

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 184

Short Title: GPAC/UNC Study Extension Economic Development.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Perdue; and Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Government and Performance Audit.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO DIRECT THE UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH CAROLINA TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ROLE OF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The University of North Carolina system's campuses administer many programs related to economic development, as follows:

- a. At Elizabeth City State University, the Small Business Development Technology Center and North Carolina Tomorrow.
- b. At East Carolina University, the Regional Development Institution.
- c. At Pembroke State University, the Economic Development Center.
- d. At Western Carolina University, Western North Carolina Tomorrow.
- e. At UNC Chapel Hill, the Small Business Technology Development Center and the Kenan Center of North Carolina.
- f. At North Carolina State University, the Industrial Extension Service, Industrial Telecommunications, the International Trade Center, the North Carolina Japan Center, and the Textiles Extension Service.

1 (2) In addition, The University of North Carolina system supports
2 economic development through basic and applied research, centers,
3 institutes, and laboratories.

4 (3) The University of North Carolina system has a unique contribution to
5 make to economic development due to its access to ongoing research.

6 (4) The extension service of The University of North Carolina system
7 currently serves a function that is only indirectly related to economic
8 development, although, given its regional infrastructure, it could be
9 used for even more direct economic development activity.

10 Sec. 2. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall, in
11 consultation with the Boards of Trustees of all affected constituent institutions and in
12 consultation with the Economic Development Council created in G.S. 143B-434, study
13 its extension activities and determine the proper role of extension activities in economic
14 development. The Board of Governors shall reassign its extension activities a more
15 active role in economic development if it finds such a role to be appropriate. The Board
16 of Governors shall report to the General Assembly and the Joint Education Oversight
17 Commission by July 1, 1994, on its findings and any action taken with respect to
18 extension activities.

19 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.