposed by that Part by the person liable for the tax. The actual price paid for
11 an item may be either of the following:
- 12 a. The actual price paid for an item identified as a stock keeping unit by
13 a unique code or identifier representing the item.
- 14 b. If the actual price paid for an item is not available, the average of the
15 actual price paid for the item over the 12 calendar months before
16 January 1 of the year in which the sale occurs.
- 17 (2d) Delivery sale. – ~~A sale of tobacco products—cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, or~~
18 vapor products to a consumer in this State in which either of the following
19 apply:
- 20 a. The consumer submits the order for the sale by telephone, mail, the
21 Internet or other online service or application, or when the seller is
22 otherwise not in the physical presence of the consumer when the
23 consumer submits the order.
- 24 b. ~~The tobacco products—cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, or vapor products~~
25 are delivered via mail or a delivery service.
- 26 (2e) Delivery seller. – ~~A person that located within or outside this State who makes~~
27 a delivery sale.
- 28 ...
- 29 (3) Distributor. – ~~Either~~ Any of the following:
- 30 a. A person, wherever resident or located, who purchases non-tax-paid
31 cigarettes directly from the manufacturer of the cigarettes and stores,
32 sells, or otherwise disposes of the cigarettes.
- 33 b. A manufacturer of cigarettes.
- 34 c. A delivery seller of cigarettes.
- 35 ...
- 36 (8a) Remote sale. – A sale of tobacco products other than cigarettes, smokeless
37 tobacco, or vapor products to a consumer in this State in which either of the
38 following applies:
- 39 a. The consumer submits the order for the sale by telephone, mail, the
40 internet, or other online service or application, or when the seller is
41 otherwise not in the physical presence of the consumer when the
42 consumer submits the order.
- 43 b. The tobacco products other than cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, or
44 vapor products are delivered via mail or a delivery service.
- 45 (8b) Remote seller. – A person located within or outside this State who makes a
46 remote sale.
- 47 (9) Retail dealer. – A person who sells a tobacco product to the ultimate consumer
48 of the product, including a remote seller or a delivery seller.
- 49 ...

1 (10b) Smokeless tobacco. – Any finely cut, ground, powdered, or leaf tobacco, or
2 other product containing tobacco, that is intended to be placed in the oral or
3 nasal cavity or otherwise consumed without being combusted.

4 "

5 **SECTION 42.9.(b)** G.S. 105-113.4F reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 105-113.4F. Delivery sales of certain tobacco products; age verification.**

7 (a) ~~Scope. – This section applies to delivery sales of tobacco products, other than cigars,~~
8 ~~to consumers in this State regardless of whether the delivery seller is located inside or outside~~
9 ~~this State. sales.~~ For purposes of this section, the term "tobacco product" ~~is as defined in~~
10 ~~G.S. 105-113.4, except that it does not include cigars.~~ means cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, or
11 vapor products.

12 (b) ~~Delivery Seller Requirements. – A delivery seller shall~~ must do all of the following
13 with respect to a delivery sale:

14 (1) Obtain a license from the Secretary ~~pursuant to the requirements of~~ as required
15 by this Article before accepting an order.

16 (2) Comply with the age verification requirements in G.S. 14-313(b2).

17 (3) Report, collect, and remit to the Secretary all applicable taxes levied on
18 ~~tobacco products~~ as set out in this Article and Article 5 of this Chapter.

19 (c) ~~Filing Requirement. – A delivery seller who has made a delivery sale, or shipped or~~
20 ~~delivered tobacco products in connection with a delivery sale, during the previous month shall,~~
21 must, not later than the tenth day of each month, file with the Secretary a memorandum or a copy
22 of the invoice for every delivery sale made during the previous month. A delivery seller who
23 complies with 15 U.S.C. § 376 with respect to tobacco products covered by that section is
24 considered to have complied with this subsection. The memorandum or invoice ~~shall~~ must
25 contain the following information:

26 (1) The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the consumer.

27 (2) The type and the brand, or brands, of tobacco products that were sold.

28 (3) The quantity of tobacco products that were sold.

29 (d) ~~Penalties. – A person who violates this section is subject to the following penalties:~~

30 (1) For the first violation, a penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

31 (2) For a subsequent violation, a penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars
32 (\$5,000), as determined by the Secretary.

33 (e) ~~Exception. – This section does not apply to sales of tobacco products by a retail dealer~~
34 ~~who purchased the tobacco products from a licensed distributor or wholesale dealer.~~

35 (f) ~~State Laws Apply. – All State laws that apply to tobacco product retailers in this State~~
36 ~~shall apply to delivery sellers that sell tobacco products into this State.~~ Delivery Sellers as
37 Retailers. – A delivery seller that meets the definition of a "retailer" as defined in Article 5 of
38 this Chapter is subject to all State laws that apply to a retailer in this State."

39 **SECTION 42.9.(c)** G.S. 105-113.5 reads as rewritten:

40 "**§ 105-113.5. Tax on cigarettes.**

41 (a) ~~Rate. – A tax is levied on the sale or possession for sale in this State, by a licensed~~
42 ~~distributor, of all cigarettes at the rate of two and one-fourth cents (2.25¢) per individual cigarette.~~

43 (b) ~~Primary Liability. – The licensed distributor who first acquires or otherwise handles~~
44 ~~cigarettes subject to the tax imposed by this section is liable for the tax imposed by this section.~~
45 A licensed distributor who brings meets any of the following conditions is liable for the tax
46 imposed by this section:

47 (1) Is the first person to possess or acquire cigarettes in this State.

48 (2) Is the first person to bring into this State cigarettes made outside the State ~~is~~
49 ~~the first person to handle the cigarettes in this State. A licensed distributor~~
50 ~~who is~~

1 (3) Is the original consignee of cigarettes made outside the State and is that are
2 shipped into the State ~~is the first person to handle the cigarettes in this State.~~

3 (4) Makes a delivery sale of cigarettes for which the delivery seller is required to
4 collect sales and use tax under Article 5 of this Chapter."

5 **SECTION 42.9.(d)** G.S. 105-113.12 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 105-113.12. Distributor must obtain license. License required.**

7 (a) A distributor ~~shall~~ must obtain a license for each ~~place of business a distributor's~~
8 license ~~and shall~~ of the locations listed in this subsection, as applicable, and must pay a tax of
9 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for ~~the each~~ license. A license is in effect until June 30 of the year
10 following the second calendar year after the date of issuance or renewal. A license ~~for each place~~
11 of business is renewable upon signed application with no renewal license tax, unless applied for
12 after the June 30 expiration date. The locations are:

13 (1) Each location where a distributor receives or stores non-tax-paid cigarettes in
14 this State.

15 (2) For a distributor that is a delivery seller, each location from which the
16 distributor ships delivery sales of cigarettes, if the location is a location other
17 than the location described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

18 (b) ~~For the purposes of this section, a "place of business" is a place where a distributor~~
19 receives or stores non-tax-paid cigarettes.

20 (c) An out-of-state distributor that is not a delivery seller may obtain a distributor's
21 license upon compliance with the provisions of G.S. 105-113.4A and G.S. 105-113.24 and
22 payment of a tax of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)."

23 **SECTION 42.9.(e)** G.S. 105-113.18 reads as rewritten:

24 "**§ 105-113.18. Payment of tax; reports.**

25 The taxes levied in this Part are payable when a report is required to be filed. The following
26 reports are required to be filed with the Secretary:

27 (1) Distributor's Report. – A licensed distributor ~~shall~~ must file a monthly report
28 in the form prescribed by the Secretary. The report covers cigarettes sold,
29 shipped, delivered, or otherwise disposed of in this State in a calendar month
30 and is due within 20 days after the end of the month covered by the report.
31 The report ~~shall~~ must show the quantity of all cigarettes transported or caused
32 to be transported into the State by the licensed distributor or licensed
33 manufacturer in the State for sales in this State and state the amount of tax due
34 and ~~shall~~ must identify any transactions to which the tax does not apply. A
35 licensed distributor that is a delivery seller must also comply with the filing
36 requirement under G.S. 105-113.4F.

37 (1a) Repealed by Session Laws 2019-169, s. 4.3(a), effective July 26, 2019.

38 (2) Use Tax Report. – ~~Every other~~ A person who is not a licensed distributor and
39 has acquired non-tax-paid cigarettes for sale, use, or consumption subject to
40 the tax imposed by this Part ~~shall~~ must, within 96 hours after receipt of the
41 cigarettes, file a report in the form prescribed by the Secretary showing the
42 amount of cigarettes so received and any other information required by the
43 Secretary. The report ~~shall~~ must be accompanied by payment of the full
44 amount of the tax.

45 (3) Shipping Report. – Any person, except a licensed distributor, who ~~transports~~
46 transports, or causes to transport, cigarettes upon the public highways, roads,
47 or streets of this State, upon notice from the Secretary, ~~shall~~ must file a report
48 in the form prescribed by the Secretary and containing the information
49 required by the Secretary.

50 "

51 **SECTION 42.9.(f)** The following statutes are repealed:

1 G.S. 105-113.35
2 G.S. 105-113.35A
3 G.S. 105-113.36
4 G.S. 105-113.37
5 G.S. 105-113.38
6 G.S. 105-113.39
7 G.S. 105-113.40A.

8 **SECTION 42.9.(g)** Part 3 of Article 2A of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes, as
9 amended by subsection (f) of this section, reads as rewritten:

10 "Part 3. Tax on ~~Other Tobacco Products~~. Products Other Than Cigarettes.

11 "Subpart 1. General Provisions.

12 **"§ 105-113.35B. Applicability.**

13 As used in this Part, the term "tobacco product" means a tobacco product other than cigarettes.

14 "Subpart 2. Tax Rates and Liability.

15 **"§ 105-113.36A. Tax rates; liability for tax.**

16 (a) Tax Imposed. – An excise tax is levied on the sale, use, consumption, handling, or
17 distribution of tobacco products at the following rates:

18 (1) On vapor products, the rate of five cents (5¢) per fluid milliliter of consumable
19 product. All invoices for vapor products issued by manufacturers must state
20 the amount of consumable product in milliliters.

21 (2) On cigars, the rate of twelve and eight-tenths percent (12.8%) of the cost price,
22 subject to a cap of thirty cents (30¢) per cigar.

23 (3) On all other tobacco products, the rate of twelve and eight-tenths percent
24 (12.8%) of the cost price.

25 (b) Primary Liability for Tax. – A wholesale dealer that has not been relieved of paying
26 tax under G.S. 105-113.37A or a retail dealer is primarily liable for the tax imposed by this
27 section if the dealer meets any of the following conditions:

28 (1) Is the first person to possess or acquire the tobacco product in this State.

