GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 95 HOUSE BILL 388

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT SMALL DEBTS NEED NOT BE TURNED OVER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR COLLECTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 147-86.11(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) The receipt section of the uniform statewide plan promulgated by the Director of the Budget shall provide at a minimum that:

- (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, moneys received by employees of State agencies in the normal course of their employment shall be deposited as follows:
 - a. Moneys received in trust for specific beneficiaries for which the employee-custodian has a duty to invest shall be deposited with the State Treasurer under the provisions of G.S. 147-69.3.
 - b. All other moneys received shall be deposited with the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 147-77 and G.S. 147-69.1.
- (2) Moneys received shall be deposited daily in the form and amounts received, except as otherwise provided by statute;
- (3) Moneys due to a State agency by another governmental agency or by private persons shall be promptly billed, collected and deposited;
- (4) Unpaid billings due to a State agency shall be turned over to the Attorney General for collection no more than 90 days after the due date of the billing; billing, except that a State agency need not turn over to the Attorney General unpaid billings of less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or (for institutions where applicable) amounts owed by all patients which are less than the federally established deductible applicable to Part A of the Medicare program, and instead may handle these unpaid bills pursuant to agency debt collection procedures; and
- (5) Moneys received in the form of warrants drawn on the State Treasurer shall be deposited by the State agency directly with the State Treasurer and not through the banking system, unless otherwise approved by the State Treasurer."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21st day of May, 1991.

James C. Gardner President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr. Speaker of the House of Representatives