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HOUSE BILL 1385

Short Title: Progress Board.

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Sponsors: Representatives Baddour; and Blue.

Referred to: Education, if favorable, Appropriations.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA
3 PROGRESS BOARD.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 143B-372.1 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 143B-372.1. North Carolina Progress Board.

7 (a) The North Carolina Progress Board is established. The Board shall be located
8 administratively ~~in~~ within the office of the President at General Administration of the
9 Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and ~~is~~ may be located at ~~North~~
10 ~~Carolina State University,~~ any constituent institution within The University of North
11 Carolina, or at any institution to which it is invited formally, but shall exercise all its
12 prescribed statutory powers independently of the Board of ~~Governors.~~ Governors or the
13 institution at which it resides.

14 (b) The North Carolina Progress Board shall consist of ~~21~~ 24 members of
15 statewide prominence as follows:

- 16 (1) The Governor, ex officio;
- 17 (2) Eight persons appointed by the Governor, none of whom shall be State
18 employees or officers;
- 19 (3) ~~Four~~ Five persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives, ~~one~~ two of whom shall be ~~a member~~ members of the
21 House of Representatives;
- 22 (4) ~~Four~~ Five persons appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
23 Senate, ~~one~~ two of whom shall be ~~a member~~ members of the Senate;
24 and
- 25 (5) ~~Four~~ Five persons appointed by the North Carolina Progress Board.

26 (c) The Governor shall be chair of the North Carolina Progress Board. The
27 Governor shall appoint a vice-chair from among the membership of the North Carolina

1 Progress Board to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The North Carolina Progress
2 Board may elect such other officers as it sees fit.

3 (d) The North Carolina Progress Board shall meet at least twice annually on the
4 call of the chair or as additionally provided by the North Carolina Progress Board. A
5 quorum is ~~4~~ 12 members of the Board. Members may not send designees to board
6 meetings, nor may they vote by proxy.

7 (e) Board appointments shall be for terms to begin July 1, 1999, with subsequent
8 appointments to be made as terms expire or resignations occur. Of the Governor's
9 appointments, two shall be for one-year terms, two shall be for two-year terms, two
10 shall be for three-year terms, and two shall be for four-year terms. Of the appointments
11 made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the
12 Senate, and the North Carolina Progress Board, one member appointed by each shall be
13 appointed for a one-year term, one member appointed by each shall be appointed for a
14 two-year term, one member appointed by each shall be appointed for a three-year term,
15 and ~~one two member members~~ appointed by each shall be appointed for a four-year
16 term. As terms expire, successors shall be appointed for four-year terms.

17 (f) No member may be appointed to more than two consecutive terms. A
18 member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House vacates
19 membership on the North Carolina Progress Board when that person is no longer a
20 member of the House of Representatives, except that if that person is in office at the
21 expiration of the term of office in the House of Representatives but has not been elected
22 to the next term, that person shall continue to serve until the convening of the regular
23 session. A member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
24 vacates membership on the North Carolina Progress Board when that person is no
25 longer a member of the Senate, except that if that person is in office at the expiration of
26 the term of office in the Senate but has not been elected to the next term, that person
27 shall continue to serve until the convening of the regular session."

28 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 143B-372.2 reads as rewritten:

29 "**§ 143B-372.2. Responsibilities.**

30 (a) The General Assembly notes that the Commission for a Competitive North
31 Carolina developed goals in the following categories:

- 32 (1) Healthy Children and Families;
- 33 (2) Quality Education for All;
- 34 (3) A High Performance Workforce;
- 35 (4) A Prosperous Economy;
- 36 (5) A Sustainable Environment;
- 37 (6) Technology and Infrastructure Development;
- 38 (7) Safe and Vibrant Communities; and
- 39 (8) Active Citizenship/Accountable Government.

40 The Commission for a Competitive North Carolina adopted a report which
41 established major goals and ways to measure progress toward these goals.

42 (a1) The General Assembly finds that the North Carolina Progress Board
43 developed a report that focused on four of the Commission's recommended topics and
44 issued 16 major targets for 2010. The objectives of the targets are to drive the State

1 toward (i) a more expansive vision of education and environmental protection, (ii)
2 strengthening families, and (iii) bringing more people into the economic mainstream.

3 (b) The General Assembly finds that:

4 (1) The North Carolina economy of the future can provide unparalleled
5 opportunity while maintaining North Carolina's traditional values, if
6 the State pursues the future with clarity of purpose and perseverance;

7 (2) The North Carolina economy is in the midst of a massive transition
8 created by technological changes, global competition, and new
9 production practices; and

10 (3) In order to maintain employment opportunities, increase income
11 levels, reduce poverty, and generate the public revenues necessary to
12 provide public services, North Carolina must increasingly rely on an
13 economy which adds value to its natural and human resources and
14 provides a diverse mix of products.