29 (2) Is the first person to bring a tobacco product made outside the State into this
30 State.

31 (3) Is the original consignee of a tobacco product made outside the State that is
32 shipped into the State.

33 (4) Makes a remote sale or a delivery sale for which the dealer is required to
34 collect sales and use tax under Article 5 of this Chapter.

35 (c) Secondary Liability. – A retail dealer located in this State who acquires from a
36 wholesale dealer non-tax-paid tobacco products subject to the tax imposed by this section is liable
37 for any tax due on the tobacco products.

38 (d) Exemptions. – The taxes imposed under this section do not apply to the following:

39 (1) A tobacco product sold outside the State.

40 (2) A tobacco product sold to the federal government.

41 (3) A sample tobacco product distributed without charge. A sample tobacco
42 product may only be distributed in a "qualified adult-only facility" as that term
43 is defined in 21 C.F.R. § 1140.16(d)(2).

44 (e) Use Tax. – A tax is levied upon the sale or possession for sale by a person other than
45 a licensed wholesale dealer or a licensed retail dealer and upon the use, consumption, or
46 possession for use or consumption of tobacco products within this State at the rate set in this
47 section. This tax does not apply to tobacco products for which the tax levied in this section has
48 been paid.

49 (f) Documentation. – If a person liable for the tax imposed by this Part cannot produce
50 to the Secretary's satisfaction documentation of the cost price of the items subject to tax, the
51 Secretary may determine a value based on the cost price of comparable items.

"Subpart 3. Wholesale and Retail Dealers.

"§ 105-113.37A. Manufacturer's option.

(a) Shipping to Other Licensed Dealers. – A manufacturer who is not a retail dealer and who ships tobacco products to either a wholesale dealer or a retail dealer licensed under this Part may, upon application to the Secretary and upon compliance with requirements prescribed by the Secretary, be relieved of paying the tax on tobacco products imposed by this Part but is not relieved from filing a report as required by this Part.

(b) Integrated Wholesale Dealers. – If a manufacturer has been relieved of paying tax under this section, the permission granted to be relieved of paying the tax also applies to an integrated wholesale dealer with whom the manufacturer is an affiliate. A manufacturer must notify the Secretary of any integrated wholesale dealer with whom it is an affiliate when the manufacturer applies to the Secretary for permission to be relieved of paying the tax and when an integrated wholesale dealer becomes an affiliate of the manufacturer after the Secretary has given the manufacturer permission to be relieved of paying the tax.

(c) Dual Exemption. – If a person is both a manufacturer of cigarettes and a wholesale dealer of tobacco products, and the person is granted permission under G.S. 105-113.10 to be relieved of paying the cigarette excise tax, the permission applies to the tax imposed by this Part on tobacco products. A cigarette manufacturer who becomes a wholesale dealer after receiving permission to be relieved of the cigarette excise tax must notify the Secretary of the permission received under G.S. 105-113.10 when applying for a license as a wholesale dealer.

"§ 105-113.37B. Non-tax-paid products.

Except as otherwise provided in this Part, a licensed wholesale dealer may not sell, borrow, loan, or exchange non-tax-paid tobacco products to, from, or with another licensed wholesale dealer, and an integrated wholesale dealer may not sell, borrow, loan, or exchange non-tax-paid tobacco products to, from, or with another integrated wholesale dealer.

"§ 105-113.37C. Discount; refund.

(a) Discount. – A wholesale dealer or a retail dealer who is primarily liable for the excise taxes imposed by this Part, who files a timely report under this Part, and who sends a timely payment may deduct from the amount due with the report a discount of two percent (2%). This discount covers expenses incurred in preparing the records and reports required by this Part and the expense of furnishing a bond. This subsection does not apply with respect to the excise tax levied on vapor products.

(b) Refund. – A wholesale dealer or retail dealer who is primarily liable for the excise taxes imposed by this Part and is in possession of stale or otherwise unsalable tobacco products upon which the tax has been paid may return the tobacco products to the manufacturer and apply to the Secretary for refund of the tax. The application must be in the form prescribed by the Secretary and accompanied by a written certificate signed under penalty of perjury or an affidavit from the manufacturer listing the tobacco products returned to the manufacturer by the applicant. The Secretary must refund the tax paid, less the discount allowed, on the listed products.

"Subpart 4. Remote Sellers.

"§ 105-113.38A. Remote seller requirements.

A remote seller must do all of the following with respect to a remote sale:

- (1) Obtain a license from the Secretary as required by this Part before accepting an order.
- (2) Report, collect, and remit to the Secretary all applicable taxes as set out in this Part and Article 5 of this Chapter. A remote seller that meets the definition of a "retailer" as defined in Article 5 of this Chapter is subject to all State laws that apply to a retailer in this State.

"§ 105-113.38B. Records.

In addition to the records required to be kept under G.S. 105-113.4G, a remote seller must maintain the following:

- 1 (1) A list, updated annually, showing the cost price paid by the remote seller for
2 each stock keeping unit of tobacco products.
- 3 (2) Invoices documenting remote or delivery sales to consumers in this State.
- 4 (3) Records necessary to document the cost price of purchases of all tobacco
5 products sold to consumers in this State.

6 **"§ 105-113.38C. Penalties.**

7 A remote seller who violates G.S. 105-113.38A is subject to the following penalties:

- 8 (1) For the first violation, a penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- 9 (2) For a subsequent violation, a penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars
10 (\$5,000), as determined by the Secretary.

11 "Subpart 5. Administrative Provisions.

12 **"§ 105-113.39A. License required.**

13 (a) Requirement. – A wholesale dealer or a retail dealer must obtain from the Secretary
14 a license for each of the locations listed in this subsection, as applicable, and must pay the
15 required license tax for each license. A license is in effect until June 30 of the year following the
16 second calendar year after the date of issuance or renewal, unless cancelled or revoked prior to
17 expiration. A license is renewable upon signed application with no renewal license tax, unless
18 applied for after the June 30 expiration date. The locations are:

- 19 (1) Each location where a wholesale dealer makes tobacco products.
- 20 (2) Each location where a wholesale dealer or a retail dealer receives or stores
21 non-tax-paid tobacco products.
- 22 (3) Each location from where a retail dealer that is a delivery seller or remote
23 seller ships delivery sales or remote sales if the location is a location other
24 than the location described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

25 (b) License Tax Amount. – The license tax amounts are as follows:

- | | |
|--|-----------------|
| 26 (1) <u>Wholesale dealer</u> | <u>\$25.00</u> |
| 27 (2) <u>Retail dealer</u> | <u>\$10.00.</u> |

28 (c) Out-of-State Wholesale Dealers. – An out-of-state wholesale dealer of tobacco
29 products that is not a delivery seller or a remote seller may obtain a wholesale dealer's license
30 upon compliance with the provisions of G.S. 105-113.4A and payment of a tax of twenty-five
31 dollars (\$25.00).

32 **"§ 105-113.39B. Payment of tax.**

33 (a) Monthly Report. – Taxes levied by this Part are payable by the entity that is primarily
34 liable for the tax when a report is required to be filed. A report is due on a monthly basis. A
35 monthly report covers tobacco products sold, shipped, delivered, or otherwise disposed of in this
36 State occurring in a calendar month and is due within 20 days after the end of the month covered
37 by the report. A report must be filed on a form provided by the Secretary and must contain the
38 information required by the Secretary.

39 (b) Use Tax Report. – A person who is not a licensee under this Part and has acquired
40 non-tax-paid tobacco products for sale, use, or consumption subject to the tax imposed by this
41 Part must, within 96 hours after receipt of the tobacco products, file a report in the form
42 prescribed by the Secretary showing the amount of tobacco products received and any other
43 information required by the Secretary. The report must be accompanied by payment of the full
44 amount of the tax.

45 (c) Shipping Report. – A person who transports, or causes to transport, tobacco products
46 upon the public highways, roads, or streets of this State must, upon notice from the Secretary,
47 file a report in a form prescribed by and containing the information required by the Secretary.

48 **"§ 105-113.39C. Bond or irrevocable letter of credit.**

49 The Secretary may require a wholesale dealer or a retail dealer to furnish a bond in an amount
50 that adequately protects the State from a wholesale dealer's or a retail dealer's failure to pay taxes
51 due under this Part. A bond must be conditioned on compliance with this Part, payable to the

1 State, and in the form required by the Secretary. The amount of the bond is two times the
2 wholesale or retail dealer's average expected monthly tax liability under this Part, as determined
3 by the Secretary, provided the amount of the bond may not be less than two thousand dollars
4 (\$2,000) and may not be more than two million dollars (\$2,000,000). The Secretary should
5 periodically review the sufficiency of bonds required of dealers, increase the amount of a required
6 bond when the amount of the bond furnished no longer covers the anticipated tax liability of the
7 wholesale dealer or retail dealer, and decrease the amount when the Secretary determines that a
8 smaller bond amount will adequately protect the State from loss.

9 For purposes of this section, a wholesale dealer or a retail dealer may substitute an irrevocable
10 letter of credit for the secured bond required by this section. The letter of credit must be issued
11 by a commercial bank acceptable to the Secretary and available to the State as a beneficiary. The
12 letter of credit must be in a form acceptable to the Secretary, conditioned upon compliance with
13 this Part, and in the amounts stipulated in this section.

14 **"§ 105-113.39D. Use of tax proceeds.**

15 The Secretary must credit the net proceeds of the tax collected under this Part as follows:

16 (1) Six percent (6%) to the University Cancer Research Fund established under
17 G.S. 116-29.1.

18 (2) The remainder to the General Fund."

19 **SECTION 42.9.(h)** G.S. 116-29.1(b) reads as rewritten:

20 "(b) Effective July 1 of each calendar year, the funds remitted to the University Cancer
21 Research Fund by the Secretary of Revenue from the tax on tobacco products other than
22 cigarettes pursuant to ~~G.S. 105-113.40A~~ G.S. 105-113.39D are appropriated for this purpose."

23 **SECTION 42.9.(i)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2022, and applies to sales
24 or purchases occurring on or after that date. This section does not affect the rights or liabilities
25 of a taxpayer, or another person arising under the law as it existed before the effective date of
26 this section, nor does it affect the right to any refund or credit of a tax that accrued under the law
27 as it existed before the effective date of this section.

28
29 **PROVIDE TAX PARITY FOR SHORT-TERM VEHICLE RENTALS**

30 **SECTION 42.10.(a)** G.S. 105-164.4 reads as rewritten:

31 **"§ 105-164.4. Tax imposed on retailers and certain facilitators.**

32 (a) A privilege tax is imposed on a retailer engaged in business in the State at the
33 percentage rates of the retailer's net taxable sales or gross receipts, listed in this subsection. The
34 general rate of tax is four and three-quarters percent (4.75%). The percentage rates are as follows:

35 ...

