

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1226\***

Short Title: Inventory of Antipoverty Efforts. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jones.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

May 19, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INVENTORY AND EVALUATE ANTIPOVERTY EFFORTS IN THE STATE AND TO WRITE A HISTORY OF THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE POVERTY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON POVERTY REDUCTION AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 120-36.12 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 120-36.12. Duties of Program Evaluation Division.**

The Program Evaluation Division of the Legislative Services Commission has the following powers and duties:

- (1) To examine a program or an activity of a State agency and evaluate the merits of the program or activity and the agency's effectiveness in conducting the program or activity.
- (2) To develop quantitative indicators for measuring the activities performed and services provided by a State agency and the extent to which the activities and services are achieving desired results.
- (3) To develop unit cost measures to determine the cost of activities performed and services provided by a State agency.
- (4) To determine if a program or an activity of a State agency complies with the agency's mission, as established by law.
- (5) To make unannounced visits to a State agency when needed to evaluate a program or an activity of the agency.
- (6) To make recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of a State agency.
- (7) To determine the extent to which a State agency has implemented any of the Division's recommendations concerning the agency.
- (8) To require a State agency to submit a written response to a proposed or final recommendation of the Division and to submit a written explanation of the extent to which the agency has implemented the Division's recommendations.
- (9) To make periodic reports of the activities and recommendations of the Division and of any savings achieved by the implementation of its recommendations.
- (10) To receive reports alleging improper activities or matters of public concern listed in G.S. 126-84. The individual making the report may, at the individual's discretion, remain anonymous. Any report received under this



1 subdivision, in whatever form, shall not be a "public record" as defined by  
2 G.S. 132-1 and becomes available to the public only as provided in  
3 G.S. 120-131.

4 (11) To conduct and update an inventory of State programs that are aimed at  
5 reducing or alleviating the condition of poverty, to evaluate the outcomes  
6 and effectiveness of those programs, and to write and update a history of  
7 State efforts to reduce poverty."

8 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.