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2	Current Operations – General Fund	FY 2006-2007
3		
4	EDUCATION	
5		
6	Community Colleges System Office	\$ 43,124,642
7		
8	Department of Public Instruction	129,758,427
9		
10	University of North Carolina – Board of Governors	
11	Appalachian State University	2,189
12	East Carolina University	
13	Academic Affairs	(1,589,622)
14	Health Affairs	0
15	Elizabeth City State University	(28,887)
16	Fayetteville State University	42,675
17	NC Agricultural and Technical University	(223,690)
18	North Carolina Central University	(312)
19	North Carolina School of the Arts	29,159
20	North Carolina State University	
21	Academic Affairs	(3,908,353)
22	Agricultural Extension	0
23	Agricultural Research	65,287
24	University of North Carolina at Asheville	(569,398)
25	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
26	Academic Affairs	(846,370)
27	Health Affairs	(795,501)
28	Area Health Education Centers	0
29	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	(471,439)
30	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	(1,138)
31	University of North Carolina at Pembroke	(299,992)
32	University of North Carolina at Wilmington	(100,910)
33	Western Carolina University	(735,491)
34	Winston-Salem State University	0
35	General Administration	0
36	University Institutional Programs	140,629,097
37	Related Educational Programs	0
38	North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics	52,250
39	UNC Hospitals at Chapel Hill	0
40	Total	\$ 131,249,554
41		
42	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	
43		
44	Department of Health and Human Services	
45	Office of the Secretary	\$ (65,275,120)
46	Division of Aging	3,000,000
47	Division of Blind Services/Deaf/HH	75,000
48	Division of Child Development	35,465,513
49	Division of Education Services	828,548
50	Division of Facility Services	0
51	Division of Medical Assistance	(149,850,000)
52	Division of Mental Health	77,589,934
53	NC Health Choice	0
54	Division of Public Health	19,085,242
55	Division of Social Services	12,799,153

1	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	0
2	Total	\$ (66,281,730)
3		
4	NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES	
5		
6	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$ 3,676,261
7		
8	Department of Commerce	
9	Commerce	20,222,483
10	Commerce State-Aid	500,000
11	NC Biotechnology Center	4,000,000
12	Rural Economic Development Center	(500,000)
13		
14	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	
15	Environment and Natural Resources	14,895,997
16	Clean Water Management Trust Fund	0
17		
18	Department of Labor	613,894
19		
20	JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
21		
22	Department of Correction	\$ 33,281,348
23		
24	Department of Crime Control and Public Safety	3,675,280
25		
26	Judicial Department	27,095,425
27	Judicial Department – Indigent Defense	7,483,129
28		
29	Department of Justice	5,038,339
30		
31	Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	2,527,679
32		
33	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
34		
35	Department of Administration	\$ 4,217,236
36		
37	Office of Administrative Hearings	281,367
38		
39	Department of State Auditor	38,500
40		
41	Office of State Controller	0
42		
43	Department of Cultural Resources	
44	Cultural Resources	5,130,562
45	Roanoke Island Commission	0
46		
47	State Board of Elections	989,516
48		
49	General Assembly	168,346
50		
51	Office of the Governor	
52	Office of the Governor	100,000
53	Office of State Budget and Management	409,938
54	OSBM – Reserve for Special Appropriations	1,353,253
55	Housing Finance Agency	17,750,000

