

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**SENATE BILL 1070
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE TO ASSIST
THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE COLLECTION OF
FEES RELATED TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES PROVIDED
BY THE OFFICE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 3D of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 147-33.93. Fees; dispute resolution panel.

In addition to the powers granted pursuant to Article 6B of this Chapter or by any other provision of law, the Office of Information Technology Services may go before a panel consisting of the State Auditor, the State Controller, and the State Budget Officer, or their designees, to resolve disputes concerning services, fees, and charges incurred by State government agencies receiving information technology services from the Office. The State Auditor shall adopt rules for the dispute resolution process pursuant to G.S. 147-64.9. The decisions of the panel shall be final in the settlement of all fee disputes that come before it."

SECTION 2. G.S. 147-64.6(c) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(17) The Auditor or the Auditor's designee, in conjunction with the State Controller and the State Budget Officer or their designees, shall handle the resolution of fee disputes between the Office of Information Technology Services and the State agencies receiving information technology services from the Office."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of
May, 2001.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2001