36 (17) The general rate applies to the gross receipts derived from a short-term motor
37 vehicle rental by a peer-to-peer vehicle sharing facilitator, notwithstanding
38 G.S. 105-164.13(32).

39"

40 **SECTION 42.10.(b)** G.S. 105-164.13(32) reads as rewritten:

41 "(32) ~~Sales~~ Except as otherwise provided in G.S. 105-164.4(a)(17), sales of motor
42 vehicles, the sale of a motor vehicle body to be mounted on a motor vehicle
43 chassis when a certificate of title has not been issued for the chassis, and the
44 sale of a motor vehicle body mounted on a motor vehicle chassis that
45 temporarily enters the State so the manufacturer of the body can mount the
46 body on the chassis. For purposes of this subdivision, a park model RV, as
47 defined in G.S. 105-187.1, is a motor vehicle."

48 **SECTION 42.10.(c)** G.S. 105-164.3 reads as rewritten:

49 **"§ 105-164.3. Definitions.**

50 The following definitions apply in this Article:

51 ...

1 (166) Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing facilitator. – A marketplace facilitator who
2 facilitates a short-term motor vehicle rental where the marketplace seller is the
3 registered owner of the motor vehicle who has not made an election under
4 G.S. 105-187.5.

5 ...

6 (248) Short-term motor vehicle rental. – A motor vehicle rental to the same person
7 for a period of less than 365 continuous days.

8 "

9 **SECTION 42.10.(d)** G.S. 105-187.1(a)(8) reads as rewritten:

10 "(8) Vehicle sharing service. – A service for which a person pays a membership
11 fee for the right to use a motor vehicle or motor vehicles upon payment of an
12 additional time-based or mileage-based fee. The term does not include a
13 short-term motor vehicle rental by a peer-to-peer vehicle sharing facilitator."

14 **SECTION 42.10.(e)** Article 5 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is amended by
15 adding a new section to read as follows:

16 "**§ 105-164.44N. Transfer to Highway Fund of tax on peer-to-peer vehicle rentals.**

17 Beginning with the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and within 75 days after the end of each fiscal
18 year, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be transferred from the General Fund to the
19 Highway Fund in recognition of the fact that peer-to-peer vehicle rentals exercise the privilege
20 of using the highways of this State."

21 **SECTION 42.10.(f)** G.S. 105-187.9(a) reads as rewritten:

22 "(a) Distribution. – ~~Of the taxes~~ Taxes collected under this Article at the rate of five
23 percent (5%) and eight percent (8%), ~~the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) (8%)~~ shall be
24 credited ~~annually~~ to the Highway Fund, ~~and the remainder shall be credited to the General Fund.~~
25 Taxes collected under this Article at the rate of three percent (3%) shall be credited to the North
26 Carolina Highway Trust Fund."

27 **SECTION 42.10.(g)** Subsection (f) of this section becomes effective July 1, 2021.
28 The remainder of this section becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to sales occurring
29 on or after that date.

30 31 **GRADUATE LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES**

32 **SECTION 42.11.(a)** G.S. 105-236(a)(4) reads as rewritten:

33 "(4) Failure to Pay Tax When Due. – In the case of failure to pay any tax when
34 due, without intent to evade the tax, the Secretary shall assess a penalty equal
35 to ~~ten two percent (10%)(2%)~~ of the tax amount of the tax if the failure is for
36 not more than one month, with an additional two percent (2%) for each
37 additional month, or fraction thereof, during which the failure continues, not
38 exceeding ten percent (10%) in aggregate. This penalty does not apply in any
39 of the following circumstances:

- 40 a. When the amount of tax shown as due on an amended return is paid
41 when the return is filed.
- 42 b. When the Secretary proposes an assessment for tax due but not shown
43 on a return and the tax due is paid within 45 days after the later of the
44 following:
 - 45 1. The date of the notice of proposed assessment of the tax, if the
46 taxpayer does not file a timely request for a Departmental
47 review of the proposed assessment.
 - 48 2. The date the proposed assessment becomes collectible under
49 one of the circumstances listed in G.S. 105-241.22(3) through
50 (6), if the taxpayer files a timely request for a Departmental
51 review of the proposed assessment.

...."

SECTION 42.11.(b) This section becomes effective January 1, 2022, and applies to penalties assessed on or after that date.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

SECTION 42.12.(a) G.S. 105-278.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 105-278.2. Burial property.

(a) Commercial Property. – Real property set apart for burial purposes ~~shall be exempted from taxation unless it is owned and held for purposes of (i) sale or rental or (ii) sale of burial rights therein. No application is required under G.S. 105-282.1 for property exempt under this subsection. A county cannot deny the exemption provided under this subsection to a taxpayer that lacks a survey or plat detailing the exempt property.~~ therein is exempted from taxation. The taxes that would otherwise be due on real property classified under this subsection shall be a lien on the real property of the taxpayer as provided in G.S. 105-355(a). The taxes shall be carried forward in the records of the taxing unit or units as deferred taxes. The deferred taxes for the preceding five fiscal years are due and payable in accordance with G.S. 105-277.1F when the property loses its eligibility for deferral as a result of a disqualifying event. A disqualifying event occurs when the property is sold, conveyed, leased, encumbered, or disposed of for a purpose other than burial purposes.

(b) ~~Taxable real property set apart for human burial purposes is hereby designated a special class of property under authority of Article V, Section 2(2) of the North Carolina Constitution, and it shall be assessed for taxation taking into consideration the following:~~ Other Property. – Real property not held for the purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section that is set apart for burial purposes is exempted from taxation. A county cannot deny the exemption provided under this subsection to a taxpayer that lacks a survey or plat detailing the exempt property.

(1) ~~The effect on its value by division and development into burial plots;~~

(2) ~~Whether it is irrevocably dedicated for human burial purposes by plat recorded with the Register of Deeds in the county in which the land is located; and~~

(3) ~~Whether the owner is prohibited or restricted by law or otherwise from selling, mortgaging, leasing or encumbering the same.~~

(c) Terms. – For purposes of this section, the term "real property" ~~includes land, tombs, vaults, monuments, and mausoleums, and the term "burial" includes entombment.~~ entombment and the term "real property" includes any of the following on the burial property:

(1) Land.

(2) Tombs, vaults, monuments, or mausoleums.

(3) Buildings, structures, improvements, or permanent fixtures."

SECTION 42.12.(b) G.S. 105-277.1F(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Scope. – This section applies to the following deferred tax programs:

...

(5a) G.S. 105-278.2(a), commercial burial property.

...."

SECTION 42.12.(c) G.S. 105-282.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 105-282.1. Applications for property tax exemption or exclusion; annual review of property exempted or excluded from property tax.

(a) Application. – Every owner of property claiming exemption or exclusion from property taxes under the provisions of this Subchapter has the burden of establishing that the property is entitled to it. If the property for which the exemption or exclusion is claimed is appraised by the Department of Revenue, the application shall be filed with the Department. Otherwise, the application shall be filed with the assessor of the county in which the property is situated. An application must contain a complete and accurate statement of the facts that entitle

1 the property to the exemption or exclusion and must indicate the municipality, if any, in which
 2 the property is located. Each application filed with the Department of Revenue or an assessor
 3 shall be submitted on a form approved by the Department. Application forms shall be made
 4 available by the assessor and the Department, as appropriate.

5 Except as provided below, an owner claiming an exemption or exclusion from property taxes
 6 must file an application for the exemption or exclusion annually during the listing period.

7 (1) No application required. – Owners of the following exempt or excluded
 8 property do not need to file an application for the exemption or exclusion to
 9 be entitled to receive it:

10 a. Property exempt from taxation under G.S. 105-278.1 or ~~G.S.~~
 11 ~~105-278.2~~. G.S. 105-278.2(b).

12 ...

13 (2) Single application required. – An owner of one or more of the following
 14 properties eligible for a property tax benefit must file an application for the
 15 benefit to receive it. Once the application has been approved, the owner does
 16 not need to file an application in subsequent years unless new or additional
 17 property is acquired or improvements are added or removed, necessitating a
 18 change in the valuation of the property, or there is a change in the use of the
 19 property or the qualifications or eligibility of the taxpayer necessitating a
 20 review of the benefit.

21 a. Property exempted from taxation under ~~G.S. 105-278.3,~~
 22 G.S. 105-278.2(a), 105-278.3, 105-278.4, 105-278.5, 105-278.6,
 23 105-278.7, or 105-278.8.

24"

25 **SECTION 42.12.(d)** G.S. 105-275 reads as rewritten:

26 "**§ 105-275. Property classified and excluded from the tax base.**

27 The following classes of property are designated special classes under Article V, Sec. 2(2),
 28 of the North Carolina Constitution and are excluded from tax:

29 ...

30 (44a) Vaccines.

31"

32 **SECTION 42.12.(e)** This section is effective for taxes imposed for taxable years
 33 beginning on or after July 1, 2022.

35 REVENUE LAWS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

36 **SECTION 42.13A.(a)** G.S. 105-153.5(b) reads as rewritten:

37 "(b) Other Deductions. – In calculating North Carolina taxable income, a taxpayer may
 38 deduct from the taxpayer's adjusted gross income any of the following items that are included in
 39 the taxpayer's adjusted gross income:

40 ...

41 ~~(14)~~(15) The amount granted to the taxpayer during the taxable year under the Extra
 42 Credit grant program. This subdivision expires for taxable years beginning on
 43 or after January 1, ~~2021-2022.~~"

44 **SECTION 42.13A.(b)** G.S. 105-153.5(c2) reads as rewritten:

45 "(c2) Decoupling Adjustments. – In calculating North Carolina taxable income, a taxpayer
 46 must make the following adjustments to the taxpayer's adjusted gross income:

47 ...

48 (17) For taxable years 2019 and 2020, a taxpayer must add an amount equal to the
 49 amount by which the taxpayer's interest expense deduction under section
 50 163(j) of the Code exceeds the interest expense deduction that would have
 51 been allowed under the Internal Revenue Code as enacted as of January 1,

1 2020. An add-back under this subdivision is not required to the extent the
2 amount was required to be added back under another provision of this
3 subsection. The purpose of this subdivision is to decouple from the
4 modification of limitation on business interest allowed under section 2306 of
5 the CARES Act.

6 (17a) A taxpayer who made an addition under subdivision (17) of this subsection
7 may deduct twenty percent (20%) of the addition in each of the first five
8 taxable years beginning with tax year 2021.