1		
2	Department of Insurance	
3	Insurance	142,057
4	Insurance – Volunteer Safety Workers' Compensation	0
5		
6	Office of Lieutenant Governor	88,433
7		
8	Department of Revenue	1,108,392
9		
10	Department of Secretary of State	553,067
11		
12	Department of State Treasurer	
13	State Treasurer	281,784
14	State Treasurer – Retirement for Fire and Rescue Squad Workers	514,000
15		
16	TRANSPORTATION	
17		
18	Department of Transportation	\$ 0
19		
20	RESERVES, ADJUSTMENTS, AND DEBT SERVICE	
21		
22	Reserve for Compensation Increases	\$ 692,188,373
23		
24	Reserve for Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement Rate Adjustment	27,107,200
25		
26	Retirement System Payback	30,000,000
27		
28	Information Technology Fund	42,087,229
29		
30	Reserve for Heating and Cooling Assistance	10,000,000
31		
32	Reserve for Legal Expenses	1,065,710
33		
34	Trust Fund for MH, DD, SAS, and Bridge Funding Needs	5,000,000
35		
36	Establish State Emergency Response Fund	20,000,000
37		
38	Debt Service	
39	General Debt Service	(50,000,000)
40	Federal Reimbursement	0
41		
42	TOTAL CURRENT OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,170,935,691
43		
44	GENERAL FUND AVAILABILITY STATEMENT	
45	SECTION 2.2.(a) Section 2.2(a) of S.L. 2005-276 is repealed. The General	
46	Fund availability used in adjusting the 2006-2007 budget is shown below:	
47		FY 2006-2007
48	Unappropriated Balance from FY 2005-2006	\$ 113,386,988
49	Less: HB 1868 Emergency Appropriation for	
50	Department of Correction	(15,000,000)
51	Projected Reversions from FY 2005-2006	125,000,000
52	Projected Over Collections from FY 2005-2006	1,072,100,000
53	Year End Unreserved Credit Balance before Earmarkings	\$ 1,295,486,988
54		
55	Less: Credit to Savings Reserve Account	\$ (323,871,747)

1	Less: Credit to Repairs and Renovations Reserve Account	(225,000,000)
2	Revised Year End Unreserved Credit Balance	\$ 746,615,241
3		
4	Revenues Based on Existing Tax Structure	\$ 16,951,416,000
5		
6	Nontax Revenues	
7	Investment Income	\$ 78,700,000
8	Judicial Fees	168,605,271
9	Disproportionate Share	100,000,000
10	Insurance	51,543,813
11	Other Nontax Revenues	455,382,930
12	Subtotal Nontax Revenues	\$ 854,232,014
13		
14	Total General Fund Availability	\$ 18,552,263,255
15		
16	Adjustments to Availability: 2006 Session	
17	Adjustment to Baseline Revenue Forecast	\$ 698,864,995
18	Reduce Sales Tax from 4.5% to 4.25% – January 1, 2007	(118,000,000)
19	Reduce Top Personal Income Tax Rate to 8.0% – January 1, 2007	(28,600,000)
20	Reserve for Other Tax Reductions	(78,400,000)
21	Redirect Portion of Alcohol Excise Tax to Mental Health Trust Fund	(9,390,000)
22	Redirect Court of Justice Fee for Legal Service Programs	(1,000,000)
23	Reduce Transfer from Highway Trust Fund	(195,176,407)
24		
25	Subtotal Adjustments to Availability: 2006 Session	\$ 268,298,588
26		
27	Revised General Fund Availability for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year	\$ 18,820,561,843
28		
29	Less: Total General Fund Appropriations	
30	2006-2007 Fiscal Year	(18,820,561,843)
31		
32	Unappropriated Balance Remaining	\$ 0
33		

34 **SECTION 2.2.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 143-15.2 and G.S. 143-15.3A, the
35 State Controller shall transfer two hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$225,000,000)
36 from the unreserved credit balance to the Repairs and Renovations Reserve Account on
37 June 30, 2006. This subsection becomes effective June 30, 2006.

38 **SECTION 2.2.(c)** Funds transferred under this section to the Repairs and
39 Renovations Reserve Account are appropriated for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be used
40 in accordance with G.S. 143-15.3A.

41 **SECTION 2.2.(d)** Section 2.2(e) of S.L. 2005-276 is repealed effective June
42 30, 2006.

