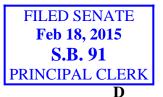
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Short Title:	SOG Pilot Project Standards.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Hartsell (Primary Sponsor).	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF 3 NORTH CAROLINA TO COORDINATE A WORKING GROUP CHARGED WITH 4 DEVELOPING STANDARDS FOR STATE AGENCIES TO USE WHEN DESIGNING 5 AND IMPLEMENTING PILOT PROJECTS MANDATED BY THE GENERAL 6 ASSEMBLY, AND TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND 7 MANAGEMENT TO ADOPT RULES IMPLEMENTING THE STANDARDS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM EVALUATION 8 9 **OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.** 10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: 11 SECTION 1.(a) The School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (SOG) shall coordinate a working group charged with developing standards for 12 13 State agencies to use when designing and implementing pilot projects mandated by the General 14 Assembly. 15 **SECTION 1.(b)** The SOG shall conduct research on existing evaluation standards and identify approaches for designing projects that collect appropriate and adequate data for 16 17 sound evaluation of pilot projects. The SOG shall submit a preliminary report summarizing the 18 research findings to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, the 19 Director of the Program Evaluation Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management 20 by December 1, 2015. The Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee shall 21 provide feedback to the School on the preliminary report. **SECTION 1.(c)** The SOG shall convene a working group charged with developing 22 23 proposed standards to guide the evaluation of State agency pilot projects. The working group shall include representatives from State agencies and the constituent institutions of The 24 25 University of North Carolina. The working group shall submit a report describing the proposed 26 standards to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee, the Director of the 27 Program Evaluation Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management by December 1, 28 2016. 29 **SECTION 1.(d)** The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative 30 Services Officer, may allow the working group to hold meetings in the State Legislative 31 Building or the Legislative Office Building. 32 SECTION 1.(e) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the School of

32 SECTION 1.(e) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the School of 33 Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill the sum of one hundred fifty 34 thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for the purpose of implementing the 35 requirements of this act. These funds shall not revert at the end of the 2015-2016 fiscal year but



shall remain available during the 2016-2017 fiscal year for expenditure in accordance with this 1 2 act. 3 **SECTION 2.** Article 10 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by 4 adding a new section to read: 5 "§ 143-162.3. Pilot project standards. Developing Standards. - The School of Government at the University of North 6 (a) Carolina at Chapel Hill shall convene a working group charged with developing proposed 7 8 standards to guide evaluation of State agency pilot projects. At a minimum, the proposed 9 standards shall offer a range of options for designing evaluations of pilot projects that take into consideration the agency's available resources and time. The draft standards shall be presented 10 11 to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee and the Office of State 12 Budget and Management by December 1, 2016. The Office of State Budget and Management 13 shall adopt rules to implement the standards proposed by the School of Government and shall 14 report to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee upon adoption of the 15 rules as provided in this subsection. 16 Requirement. - Unless specifically exempted by law, all departments, agencies, (b) 17 bureaus, divisions, and institutions of the State shall conduct and complete pilot projects 18 requested by the General Assembly after June 1, 2017, in accordance with the final standards 19 adopted by the Office of State Budget and Management in subsection (a) of this section. 20 (c) Updates. – The School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel 21 Hill may prepare proposed updates to the standards established for pilot projects in subsection 22 (a) of this section as it deems necessary. Proposed updates shall be presented to the Office of 23 State Budget and Management for review and adoption. The Office of State Budget and 24 Management shall report to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee on 25 any changes to the rules as provided in this subsection. The School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall publish proposed updates to standards on its 26 27 Web site at least 90 days before the proposed standards are submitted to the Office of State 28 Budget and Management." 29 SECTION 3. Section 1(e) of this act becomes effective July 1, 2015. The 30 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to standards adopted on or

31 after that date.