9"

10 **SECTION 42.13A.(c)** G.S. 105-153.9(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

11 "(2) The fraction of the gross income, as modified as provided in ~~G.S. 105-134.6A,~~
12 ~~G.S. 105-153.5,~~ G.S. 105-153.5 and G.S. 105-153.6, that is subject to income
13 tax in another state or country shall be ascertained, and the North Carolina net
14 income tax before credit under this section shall be multiplied by that fraction.
15 The credit allowed is either the product thus calculated or the income tax
16 actually paid the other state or country, whichever is smaller."

17 **SECTION 42.13A.(d)** G.S. 105-163.7(b) reads as rewritten:

18 "(b) Informational Return to Secretary. – Every employer shall annually file an
19 informational return with the Secretary that contains the information given on each of the
20 employer's written statements to an employee. The Secretary may require additional information
21 to be included on the informational return, provided the Secretary has given a minimum of 90
22 days' notice of the additional information required. ~~The informational return is due on or before~~
23 ~~January 31 of the succeeding year and~~ must be filed in an electronic format as prescribed by the
24 Secretary. ~~If Secretary and is due on or before January 31 of the succeeding year or, if the~~
25 employer terminates its business or permanently ceases paying wages during before the close of
26 the calendar year, the informational return must be filed within 30 days of the last payment of
27 remuneration on or before the last day of the month following the end of the calendar quarter in
28 which the employer terminates its business, but no later than January 31 of the succeeding year.
29 The informational return required by this subsection is in lieu of the report required by
30 G.S. 105-154.

31"

32 **SECTION 42.13A.(e)** G.S. 105-163.8 is amended by adding a new subsection to
33 read:

34 "(c) If a withholding agent fails to file a return and pay the tax due under this Article or
35 files a grossly incorrect or false or fraudulent return, the Secretary must estimate the tax due and
36 assess the withholding agent based on the estimate."

37 **SECTION 42.13A.(f)** G.S. 105-241.6(b)(5) reads as rewritten:

38 "(5) Contingent Event. – The period to request a refund of an overpayment may be
39 extended once as provided in this subdivision:

40 ...

41 b. Other Event. – If a taxpayer contends that an event has occurred that
42 prevents the taxpayer from filing an accurate and definite request for
43 a refund of an overpayment within the period under this section, the
44 taxpayer may submit a written request to the Secretary seeking an
45 extension of the statute of limitations. The taxpayer must file a written
46 request to the Secretary prior to expiration of the statute of limitations
47 under this section. The request must establish by clear, convincing
48 proof that the event is beyond the taxpayer's control and prevents the
49 taxpayer from timely filing an accurate and definite request for a
50 refund of an overpayment. The Secretary's decision on the request is
51 final and is not subject to administrative or judicial review. If the

1 Secretary agrees to the request, the period to file a request for a refund
2 of an overpayment is six months after the event concludes."

3 **SECTION 42.13A.(g)** G.S. 105-252.1 reads as rewritten:

4 "**§ 105-252.1. Use of a TTIN.**

5 A TTIN may not be used on any return, statement, or other document required to be filed
6 with or furnished to the Department unless specifically authorized ~~in this Chapter by the~~
7 Secretary."

8 **SECTION 42.13A.(h)** Section 1.2(a) of S.L. 2021-16 reads as rewritten:

9 "**SECTION 1.2.(a)** Nonaccrual of Interest. – As a result of the automatic extension of the
10 federal tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 calendar year, the Secretary of Revenue
11 has automatically extended the State tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year from
12 April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021. The Secretary will waive the penalty for failure to file an
13 individual income tax return, including a partnership and estate and trust tax return, or pay
14 individual income tax due if the return is filed and the tax due is paid by May 17, 2021.
15 Notwithstanding G.S. 105-241.21(b), interest shall not accrue from April 15, 2021, through May
16 17, 2021, on an underpayment of tax imposed on an individual income tax ~~return~~return, including
17 a partnership and estate and trust tax return, due April 15, 2021."

18 **SECTION 42.13A.(i)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

19 **SECTION 42.13B.(a)** G.S. 105-83(d) reads as rewritten:

20 "(d) This section does not apply to ~~corporations liable for the tax levied under G.S.~~
21 ~~105-102.3 or to savings~~ the following:

22 (1) Banks. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "bank" has the same
23 meaning as defined in G.S. 105-130.7B(b).

24 (2) Savings and loan associations."

25 **SECTION 42.13B.(b)** G.S. 105-130.5(a) reads as rewritten:

26 "(a) The following additions to federal taxable income shall be made in determining State
27 net income:

28 ...

29 (31) For taxable years 2019 and 2020, a taxpayer must add an amount equal to the
30 amount by which the taxpayer's interest expense deduction under section
31 163(j) of the Code exceeds the interest expense deduction that would have
32 been allowed under the Internal Revenue Code as enacted as of January 1,
33 2020, as calculated on a separate entity basis. An add-back under this
34 subdivision is not required to the extent the amount was required to be added
35 back under another provision of this subsection. The purpose of this
36 subdivision is to decouple from the modification of limitation on business
37 interest allowed under section 2306 of the CARES Act.

38"

39 **SECTION 42.13B.(c)** G.S. 105-130.5(b) reads as rewritten:

40 "(b) The following deductions from federal taxable income shall be made in determining
41 State net income:

42 ...

43 (32) A taxpayer who made an addition under subdivision (a)(31) of this section
44 may deduct twenty percent (20%) of the addition that was not otherwise
45 disallowed by G.S. 105-130.7B in each of the first five taxable years
46 beginning tax year 2021."

47 **SECTION 42.13B.(d)** G.S. 105-130.7B(b)(4) reads as rewritten:

48 "(4) Qualified interest expense. – The amount of net interest expense paid or
49 accrued to a related member in a taxable year with the amount limited to the
50 taxpayer's proportionate share of interest paid or accrued to a person who is
51 not a related member during the same taxable year. This limitation does not

1 apply to interest paid or accrued to a related member if one or more of the
2 following applies:

3 ...

4 e. The proportionate amount of interest paid or accrued to a related
5 member that has already been disallowed by the application of section
6 163(j) of the Code."

7 **SECTION 42.13B.(e)** G.S. 105-130.8A(c) reads as rewritten:

8 "(c) Mergers and Acquisitions. – The Secretary must apply the standards contained in
9 regulations adopted under sections 381 and 382 of the Code in determining the extent to which
10 a loss survives a merger or an acquisition. For mergers and acquisitions occurring prior to January
11 1, 2015, the Secretary must apply the standards under G.S. 105-130.8 for taxable years beginning
12 before January 1, 2015, and the standards of this section for taxable years beginning on or after
13 January 1, 2015."

14 **SECTION 42.13B.(f)** G.S. 105-251(a) reads as rewritten:

15 "(a) Scope of Information. – A taxpayer must give information to the Secretary when the
16 Secretary requests the information. The Secretary may request a taxpayer to provide only the
17 following kinds of information on a return, a report, or otherwise:

18 (1) Information that identifies the taxpayer.

19 (2) Information needed to determine the liability of the taxpayer for a tax.

20 (3) Information needed to determine whether an item is subject to a tax.

21 (4) Information that enables the Secretary to collect a tax.

22 (5) Financial or tax documentation required to determine the appropriate
23 adjustment under G.S. 105-130.5A. If such information is not timely provided
24 as required under G.S. 105-130.5A(a), the Secretary may propose any
25 adjustment allowable under Part 1 of Article 4 of this Chapter.

26 ~~(5)~~(6) Other information the law requires a taxpayer to provide or the Secretary
27 needs to perform a duty a law requires the Secretary to perform."

28 **SECTION 42.13B.(g)** Subsection (a) of this section is effective when it becomes
29 law and applies retroactively for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2016. Subsection (d)
30 of this section is effective when it becomes law and applies retroactively for taxable years
31 beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Except as otherwise provided, the remainder of this section
32 is effective when it becomes law.

33 **SECTION 42.13C.(a)** G.S. 105-164.13E(a)(7) reads as rewritten:

34 "(7) Any of the following animals:

35 a. ~~Baby chicks and poults.~~ Fowl.

36 b. Livestock."

37 **SECTION 42.13C.(b)** G.S. 105-259(b) reads as rewritten:

38 "(b) Disclosure Prohibited. – An officer, an employee, or an agent of the State who has
39 access to tax information in the course of service to or employment by the State may not disclose
40 the information to any other person except as provided in this subsection. Standards used or to
41 be used for the selection of returns for examination and data used or to be used for determining
42 the standards may not be disclosed for any purpose. All other tax information may be disclosed
43 only if the disclosure is made for one of the following purposes:

44 ...

45 ~~(5b) To furnish to the finance officials of a city a list of the utility taxable gross~~
46 ~~receipts and piped natural gas tax revenues attributable to the city under~~
47 ~~G.S. 105-116.1 and G.S. 105-187.44 or under former G.S. 105-116 and~~
48 ~~G.S. 105-120.~~

49"

1 **SECTION 42.13C.(c)** Subsection (a) of this section is effective retroactively to July
2 1, 2020, and applies to purchases made on or after that date. Except as otherwise provided, the
3 remainder of this section is effective when it becomes law.

4 **SECTION 42.13D.(a)** G.S. 105-113.4B reads as rewritten:

5 **"§ 105-113.4B. Cancellation or revocation of license.**

6 ...

7 (a1) ~~Revocation.~~ Summary Revocation and Procedure. – The Secretary may summarily
8 revoke a license issued under this Article when the Secretary ~~finds~~ determines that the licensee
9 is incurring liability for the tax imposed under this Article after failing to pay a tax when due
10 under this Article. ~~In addition, the~~ The Secretary must send a revoked licensee a notice of the
11 revocation and a notice of hearing. The hearing must be held within 10 days after the date of the
12 notice of revocation unless the revoked licensee requests, before the day of the hearing, that the
13 hearing be rescheduled. Upon receipt of a timely request, the Secretary must reschedule the
14 hearing and provide at least 10 days' notice of the rescheduled hearing. The revocation is not
15 stayed pending the hearing decision. A notice of hearing under this subsection must be in writing
16 and indicate the date, time, and place of the hearing. A hearing must be conducted as prescribed
17 by the Secretary. The Secretary must issue a final decision and notify the revoked licensee in
18 writing within 10 days of the hearing. The final decision must state the basis for the decision.
19 The statement of the basis of a revocation does not limit the Department from changing the basis.