43 This subsection becomes effective June 30, 2006

44 **SECTION 2.2.(e)** Section 2.2.(f) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

45 "SECTION 2.2.(f) Notwithstanding G.S. 105-187.9(b)(1), the sum to be
46 transferred under that subdivision for the 2005-2006 fiscal year is two hundred fifty
47 million dollars (\$250,000,000) and for the 2006-2007 fiscal year is ~~two hundred fifty~~
48 ~~million dollars~~ (~~\$250,000,000~~) fifty-five million dollars (\$55,000,000)."

49 **SECTION 2.2.(f)** Pursuant to G.S. 105-187.9(b)(2), the sum to be
50 transferred under that subdivision for the 2006-2007 fiscal year is two million four
51 hundred eighty-six thousand six hundred two dollars (\$2,486,602).

52 **PART III. CURRENT OPERATIONS AND EXPANSION/HIGHWAY FUND**

53 **CURRENT OPERATIONS AND EXPANSION/HIGHWAY FUND**

1 **SECTION 3.1.** Appropriations from the Highway Fund of the State for
 2 maintenance and operation of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes
 3 as enumerated, are made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, according to the
 4 schedule that follows. Amounts set out in brackets are reductions from Highway Fund
 5 Appropriations for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Current Operations – Highway Fund	2006-2007
Department of Transportation	
Administration	\$ (2,500,000)
Division of Highways	
Administration	0
Construction	29,439,500
Maintenance	196,018,256
Planning and Research	0
OSHA Program	0
Ferry Operations	1,000,000
State Aid	
Municipalities	1,439,500
Public Transportation	(14,000,000)
Railroads	3,198,750
Governor's Highway Safety	0
Division of Motor Vehicles	1,886,701
Other State Agencies	13,069,364
Reserves and Transfers	25,279,000
TOTAL	\$254,831,071

HIGHWAY FUND AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

33 **SECTION 3.2.** The Highway Fund availability used in developing the
 34 2005-2007 biennial budget is shown below:

Highway Fund Availability Statement	2006-2007
Beginning Credit Balance	0
Estimated Revenue	1,767,140,000
Estimated Reversions	26,600,000
Total Highway Fund Availability	\$ 1,793,740,000

PART IV. HIGHWAY TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS

47 **SECTION 4.1.** Appropriations from the Highway Trust Fund of the State for
 48 maintenance and operation of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes
 49 as enumerated, are made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, according to the
 50 schedule that follows. Amounts set out in brackets are reductions from Highway Trust
 51 Fund Appropriations for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Current Operations – Highway Trust Fund	2006-2007
Intrastate System	97,860,379

1	Urban Loops	39,570,662
2	Aid to Municipalities	10,267,836
3	Secondary Roads	8,987,310
4	Program Administration	3,180,220
5	Transfer to General Fund	(195,176,407)
6		
7	GRAND TOTAL CURRENT OPERATIONS	
8	AND EXPANSION	(\$35,310,000)
9		
10	PART V. BLOCK GRANTS	
11		
12	DHHS BLOCK GRANTS	
13	SECTION 5.1.(a) Appropriations from federal block grant funds are made	
14	for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, according to the following schedule:	
15		
16	TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES	
17	(TANF) BLOCK GRANT	
18		
19	Local Program Expenditures	
20		
21	Division of Social Services	
22		
23	01. Work First Family Assistance (Cash Assistance)	\$114,625,680
24		
25	02. Work First County Block Grants	94,653,315
26		
27	03. County Demonstration Grants	19,598,322
28		
29	04. Child Protective Services – Child Welfare	
30	Workers for Local DSS	12,452,391
31		
32	05. Work First – Boys and Girls Clubs	1,500,000
33		
34	06. Work First – After-School Services for	
35	At-Risk Children	2,249,642
36		
37	07. Work First – After-School Programs for	
38	At-Risk Youth in Middle Schools	500,000
39		
40	08. Adoption Services – Special Children's	
41	Adoption Fund	3,000,000
42		
43	09. Family Violence Prevention	2,200,000
44		
45	10. Foster Care	2,000,000
46		
47	Division of Child Development	
48		
49	11. Subsidized Child Care Program	36,563,266
50		
51	DHHS Administration	
52		
53	12. Division of Social Services	586,931
54		
55	13. Office of the Secretary	65,836