15 (4) Regional Progress Boards should be modeled after the North Carolina
16 Progress Board, should be encouraged, and to the extent practicable,
17 funded from local sources, public and private, to ensure that the rich
18 diversity of the several regions of North Carolina describe a clear
19 regional vision, with measures, targets, and methods for keeping track
20 of progress toward that regional vision, and each forming a strategic
21 alliance with the North Carolina Progress Board.

22 (c) The North Carolina Progress Board shall:

23 (1) Encourage ~~the a~~ a discussion and toward understanding ~~of the~~ critical
24 global global, national, statewide, regional, and local demographic,
25 social, economic, and environmental and trends and conditions that
26 exist or are emerging in North Carolina today, will impact living in
27 North Carolina in 10 to 20 years; ~~national social and economic trends~~
28 that will affect North Carolina in the coming decades;

29 (2) Examine the report of the Commission for a Competitive North
30 Carolina and the 1997 and February 2000 reports of the North Carolina
31 Board to the General Assembly; ~~the 1997 report of the North Carolina~~
32 Progress Board to the General Assembly;

33 (3) Track the eight issue areas set out in subsection (a) of this section and
34 the objectives set out in subsection (a1) of this section and other issues
35 identified by the Progress Board. The Progress Board may, upon vote
36 of the Board, add to those issues identified by its predecessor
37 Commission and Board;

38 (4) Hold public hearings and other methods of public participation,
39 including educational and outreach programs, to secure the views of
40 citizens on priority goals for North Carolina and to disseminate
41 findings and recommendations to policymakers;

42 (5) Formulate and submit to North Carolinians a report every five years,
43 beginning 2001, that updates the ~~20~~ 10- to ~~30~~ 20- year vision for North

1 Carolina and that describes and explains a vision for North Carolina's
2 progress over the next ~~20~~ 10 to ~~30~~ 20 years;

- 3 (6) Submit a report to the General Assembly prior to its convening the
4 regular session every odd-numbered year, which reports on
5 demographic, social and social, economic economic, or environmental
6 trends and issues recommends specific targets and milestones to
7 accomplish its mission;
- 8 (7) ~~Recommend~~ Recommend, by reporting special legislative provisions,
9 in draft form only, how ~~the~~ targets and milestones can be applied to
10 increase ~~the~~ accountability of government to the people of this State;
- 11 (8) Report periodically to the people of North Carolina on progress toward
12 meeting goals, targets, and ~~milestones~~; milestone, together with an
13 assessment of the failure to meet same, and where possible, an
14 estimate of the potential costs associated with failure to act;
- 15 (9) Undertake new and ongoing policy research and benchmarking
16 studies;
- 17 (10) Publish and distribute periodic reports on policies, performance
18 improvement, ~~and~~ best practices and trends for ~~meeting~~ achieving the
19 ~~long-term~~ long-term, strategic goals for the State; and
- 20 (11) May apply for and accept gifts or ~~grants~~; grants, or engage in
21 consulting activities, or other contractual assignments, consistent with
22 its mission, for which applicable staff or Board members may expect
23 to receive reasonable fees and expenses in exchange for specific work
24 products.

25 (d) ~~The~~ Any Regular Session of the General Assembly shall further define the
26 mission of the North Carolina Progress Board in continuing its ~~work~~; work, and may
27 from time to time, and to the extent practicable, request staff assistance from the Board
28 to standing, select, or independent legislative study commissions.

29 (e) The General Assembly, after adopting the initial set of goals and measures as
30 proposed or amended, may alter the goals and measures."

31 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 143B-372.3 reads as rewritten:

32 "**§ 143B-372.3. Staff.**

33 (a) ~~The Chancellor of North Carolina State University~~ Upon the recommendation
34 of the Board, the Governor shall appoint an Executive Director who shall serve at the
35 pleasure of the ~~Chancellor~~; Board and the Governor, but for administrative purposes,
36 shall report to a vice-president with the office of President at General Administration
37 under the Board of Governors of the University. The Executive Director shall report to
38 the North Carolina Progress Board and the ~~Chancellor~~; Governor. The Executive
39 Director shall hire or contract with support staff, who shall work at the pleasure of the
40 Executive Director.

41 (b) The Office of State Budget, Planning, and Management shall also provide
42 support, information, reports, and other assistance to the North Carolina Progress Board
43 as requested.

44 (c) Repealed by Session Laws 1999-237, s. 10.12(a), effective June 30, 1999."

1 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
2 Governors of The University of North Carolina for the fiscal year 2001-2002 the sum of
3 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for support of the North Carolina Progress
4 Board.

5 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.