20 (a2) Non-Summary Revocation. – The Secretary may revoke the license of a licensee that
21 commits one or more of the following acts after ~~holding a hearing on whether the license should~~
22 ~~be revoked:~~ affording the licensee an opportunity to have a hearing as provided in subsections
23 (a3) through (b2) of this section:

- 24 (1) Fails to obtain a license in a timely manner or for all places of business as
25 required by this Article.
- 26 (2) Willfully fails to file a return required by this Article.
- 27 (3) Willfully fails to pay a tax when due under this Article.
- 28 (4) Makes a false statement in an application or return required under this Article.
- 29 (5) Fails to keep records as required by this Article.
- 30 (6) Refuses to allow the Secretary or a representative of the Secretary to examine
31 the person's books, accounts, and records concerning tobacco product.
- 32 (7) Fails to disclose the correct amount of tobacco product taxable in this State.
- 33 (8) Fails to file a replacement bond or an additional bond if required by the
34 Secretary under this Article.
- 35 (9) Violates G.S. 14-401.18.
- 36 (10) Fails to meet or maintain the requirements set out in G.S. 105-113.4A(b).

37 (a3) Notice of Proposed Revocation. – The Secretary must provide a licensee with a notice
38 of proposed revocation that includes all of the following information:

- 39 (1) The basis for the proposed revocation. The statement of the basis for the
40 proposed revocation does not limit the Department from changing the basis.
- 41 (2) The effective date of the revocation, which must be one of the following:
 - 42 a. Forty-five days from the date of the notice of proposed revocation if
43 the licensee does not file a timely request for hearing.
 - 44 b. The tenth day after the date an adverse final decision is issued if the
45 adverse final decision is mailed.
 - 46 c. The date an adverse final decision is delivered if the adverse final
47 decision is delivered in person.
- 48 (3) The circumstances, if any, under which the Secretary will not revoke the
49 license.
- 50 (4) An explanation of how the licensee may contest the proposed revocation.

1 (a4) Request for Hearing and Decision. – A licensee may contest a proposed revocation
2 by filing a written hearing request within 45 days of the date the notice of proposed revocation
3 was mailed, if the notice was delivered by mail, or delivered to the licensee, if the notice was
4 delivered in person. A hearing request is considered filed as provided under G.S. 105-241.11(b).
5 If the licensee does not file a timely hearing request, the license is revoked as provided in the
6 notice of proposed revocation and the revocation is final and not subject to further administrative
7 or judicial review.

8 ~~(b) Hearing Procedure. – The Secretary must send a person whose license is summarily~~
9 ~~revoked a notice of the revocation and must give the person an opportunity to have a hearing on~~
10 ~~the revocation within 10 days after the revocation. The Secretary must give a person whose~~
11 ~~license may be revoked after a hearing at least 10 days' written notice licensee who filed a timely~~
12 hearing request in accordance with subsection (a4) of this section at least 20 days' written notice
13 of the date, time, and place of the hearing. A notice of a summary license revocation and a notice
14 of hearing must be sent by certified mail to the last known address of the licensee. If the person
15 whose license may be revoked fails to attend the noticed hearing, the license revocation is
16 effective 15 days after the noticed hearing, unless the Department and the licensee agree
17 to a shorter period. A hearing must be conducted as prescribed by the Secretary. The Secretary
18 must issue a final decision and notify the licensee in writing within 60 days of the hearing. The
19 Department and the licensee may extend this time by mutual agreement. Failure to issue a final
20 decision within the required time does not affect the validity of the decision. The final decision
21 must state the basis for the decision and, if the final decision includes revocation of the license,
22 the effective date of the revocation in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a3) of this
23 section. The statement of the basis of a revocation does not limit the Department from changing
24 the basis.

25 (b1) Delivery of Notice. – The Secretary must deliver a notice in accordance with
26 G.S. 105-241.20(b). In lieu of providing notice by United States mail, the Secretary may give
27 notice by email or other electronic means if the licensee has consented to receiving notices via
28 electronic means.

29 (b2) Return of Credentials. – If a license is revoked, the revoked licensee must return to
30 the Secretary, within 10 days of the issuance of the final decision, all licenses previously issued.
31 If a license is unable to be returned, the revoked licensee must include a written statement of the
32 reasons, satisfactory to the Secretary, why the license cannot be returned.

33 (c) Release of Bond. – When the Secretary cancels or revokes a license and the licensee
34 has paid all taxes and penalties due under this Article, the Secretary must take one of the
35 following actions concerning a bond or an irrevocable letter of credit filed by the licensee:

- 36 (1) Return an irrevocable letter of credit to the licensee.
- 37 (2) Return a bond to the licensee or notify the person liable on the bond and the
38 licensee that the person is released from liability on the bond."

39 **SECTION 42.13D.(b)** Article 36B of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is
40 amended by adding the following new section:

41 **"§ 105-449.47B. Revocation of license.**

42 (a) Revocation. – The Secretary may revoke a license or a decal when a motor carrier
43 fails to comply with this Article or Article 36C or 36D of this Subchapter after affording the
44 motor carrier an opportunity to have a hearing as provided in this section.

45 (b) Notice of Proposed Revocation. – The Secretary must provide a licensee with a notice
46 of proposed revocation that includes all of the following information:

- 47 (1) The basis for the proposed revocation. The statement of the basis for the
48 proposed revocation does not limit the Department from changing the basis.
- 49 (2) The effective date of the revocation, which must be one of the following:
 - 50 a. Forty-five days from the date of the notice of proposed revocation if
51 the licensee does not file a timely request for hearing.

1 b. The tenth day after the date an adverse final decision is issued if the
2 adverse final decision is mailed.
3 c. The date an adverse final decision is delivered if the adverse final
4 decision is delivered in person.

5 (3) The circumstances, if any, under which the Secretary will not revoke the
6 license.

7 (4) An explanation of how the licensee may contest the proposed revocation.

8 (c) Request for Hearing and Decision. – A licensee may contest a proposed revocation
9 by filing a written hearing request within 45 days of the date the notice of proposed revocation
10 was mailed, if the notice was delivered by mail, or delivered to the licensee, if the notice was
11 delivered in person. A hearing request is considered filed as provided under G.S. 105-241.11(b).
12 If the licensee does not file a timely hearing request, the license is revoked as provided in the
13 notice of proposed revocation and the revocation is final and not subject to further administrative
14 or judicial review.

15 (d) Hearing Procedure. – The Secretary must give a licensee who filed a timely hearing
16 request in accordance with subsection (c) of this section at least 20 days' written notice of the
17 date, time, and place of the hearing, unless the Department and the licensee agree to a shorter
18 period. A hearing must be conducted as prescribed by the Secretary. The Secretary must issue a
19 final decision and notify the licensee in writing within 60 days of the hearing. The Department
20 and the licensee may extend this time limit by mutual agreement. Failure to issue a final decision
21 within the required time does not affect the validity of the decision. The final decision must state
22 the basis for the decision and, if the final decision includes revocation of a license or a decal, the
23 effective date of the revocation in accordance with subdivision (b)(2) of this section. The
24 statement of the basis of the revocation does not limit the Department from changing the basis.

25 (e) Delivery of Notice. – The Secretary must deliver a notice in accordance with
26 G.S. 105-241.20(b). In lieu of providing notice by United States mail, the Secretary may give
27 notice by email or other electronic means if the licensee has consented to receiving notices via
28 electronic means.

29 (f) Return of Credentials. – If the license is revoked, the former licensee shall return to
30 the Secretary, within 10 days of the issuance of the final decision, all licenses and decals
31 previously issued. If the licenses or decals are not returned, the credentials are subject to seizure
32 or removal from the motor vehicle or defacement. If a license or decal is unable to be returned,
33 the licensee must include a written statement of the reasons, satisfactory to the Secretary, why
34 the license or decal cannot be returned."

35 **SECTION 42.13D.(c) G.S. 105-449.76 reads as rewritten:**

36 **"§ 105-449.76. Cancellation or revocation of license.**

37 (a) Cancellation. – The Secretary may cancel a license issued under this Article upon the
38 written request of the licensee. The licensee's request must include a proposed effective date of
39 cancellation and must return the license to the Secretary on or before the proposed effective date.
40 If the licensee's request does not include a proposed effective date of cancellation, the license is
41 cancelled 15 days after the Department receives the written request. If the license is unable to be
42 returned, the licensee must include a written statement of the reasons, satisfactory to the
43 Secretary, why the license cannot be returned. The Secretary shall notify the licensee when the
44 license is cancelled.

45 (a1) ~~Revocation~~–Summary Revocation and Procedure. – The Secretary may summarily
46 revoke a license issued under this Article when the Secretary ~~finds~~ determines that the licensee
47 is incurring liability for the tax imposed under this Article after failing to pay a tax when due
48 under this Article. ~~In addition, the~~ The Secretary must send a revoked licensee a notice of the
49 revocation and a notice of hearing. The hearing must be held within 10 days after the date of the
50 notice of revocation unless the revoked licensee requests, before the day of the hearing, that the
51 hearing be rescheduled. Upon receipt of a timely request, the Secretary must reschedule the

1 hearing and provide at least 10 days' notice of the rescheduled hearing. The revocation is not
2 stayed pending the hearing decision. A notice of hearing under this subsection must be in writing
3 and indicate the date, time, and place of the hearing. A hearing must be conducted as prescribed
4 by the Secretary. The Secretary must issue a final decision and notify the revoked licensee in
5 writing within 10 days of the hearing. The final decision must state the basis for the decision.
6 The statement of the basis of a revocation does not limit the Department from changing the basis.

7 (a2) Non-Summary Revocation. – The Secretary may revoke the license of a licensee that
8 commits one or more of the acts listed in G.S. 105-449.120 after holding a hearing on whether
9 the license should be revoked, affording the licensee an opportunity to have a hearing as provided
10 in subsections (a3) through (b2) of this section.

11 (a3) Notice of Proposed Revocation. – The Secretary must provide a licensee with a notice
12 of proposed revocation that includes all of the following information:

13 (1) The basis for the proposed revocation. The statement of the basis for the
14 proposed revocation does not limit the Department from changing the basis.

15 (2) The effective date of the revocation, which must be one of the following:

16 a. Forty-five days from the date of the notice of proposed revocation if
17 the licensee does not file a timely request for hearing.

18 b. The tenth day after the date an adverse final decision is issued if the
19 adverse final decision is mailed.

20 c. The date an adverse final decision is delivered if the adverse final
21 decision is delivered in person.

22 (3) The circumstances, if any, under which the Secretary will not revoke the
23 license.

24 (4) An explanation of how the licensee may contest the proposed revocation.

25 (a4) Request for Hearing and Decision. – A licensee may contest a proposed revocation
26 by filing a written hearing request within 45 days of the date the notice of proposed revocation
27 was mailed, if the notice was delivered by mail, or delivered to the licensee, if the notice was
28 delivered in person. A hearing request is considered filed as provided under G.S. 105-241.11(b).
29 If the licensee does not file a timely hearing request, the license is revoked as provided in the
30 notice of proposed revocation and the revocation is final and not subject to further administrative
31 or judicial review.