1			
2	14.	Office of the Secretary/DIRM – TANF	
3		Automation Projects	592,500
4			
5	15.	Office of the Secretary/DIRM – NC FAST	
6		Implementation	1,800,000
7			
8	Transfers to Other Block Grants		
9			
10	Division of Child Development		
11			
12	16.	Transfer to the Child Care and	
13		Development Fund	81,292,880
14			
15	Division of Social Services		
16			
17	17.	Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for	
18		Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency	
19		Prevention – Support Our Students	2,749,642
20			
21	18.	Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for Child	
22		Protective Services – Child Welfare Training in	
23		Counties	2,550,000
24			
25	19.	Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for	
26		Maternity Homes	838,000
27			
28	20.	Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for Teen	
29		Pregnancy Prevention Initiatives	2,500,000
30			
31	21.	Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for County	
32		Departments of Social Services for Children's Services	4,500,000
33			
34	22.	Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for	
35		Foster Care Services	1,181,907
36			
37	TOTAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES		
38	(TANF) BLOCK GRANT		
39			\$388,000,312
40	SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT		
41			
42	Local Program Expenditures		
43			
44	Divisions of Social Services and Aging & Adult		
45			
46	01.	County Departments of Social Services	\$ 28,868,189
47		(Transfer from TANF – \$4,500,000)	
48			
49	02.	State In-Home Services Fund	2,101,113
50			
51	03.	State Adult Day Care Fund	2,155,301
52			
53	04.	Child Protective Services/CPS Investigative	
54		Services-Child Medical Evaluation Program	238,321
55			

1	05.	Foster Care Services	1,706,063
2		(Transfer from TANF – \$1,181,907)	
3			
4	06.	Child Protective Services-Child Welfare Training	
5		for Counties	2,550,000
6		(Transfer from TANF)	
7			
8	07.	Maternity Homes	838,000
9		(Transfer from TANF)	
10			
11	08.	Local DSS Services for Hurricane Victims	509,272
12			
13		Division of Aging and Adult Services	
14			
15	09.	Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG)	1,834,077
16			
17		Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance	
18		Abuse Services	
19			
20	10.	Mental Health Services Program	422,003
21			
22	11.	Developmental Disabilities Services Program	5,000,000
23			
24	12.	Mental Health Services-Adult/Mental Health Services-	
25		Child/Developmental Disabilities Program/	
26		Substance Abuse Services-Adult	3,234,601
27			
28		Division of Child Development	
29			
30	13.	Subsidized Child Care Program	3,150,000
31			
32		Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	
33			
34	14.	Vocational Rehabilitation Services – Easter Seal	
35		Society/UCP	188,263
36			
37		Office of the Secretary – Office of Economic Opportunity	
38			
39	15.	Elderly Supplemental Grant Program	41,302
40			
41		Division of Public Health	
42			
43	16.	Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiatives	2,500,000
44		(Transfer from TANF)	
45			
46		DHHS Program Expenditures	
47			
48		Division of Aging and Adult Services	
49			
50	17.	UNC-CARES Training Contract	247,920
51			
52		Division of Services for the Blind	
53			
54	18.	Independent Living Program	3,314,114
55			

1	Division of Facility Services	
2		
3	19. Adult Care Licensure Program	411,897
4		
5	20. Mental Health Licensure and Certification Program	205,668
6		
7	DHHS Administration	
8		
9	21. Division of Aging and Adult Services	630,636
10		
11	22. Division of Social Services	869,058
12		
13	23. Office of the Secretary/Controller's Office	123,059
14		
15	24. Office of the Secretary/DIRM	82,009
16		
17	25. Division of Child Development	15,000
18		
19	26. Division of Mental Health, Developmental	
20	Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services	18,098
21		
22	27. Division of Facility Services	62,986
23		
24	28. Office of the Secretary-NC Inter-Agency Council	
25	For Coordinating Homeless Programs	250,000
26		
27	29. Office of the Secretary-Housing Coalition	100,000
28		
29	Transfers to Other State Agencies	
30		
31	Department of Administration	
32		
33	30. NC Commission of Indian Affairs In-Home	
34	Services for the Elderly	203,198
35		
36	Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	
37		
38	31. Support Our Students	2,749,642
39	(Transfer from TANF)	
40		
41	Transfers to Other Block Grants	
42		
43	Division of Public Health	
44		
45	32. Transfer to Preventive Health Services Block Grant for	
46	HIV/STD Prevention and Community Planning	145,819
47		
48	TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT	\$ 64,765,609
49		
50	LOW-INCOME ENERGY BLOCK GRANT	
51		
52	Local Program Expenditures	
53		
54	Division of Social Services	
55		

1	01.	Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	\$ 28,684,494
2			
3	02.	Crisis Intervention Program (CIP)	20,831,114
4			
5		Office of the Secretary – Office of Economic Opportunity	
6			
7	03.	Weatherization Program	9,431,545
8			
9	04.	Heating Air Repair & Replacement Program (HARRP)	4,399,042
10			
11		Local Administration	
12			
13		Division of Social Services	
14			
15	05.	County DSS Administration	2,057,992
16			
17		Office of the Secretary – Office of Economic Opportunity	
18			
19	06.	Local Residential Energy Efficiency Service	
20		Providers – Weatherization	257,185
21			
22	07.	Local Residential Energy Efficiency Service	
23		Providers – HARRP	119,955
24			
25		DHHS Administration	
26			
27	08.	Division of Social Services	319,774
28			
29	09.	Division of Mental Health, Developmental	
30		Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services	7,146
31			
32	10.	Office of the Secretary/DIRM	245,395
33			
34	11.	Office of the Secretary/Controller's Office	11,211
35			
36	12.	Office of the Secretary/Office of Economic	
37		Opportunity – Weatherization	257,185
38			
39	13.	Office of the Secretary/Office of Economic	
40		Opportunity – HARRP	119,955
41			
42		Transfers to Other State Agencies	
43			
44	14.	Department of Administration –	
45		N.C. State Commission of Indian Affairs	58,455
46			
47		TOTAL LOW-INCOME ENERGY BLOCK GRANT	\$ 66,800,448
48			
49		CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND BLOCK GRANT	
50			
51		Local Program Expenditures	
52			
53		Division of Child Development	
54			
55	01.	Subsidized Child Care Services	\$165,102,685

1		
2	02. Subsidized Child Care Services	
3	(TANF to CCDF)	81,292,880
4		
5	DHHS Program Expenditures	
6		
7	Division of Child Development	
8		
9	03. Quality and Availability Initiatives	34,951,707
10		
11	Local Administrations	
12		
13	Division of Child Development	
14		
15	04. Administrative Expenses (Non-Direct Subsidy	
16	Services Support)	1,849,000
17		
18	DHHS Administration	
19		
20	05. DCD Administrative Expenses	6,028,354
21		
22	TOTAL CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND	
23	BLOCK GRANT	\$289,224,626
24		
25	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT	
26		
27	Local Program Expenditures	
28		
29	01. Mental Health Services – Adult	\$ 7,184,481
30		
31	02. Mental Health Services – Child	3,921,991
32		
33	03. Comprehensive Treatment Service	
34	Program	1,500,000
35		
36	Local Administration	
37		
38	04. Division of Mental Health	100,000
39		
40	TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT	\$ 12,706,472
41		
42	SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION	
43	AND TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT	
44		
45	Local Program Expenditures	
46		
47	01. Substance Abuse Services – Adult	\$ 20,537,390
48		
49	02. Substance Abuse Treatment Alternative for	
50	Women	8,069,524
51		
52	03. Substance Abuse – HIV and IV Drug	4,816,378
53		
54	04. Substance Abuse Prevention – Child	5,835,701
55		