32 (b) Hearing Procedure. – The Secretary must send a person whose license is summarily
33 revoked a notice of the revocation and must give the person an opportunity to have a hearing on
34 the revocation within 10 days after the revocation. The Secretary must give a person whose
35 license may be revoked after a hearing at least 10 give a licensee who filed a timely hearing
36 request in accordance with subsection (a4) of this section at least 20 days' written notice of the
37 date, time, and place of the hearing. A notice of a summary license revocation and a notice of
38 hearing must be sent by certified mail to the last known address of the licensee. If the person
39 whose license may be revoked fails to attend the noticed hearing, the license revocation is
40 effective 15 days after the noticed hearing, unless the Department and the licensee agree
41 to a shorter period. A hearing must be conducted as prescribed by the Secretary. The Secretary
42 must issue a final decision and notify the licensee in writing within 60 days of the hearing. The
43 Department and the licensee may extend this time by mutual agreement. Failure to issue a final
44 decision within the required time does not affect the validity of the decision. The final decision
45 must state the basis for the decision and, if the final decision includes revocation of the license,
46 the effective date of the revocation in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a3) of this
47 section. The statement of the basis of a revocation does not limit the Department from changing
48 the basis.

49 (b1) Delivery of Notice. – The Secretary must deliver a notice in accordance with
50 G.S. 105-241.20(b). In lieu of providing notice by United States mail, the Secretary may give

1 notice by email or other electronic means if the licensee has consented to receiving notices via
2 electronic means.

3 (b2) Return of Credentials. – If the license is revoked, the former licensee shall return to
4 the Secretary, within 10 days of the issuance of the final decision, all licenses and decals
5 previously issued. If a license or decal is unable to be returned, the licensee must include a written
6 statement of the reasons, satisfactory to the Secretary, why the license or decal cannot be
7 returned.

8 (c) Release of Bond. – When the Secretary cancels or revokes a license and the licensee
9 has paid all taxes and penalties due under this Article, the Secretary must take one of the
10 following actions concerning a bond or an irrevocable letter of credit filed by the licensee:

11 (1) Return an irrevocable letter of credit to the licensee.

12 (2) Return a bond to the licensee or notify the person liable on the bond and the
13 licensee that the person is released from liability on the bond."

14 **SECTION 42.13D.(d)** G.S. 119-19 reads as rewritten:

15 "**§ 119-19. Authority of Secretary to cancel or revoke a license.**

16 (a) ~~Reasons-Cancellation.~~ – The Secretary of Revenue may cancel a license issued under
17 this Article upon the written request of the licensee. The licensee's request must include a
18 proposed effective date of the cancellation and must return the license to the Secretary on or
19 before the proposed effective date. If the licensee's request does not include a proposed effective
20 date of cancellation, the license is cancelled 15 days after the Department receives the written
21 request. If the license is unable to be returned, the licensee must include a written statement of
22 the reason, satisfactory to the Secretary, why the license cannot be returned. The Secretary must
23 notify the licensee when the license is cancelled.

24 (a1) Summary Revocation and Procedure. – The Secretary may summarily revoke a
25 license issued under this Article or under Article 36C or 36D of ~~Chapter 105 of the General~~
26 ~~Statutes this Chapter~~ when the Secretary ~~finds~~ determines that the licensee is incurring liability
27 for the tax imposed by this Article after failing to pay a tax when due under this Article. The
28 Secretary must send a revoked licensee a notice of the revocation and a notice of hearing. The
29 hearing must be held within 10 days after the date of the notice of revocation unless the revoked
30 licensee requests, before the day of the hearing, that the hearing be rescheduled. Upon receipt of
31 a timely request, the Secretary must reschedule the hearing and provide at least 10 days' notice
32 of the rescheduled hearing. The revocation is not stayed pending the hearing decision. A notice
33 of hearing under this subsection must be in writing and indicate the date, time, and place of the
34 hearing. A hearing must be conducted as prescribed by the Secretary. The Secretary must issue
35 a final decision and notify the revoked licensee in writing within 10 days of the hearing. The final
36 decision must state the basis for the decision. The statement of the basis of a revocation does not
37 limit the Department from changing the basis.

38 (a2) Non-Summary Revocation. – The Secretary may revoke the license of a licensee who
39 files a false report under this Article or fails to file a report required under this Article after
40 ~~holding a hearing on whether the license should be revoked.~~ affording the licensee an opportunity
41 to have a hearing as provided in subsections (a3) through (b2) of this section.

42 (a3) Notice of Proposed Revocation. – The Secretary must provide a licensee with a notice
43 of proposed revocation that includes all of the following information:

44 (1) The basis for the proposed revocation. The statement of the basis for the
45 proposed revocation does not limit the Department from changing the basis.

46 (2) The effective date of the revocation, which must be one of the following:

47 a. Forty-five days from the date of the notice of proposed revocation if
48 the licensee does not file a timely request for hearing.

49 b. The tenth day after the date an adverse final decision is issued if the
50 adverse final decision is mailed.

1 c. The date an adverse final decision is delivered if the adverse final
2 decision is delivered in person.

3 (3) The circumstances, if any, under which the Secretary will not revoke the
4 license.

5 (4) An explanation of how the licensee may contest the proposed revocation.

6 (a4) Request for Hearing and Decision. – A licensee may contest a proposed revocation
7 by filing a written hearing request within 45 days of the date the notice of proposed revocation
8 was mailed, if the notice was delivered by mail, or delivered to the licensee, if the notice was
9 delivered in person. A hearing request is considered filed as provided under G.S. 105-241.11(b).
10 If the licensee does not file a timely hearing request, the license is revoked as provided in the
11 notice of proposed revocation and the revocation is final and not subject to further administrative
12 or judicial review.

13 (b) Hearing Procedure. – The Secretary must send a person whose license is summarily
14 revoked a notice of the revocation and must give the person an opportunity to have a hearing on
15 the revocation within 10 days after the revocation. The Secretary must give a person whose
16 license may be revoked after a hearing give a licensee who filed a timely hearing request in
17 accordance with subsection (a4) of this section at least 10-20 days' written notice of the date,
18 time, and place of the hearing. A notice of a summary license revocation and a notice of hearing
19 must be sent by certified mail to the last known address of the licensee-hearing, unless the
20 Department and the licensee agree to a shorter period. A hearing must be conducted as prescribed
21 by the Secretary. The Secretary must issue a final decision and notify the licensee in writing
22 within 60 days of the hearing. The Department and the licensee may extend this time by mutual
23 agreement. Failure to issue a final decision within the required time does not affect the validity
24 of the decision. The final decision must state the basis for the decision and, if the final decision
25 includes revocation of the license, the effective date of the revocation in accordance with
26 subdivision (2) of subsection (a3) of this section. The statement of the basis of a revocation does
27 not limit the Department from changing the basis.

28 (b1) Delivery of Notice. – The Secretary must deliver a notice in accordance with
29 G.S. 105-241.20(b). In lieu of providing notice by United States mail, the Secretary may give
30 notice by email or other electronic means if the licensee has consented to receiving notices via
31 electronic means.

32 (b2) Return of Credentials. – If the license is revoked, the former licensee shall return to
33 the Secretary, within 10 days of the issuance of the final decision, all licenses previously issued.
34 If a license is unable to be returned, the licensee must include a written statement of the reasons,
35 satisfactory to the Secretary, why the license cannot be returned.

36 (c) Release of Bond. – When the Secretary cancels or revokes a license and the licensee
37 has paid all taxes and penalties due under this Article, the Secretary must either return to the
38 licensee the bond filed by the licensee or notify the person liable on the bond and the licensee
39 that the person is released from liability on the bond."

40 **SECTION 42.13D.(e)** This section becomes effective January 1, 2022, and applies
41 to summary revocations and non-summary revocations initiated by the Department on or after
42 that date.

43 **SECTION 42.13E.(a)** G.S. 105-113.8 is recodified as G.S. 105-113.4H.

44 **SECTION 42.13E.(b)** G.S. 105-113.11 is recodified as G.S. 105-113.4I.

45 **SECTION 42.13E.(c)** G.S. 105-113.4I, as recodified by subsection (b) of this
46 section, reads as rewritten:

47 **"§ 105-113.4I. Licenses required.**

48 ~~After the effective date of this Article, no A person shall may not engage in business as a~~
49 ~~distributor distributor, wholesale dealer, or retail dealer in this State, without having first obtained~~
50 ~~from the Secretary the appropriate license for that purpose as prescribed herein. Any in this~~

1 ~~Article. A~~ license required by this Article ~~shall be~~ is in addition to any ~~and all~~ other licenses
2 ~~which that~~ may be required by law."

3 **SECTION 42.13E.(d)** G.S. 105-113.29 is recodified as G.S. 105-113.4J.

4 **SECTION 42.13E.(e)** G.S. 105-113.4J, as recodified by subsection (d) of this
5 section, reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 105-113.4J. Unlicensed place of business.**

7 It is unlawful for a person to maintain a place of business within this State required by this
8 Article to be licensed to engage in the business of selling, offering for sale, or possessing with
9 the intent to sell ~~cigarettes or other~~ tobacco products without first obtaining ~~the licenses.~~ all
10 licenses required by this Article."

11 **SECTION 42.13E.(f)** G.S. 105-113.33 is recodified as G.S. 105-113.4K.

12 **SECTION 42.13E.(g)** G.S. 105-113.18(2) reads as rewritten:

13 "(2) Use Tax Report. – ~~Every other~~ A person who is not a licensed distributor and
14 has acquired non-tax-paid cigarettes for sale, use, or consumption
15 consumption, subject to the tax imposed by this Part ~~shall,~~ must, within 96
16 hours after receipt of the cigarettes, file a report in the form prescribed by the
17 Secretary showing the amount of cigarettes so received and any other
18 information required by the Secretary. The report ~~shall~~ must be accompanied
19 by payment of the full amount of the tax."

20 **SECTION 42.13E.(h)** G.S. 105-113.35(d) reads as rewritten:

21 "(d) Manufacturer's Option. – A manufacturer who is not a retail dealer and who ships
22 tobacco products other than cigarettes to either a wholesale dealer or retail dealer licensed under
23 this Part may apply to the Secretary to be relieved of paying the tax imposed by this section on
24 the tobacco products. ~~A manufacturer who is not a retail dealer and who ships vapor products to~~
25 ~~either a wholesale dealer or retail dealer licensed under this Part may apply to the Secretary to be~~
26 ~~relieved of paying the tax imposed by this section on the vapor products shipped to either a~~
27 ~~wholesale dealer or retail dealer.~~ Once granted permission, a manufacturer may choose not to
28 pay the tax until otherwise notified by the Secretary but is not relieved from filing a report as
29 required by this Part. To be relieved of payment of the tax imposed by this section, a manufacturer
30 must comply with the requirements set by the Secretary.

31 Permission granted under this subsection to a manufacturer to be relieved of paying the tax
32 imposed by this section applies to an integrated wholesale dealer with whom the manufacturer is
33 an affiliate. A manufacturer must notify the Secretary of any integrated wholesale dealer with
34 whom it is an affiliate when the manufacturer applies to the Secretary for permission to be
35 relieved of paying the tax and when an integrated wholesale dealer becomes an affiliate of the
36 manufacturer after the Secretary has given the manufacturer permission to be relieved of paying
37 the tax.

38 If a person is both a manufacturer of cigarettes and a wholesale dealer of tobacco products
39 other than cigarettes and the person is granted permission under G.S. 105-113.10 to be relieved
40 of paying the cigarette excise tax, the permission applies to the tax imposed by this section on
41 tobacco products other than cigarettes. A cigarette manufacturer who becomes a wholesale dealer
42 after receiving permission to be relieved of the cigarette excise tax must notify the Secretary of
43 the permission received under G.S. 105-113.10 when applying for a license as a wholesale
44 dealer."

45 **SECTION 42.13E.(i)** G.S. 105-113.37 reads as rewritten:

46 "**§ 105-113.37. Payment of tax.**

47 (a) Monthly Report. – Taxes levied by this ~~Article~~ Part are payable by a licensed
48 wholesale dealer or licensed retail dealer when a report is required to be filed. A report is due on
49 a monthly basis. A monthly report covers tobacco ~~products~~ products, other than cigarettes, sold,
50 shipped, delivered, or otherwise disposed of in this State occurring in a calendar month and is
51 due within 20 days after the end of the month covered by the report. A report ~~shall~~ must be filed

1 on a form provided by the Secretary and ~~shall~~ must contain the information required by the
2 Secretary.

3 (a1) Use Tax Report. – A person who is not a licensed wholesale dealer or licensed retail
4 dealer and has acquired non-tax-paid tobacco products, other than cigarettes, for sale, use, or
5 consumption, subject to the tax imposed by this Part must, within 96 hours after receipt of the
6 tobacco products, file a report in the form prescribed by the Secretary showing the amount of
7 tobacco products received and any other information required by the Secretary. The report must
8 be accompanied by payment of the full amount of the tax.

9"

10 **SECTION 42.13E.(j)** G.S. 105-113.83 reads as rewritten:

11 "**§ 105-113.83. Payment of excise taxes.**

12 ...

13 (b) Malt Beverage and Wine. – The excise taxes on malt beverages and wine levied under
14 G.S. 105-113.80(a) and (b), respectively, are payable to the Secretary by the resident wholesaler
15 or importer who first handles the beverages in this State. ~~The excise taxes levied under~~
16 ~~G.S. 105-113.80(b) on wine shipped directly to consumers in this State pursuant to~~
17 ~~G.S. 18B-1001.1 must be paid by the wine shipper permittee.~~ The taxes on malt beverages and
18 wine are payable only once on the same beverages. Unless otherwise provided, the tax is due on
19 or before the 15th day of the month following the month in which the beverage is first sold or
20 otherwise disposed of in this State by the wholesaler or importer. When excise taxes are paid on
21 wine or malt beverages, the wholesaler or importer must submit to the Secretary verified reports
22 on forms provided by the Secretary detailing sales records for the month for which the taxes are
23 paid. The report must indicate the amount of excise tax due, contain the information required by
24 the Secretary, and indicate separately any transactions to which the excise tax does not apply. ~~A~~
25 ~~wine shipper permittee shall submit verified reports once a year on forms provided by the~~
26 ~~Secretary detailing sales records for the year the taxes are paid. The verified report is due on or~~
27 ~~before the fifteenth day of the first month of the following calendar year.~~

28 (b1) Brewery and Winery Option. – A brewery or winery may be relieved of paying the
29 tax levied under G.S. 105-113.80(a) and (b) if all of the following apply:

- 30 (1) The brewery or winery holds a permit issued under G.S. 18B-1101, 18B-1102,
31 or 18B-1104.
32 (2) The brewery or winery transfers malt beverages or wine to a wholesaler
33 permitted under G.S. 18B-1107 or G.S. 18B-1109.
34 (3) The wholesaler agrees in writing to be responsible for the tax due on the
35 transferred malt beverages or wine.
36 (4) The brewery or winery files a report when the tax would otherwise be due
37 reporting the transfer of malt beverages or wine to the wholesaler.

38 (b2) Backup Tax Liability. – If a brewery or winery is relieved of paying the excise tax as
39 provided under subsection (b1) of this section, the wholesaler receiving the malt beverages or
40 wine is liable for any tax due under this section.

41 (b3) Wine Shipper Permittee. – A wine shipper permittee must pay the excise tax levied
42 under G.S. 105-113.80(b) on wine shipped directly to consumers in this State pursuant to
43 G.S. 18B-1001.1. A wine shipper permittee must submit verified reports once a year on forms
44 provided by the Secretary detailing sales records for the year taxes are paid. The verified report
45 is due on or before the fifteenth day of the first month of the following calendar year.

46"

47 **SECTION 42.13E.(k)** G.S. 105-113.86 reads as rewritten:

48 "**§ 105-113.86. Bond or irrevocable letter of credit.**

49 (a) Wholesalers and Importers. – ~~A~~ The Secretary may require a wholesaler or importer
50 must file with the Secretary to furnish a bond in an amount ~~of~~ that adequately protects the State
51 from a wholesaler's or importer's failure to pay taxes due under this Article. The amount of the

1 ~~bond shall not be less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000). The amount of the bond must be~~
 2 ~~proportionate to the anticipated tax liability of the wholesaler or importer.~~

3 (a1) Distilleries. – The Secretary may require a distillery to furnish a bond in an amount
 4 that adequately protects the State from a distillery's failure to pay taxes under this Article. The
 5 amount of the bond shall not be less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

6 (a2) Periodic Review. – The Secretary should periodically review the sufficiency of the
 7 bonds required under this section. The Secretary may increase the ~~proportionate~~ amount required,
 8 not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), if the bond ~~furnished~~ no longer covers the
 9 taxpayer's anticipated tax liability. The Secretary may decrease the ~~proportionate~~ amount
 10 required when the Secretary determines that a smaller bond amount will adequately protect the
 11 State from loss. The bond must be conditioned on compliance with this Article, payable to the
 12 State, in a form acceptable to the Secretary, and secured by a corporate surety.

13 (b) Nonresident Vendors. – The Secretary may require the holder of a nonresident vendor
 14 ABC permit to furnish a bond in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000). The
 15 bond must be conditioned on compliance with this Article, payable to the State in a form
 16 acceptable to the Secretary, and secured by a corporate surety.

17 (c) Letter of Credit. – For purposes of this section, a wholesaler or ~~importer or importer,~~
 18 a nonresident ~~vendor~~ vendor, or a distillery may substitute an irrevocable letter of credit for the
 19 secured bond required by this section. The letter of credit must be issued by a commercial bank
 20 acceptable to the Secretary and available to the State as a beneficiary. The letter of credit must
 21 be in a form acceptable to the Secretary, conditioned upon compliance with this Article, and in
 22 the amounts stipulated in this section."

23 **SECTION 42.13E.(j)** G.S. 105-236(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

24 "(2) Failure to Obtain a License. – For failure to obtain a license before engaging
 25 in a business, trade or profession for which a license is required, the Secretary
 26 shall assess a penalty equal to five percent (5%) of the amount prescribed for
 27 the license per month or fraction thereof until paid, not to exceed twenty-five
 28 percent (25%) of the amount so prescribed, but in any event shall not be less
 29 than five dollars (\$5.00). In cases in which the taxpayer, after written
 30 notification by the Department, fails to obtain a license as required under
 31 ~~G.S. 105-449.65~~ G.S. 105-113.4I, 105-449.65, or G.S. 105-449.131,
 32 105-449.131, the Secretary may assess a penalty of one thousand dollars
 33 (\$1,000)."

34 **SECTION 42.13E.(m)** G.S. 105-449.45 reads as rewritten:

35 **"§ 105-449.45. Returns of carriers.**

36 ...

37 (d) ~~Penalties.~~ Failure to File Return. – A motor carrier that fails to file a return under this
 38 section by the required date is subject to a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

39 (d1) Failure to Pay Tax When Due. – A motor carrier that fails to pay a tax when due is
 40 subject to a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00), or ten percent (10%) of the tax due, whichever is
 41 greater. The Secretary shall not assess this penalty if the motor carrier files or pays in accordance
 42 with G.S. 105-236(a)(4)a. or b.

43 (d2) Penalty Waiver. – The Secretary may reduce or waive a penalty as provided under
 44 G.S. 105-449.119.

45"

46 **SECTION 42.13E.(n)** G.S. 105-449.60 reads as rewritten:

47 **"§ 105-449.60. Definitions.**

48 The following definitions apply in this Article:

49 ...

50 (20a) Fuel grade ethanol. – Ethanol meeting the standard for the American Society
 51 Testing Materials Specification D 4806, "Standard Specification for

1 Denatured Fuel Ethanol for Blending with Gasolines for Use as Automotive
 2 Spark-Ignition Engine Fuel," or ethanol, regardless of how it was produced,
 3 denatured in accordance with 27 C.F.R. § 19.746 as of January 1, 2021.

4 (21) Gasohol. – A blended fuel composed of gasoline and fuel grade
 5 ~~ethanol~~alcohol or gasoline and ethanol.

6"

7 **SECTION 42.13E.(o)** G.S. 105-449.115 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 105-449.115. Shipping document required to transport motor fuel by railroad tank car**
 9 **or transport truck.**

10 ...

11 (d) Duties of Transporter. – A person to whom a shipping document was issued must do
 12 all of the following:

13 (1) Carry the shipping document in the conveyance for which it was issued when
 14 transporting the motor fuel described in it.

15 (2) Show the shipping document to a law enforcement officer upon request when
 16 transporting the motor fuel described in it.

17 (2a) Maintain a copy of the shipping document at a centralized place of business
 18 for at least three years from the date of delivery.

19 (3) Deliver motor fuel described in the shipping document to the destination state
 20 ~~printed~~ designated on it unless the ~~person~~ person, in a manner prescribed by
 21 the Secretary, does all of the following:

22 a. ~~Notifies the Secretary, in a manner designated by the Secretary,~~
 23 Secretary before transporting the motor fuel into a state other than the
 24 ~~printed~~ destination state that the person has received instructions since
 25 ~~the shipping document was issued to deliver the motor fuel to a~~
 26 ~~different destination state.~~ designated on the shipping document.

27 b. ~~Receives from the Secretary, in a manner designated by the Secretary,~~
 28 Secretary a confirmation number authorizing the ~~diversion~~ shipment
 29 of motor fuel to a state other than the state designated on the shipping
 30 document.

31 c. ~~Writes~~ Contemporaneously notes on the shipping document the
 32 change in destination state and the confirmation number ~~for the~~
 33 ~~diversion~~ received from the Secretary.

34 (4) ~~Give~~ Upon delivery, provide a copy of the shipping document to the
 35 ~~distributor or other person to whom the motor fuel is delivered.~~

36 (e) Duties of Person Receiving Shipment. – A person to whom motor fuel is delivered by
 37 railroad tank car or transport truck may ~~not only~~ accept delivery of the motor fuel if the
 38 destination state shown on the shipping document for the motor fuel is ~~a state other than~~ North
 39 Carolina. To determine if the shipping document shows North Carolina as the destination state,
 40 the person to whom the fuel is delivered must examine the shipping document and must keep a
 41 copy of the shipping document. Carolina or has been changed to North Carolina in accordance
 42 with subdivision (3) of subsection (d) of this section. The person must keep ~~maintain~~ a copy of
 43 the shipping document for at least three years from the date of delivery and must maintain a copy
 44 of the shipping document at the place of business where the motor fuel was delivered for 90 days
 45 from the date of delivery and must keep it at that place or another place for at least three years
 46 from the date of delivery. A person who accepts delivery of motor fuel in violation of this
 47 subsection is jointly and severally liable for any tax due on the fuel.

48"

49 **SECTION 42.13E.(p)** G.S. 105-449.115A reads as rewritten:

50 "**§ 105-449.115A. Shipping document required to transport fuel by tank wagon.**

51 ...

1 (b) Duties of Transporter. – A person to whom an invoice, bill of sale, or shipping
2 document was issued must do all of the following:

- 3 (1) Carry the invoice, bill of sale, or shipping document in the conveyance for
4 which it is issued when transporting the motor fuel described in it.
- 5 (2) Show the invoice, bill of sale, or shipping document upon request when
6 transporting the motor fuel described in it.
- 7 (3) ~~Keep~~ Maintain a copy of the invoice, bill of sale, or shipping document at a
8 centralized place of business for at least three years from the date of delivery.
- 9 (4) Deliver motor fuel described in the shipping document to the state designated
10 on it unless the person, in a manner prescribed by the Secretary, does all of
11 the following:
- 12 a. Notifies the Secretary before transporting the motor fuel into a state
13 other than the state designated on the shipping document.
- 14 b. Receives from the Secretary a confirmation number authorizing the
15 shipment of motor fuel to a state other than the state designated on the
16 shipping document.
- 17 c. Contemporaneously notes on the shipping document the change in
18 destination state and the confirmation number received from the
19 Secretary.
- 20 (5) Upon delivery, provide a copy of the shipping document to the person to
21 whom the motor fuel is delivered.

22 (b1) Duties of Person Receiving Shipment. – A person to whom motor fuel is delivered by
23 tank wagon may only accept delivery of the motor fuel if the destination state shown on the
24 shipping document for the motor fuel is North Carolina or has been changed to North Carolina
25 in accordance with subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of this section. The person must maintain a
26 copy of the shipping document for at least three years from the date of delivery and must maintain
27 a copy of the shipping document at the place of business where the motor fuel was delivered for
28 90 days from the date of delivery. A person who accepts delivery of motor fuel in violation of
29 this subsection is jointly and severally liable for any tax due on the fuel.

30"

31 **SECTION 42.13E.(q)** G.S. 105-449.123 reads as rewritten:

32 **"§ 105-449.123. Marking requirements for dyed fuel storage facilities.**

33 (a) Requirements. – A person who is a retailer of dyed motor fuel or who stores both
34 dyed and undyed motor fuel for use by that person or another person must mark the storage
35 facility for the dyed motor fuel as ~~follows provided in this subsection and~~ in a manner that clearly
36 indicates the fuel is not to be used to operate a highway vehicle. The storage facility must be
37 marked "Dyed Diesel, Nontaxable Use Only, Penalty For Taxable Use" or "Dyed Kerosene,
38 Nontaxable Use Only, Penalty for Taxable Use" or a similar phrase that clearly indicates the fuel
39 is not to be used to operate a highway vehicle. ~~A person who intentionally fails to mark the~~
40 ~~storage facility as required by this section is subject to a civil penalty equal to the excise tax at~~
41 ~~the motor fuel rate on the inventory held in the storage tank at the time of the violation. If the~~
42 ~~inventory cannot be determined, then the penalty is calculated on the capacity of the storage~~
43 ~~tank.~~ The marking requirements are:

- 44 (1) The storage tank of the storage facility must be marked if the storage tank is
45 visible.
- 46 (2) The fillcap or spill containment box of the storage facility must be marked.
- 47 (3) The dispensing device that serves the storage facility must be marked.
- 48 (4) The retail pump or dispensing device at any level of the distribution system
49 must comply with the marking requirements.

1 (a1) Penalty. – A person who fails to mark the storage facility as required by subsection
2 (a) of this section is subject to a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Each
3 inspection that results in a finding of noncompliance constitutes a separate and distinct offense.

4 (b) Exception. – The marking requirements of this section do not apply to a storage
5 facility that contains fuel used only for one of the purposes listed in G.S. 105-449.105A(a)(1)
6 and is installed in a manner that makes use of the fuel for any other purpose improbable."

7 **SECTION 42.13E.(r)** Subsections (l) and (q) of this section become effective
8 January 1, 2022, and apply to penalties assessed on or after that date. Subsections (n), (o), and
9 (p) of this section become effective January 1, 2022. Except as otherwise provided, the remainder
10 of this section is effective when it becomes law.

11 **SECTION 42.13F.(a)** G.S. 105-278(a) reads as rewritten:

12 "(a) Real property designated as a historic property by a local ordinance adopted pursuant
13 to former G.S. 160A-399.4 or designated as a historic landmark by a local ordinance adopted
14 pursuant to G.S. 160D-945 or former G.S. 160A-400.5 is designated a special class of property
15 under authority of Article V, Sec. 2(2) of the North Carolina Constitution. Property so classified
16 shall be taxed uniformly as a class in each local taxing unit on the basis of fifty percent (50%) of
17 the true value of the property as determined pursuant to G.S. 105-285 and 105-286, or 105-287."

18 **SECTION 42.13F.(b)** This section is effective retroactively to June 19, 2020.

19 **PART XLIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

20 **STATE BUDGET ACT APPLIES**

21 **SECTION 43.1.** The provisions of the State Budget Act, Chapter 143C of the
22 General Statutes, are reenacted and shall remain in full force and effect and are incorporated in
23 this act by reference.
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27 **COMMITTEE REPORT**

28 **SECTION 43.2.(a)** The North Carolina Senate Appropriations/Base Budget
29 Committee Report on the Current Operations Appropriations Act for Senate Bill 105, Senate
30 Committee Substitute, dated June 22, 2021, which was distributed in the Senate and used to
31 explain this act, shall indicate action by the General Assembly on this act and shall, therefore, be
32 used to construe this act, as provided in the State Budget Act, Chapter 143C of the General
33 Statutes, as appropriate, and for these purposes shall be considered a part of this act and, as such,
34 shall be printed as a part of the Session Laws.

35 **SECTION 43.2.(b)** The budget enacted by the General Assembly is for the
36 maintenance of the various departments, institutions, and other spending agencies of the State
37 for the 2021-2023 biennial budget as provided in G.S. 143C-3-5. This budget includes the
38 appropriations of State funds as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1(d)(25).

39 The Director of the Budget submitted a recommended base budget to the General
40 Assembly in the Governor's Recommended Budget for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, dated
41 March 2021, and in the Budget Support Document for the various departments, institutions, and
42 other spending agencies of the State. The adjustments to the recommended base budget made by
43 the General Assembly are set out in the Committee Report.

44 **SECTION 43.2.(c)** The budget enacted by the General Assembly shall also be
45 interpreted in accordance with G.S. 143C-5-5, the special provisions in this act, and other
46 appropriate legislation. In the event that there is a conflict between the line-item budget certified
47 by the Director of the Budget and the budget enacted by the General Assembly, the budget
48 enacted by the General Assembly shall prevail.

49 **SECTION 43.2.(d)** Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the following
50 portions of the Committee Report are for reference and do not expand, limit, or define the text of
51 the Committee Report:

- 1 (1) Summary pages setting forth the enacted budget, the legislative changes, the
2 revised budget, and the related FTE information for a particular budget code
3 and containing no other substantive information.
4 (2) Summary pages setting forth the enacted budget, the legislative changes, the
5 revised budget, and the related FTE information for multiple fund codes
6 within a single budget code and containing no other substantive information.
7

8 **REPORT BY FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION**

9 **SECTION 43.3.** The Fiscal Research Division shall issue a report on budget actions
10 taken by the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly. The report shall be in the form of a
11 revision of the Committee Report described in Section 43.2 of this act pursuant to G.S. 143C-5-5.
12 The Director of the Fiscal Research Division shall send a copy of the report issued pursuant to
13 this section to the Director of the Budget. The report shall be published on the General
14 Assembly's internet website for public access.
15

16 **APPROPRIATIONS LIMITATIONS AND DIRECTIONS APPLY**

17 **SECTION 43.4.** Except where expressly repealed or amended by this act, the
18 provisions of any legislation enacted during the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly
19 affecting the State budget shall remain in effect.
20

21 **MOST TEXT APPLIES ONLY TO THE 2021-2023 FISCAL BIENNIUM**

22 **SECTION 43.5.** Except for statutory changes or other provisions that clearly indicate
23 an intention to have effects beyond the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the textual provisions of this
24 act apply only to funds appropriated for, and activities occurring during, the 2021-2023 fiscal
25 biennium.
26

27 **EFFECT OF HEADINGS**

28 **SECTION 43.6.** The headings to the Parts, Subparts, and sections of this act are a
29 convenience to the reader and are for reference only. The headings do not expand, limit, or define
30 the text of this act, except for effective dates referring to a Part or Subpart.
31

32 **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

33 **SECTION 43.7.** If any section or provision of this act is declared unconstitutional
34 or invalid by the courts, it does not affect the validity of this act as a whole or any part other than
35 the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.
36

37 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

38 **SECTION 43.8.** Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1,
39 2021.