1	05. Substance Abuse Services – Child	4,940,500
2		
3	06. Substance Abuse Strengthening Families –	
4	Prevention	851,156
5		
6	Division of Public Health	
7		
8	07. Risk Reduction Projects	383,980
9		
10	08. Aid-to-Counties	209,576
11		
12	09. Maternal Health	37,779
13		
14	DHHS Administration	
15		
16	10. Division of Mental Health	500,000
17		
18	TOTAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION	
19	AND TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT	\$ 46,181,984
20		
21	MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT	
22		
23	Local Program Expenditures	
24		
25	Division of Public Health	
26		
27	01. Healthy Mothers/Healthy Children	9,359,236
28		
29	02. Children's Health Services	4,114,216
30		
31	03. Healthy Beginnings	404,559
32		
33	04. Maternal Health	397,761
34		
35	05. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiatives	85,710
36		
37	DHHS Program Expenditures	
38		
39	Division of Public Health	
40		
41	06. Children's Health Services	3,149,826
42		
43	07. Maternal Health	185,488
44		
45	08. State Center for Health Statistics	29,432
46		
47	09. Local Technical Assistance & Training	47,424
48		
49	10. Injury and Violence Prevention	149,438
50		
51	11. Office of Minority Health	98,236
52		
53	12. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program	
54	for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	22,856
55		

1	13. Immunization Program – Vaccine Distribution	414,175
2		
3	DHHS Administration	
4		
5	14. Division of Public Health Administration	550,681
6		
7	TOTAL MATERNAL AND CHILD	
8	HEALTH BLOCK GRANT	\$ 19,009,038
9		
10	PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT	
11		
12	Local Program Expenditures	
13		
14	01. NC Statewide Health Promotion	\$1,755,653
15		
16	02. Services to Rape Victims	197,112
17		
18	03. HIV/STD Prevention and Community Planning	
19	(Transfer from Social Services Block Grant)	145,819
20		
21	DHHS Program Expenditures	
22		
23	04. NC Statewide Health Promotion	431,444
24		
25	05. Oral Health	114,251
26		
27	06. Osteoporosis Program	67,593
28		
29	DHHS Administration	
30		
31	07. Division of Public Health	109,211
32		
33	TOTAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT	\$2,821,083
34		
35	COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT	
36		
37	Local Program Expenditures	
38		
39	Office of Economic Opportunity – Community Services Block Grant	
40		
41	01. Community Action Agencies	\$ 15,071,666
42		
43	02. Limited Purpose Agencies	823,261
44		
45	DHHS Administration	
46		
47	03. Office of Economic Opportunity	823,261
48		
49	TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT	\$ 16,718,188
50		

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 5.1.(b) Information to Be Included in Block Grant Plans. – The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a separate plan for each Block Grant received and administered by the Department, and each plan shall include the following:

- 1 (1) A delineation of the proposed allocations by program or activity,
2 including State and federal match requirements.
- 3 (2) A delineation of the proposed State and local administrative
4 expenditures.
- 5 (3) An identification of all new positions to be established through the
6 Block Grant, including permanent, temporary, and time-limited
7 positions.
- 8 (4) A comparison of the proposed allocations by program or activity with
9 two prior years' program and activity budgets and two prior years'
10 actual program or activity expenditures.
- 11 (5) A projection of current year expenditures by program or activity.
- 12 (6) A projection of federal Block Grant funds available, including unspent
13 federal funds from the current and prior fiscal years.

14 **SECTION 5.1.(c)** Changes in Federal Fund Availability. – If the Congress
15 of the United States increases the federal fund availability for any of the Block Grants
16 administered by the Department of Health and Human Services from the amounts
17 appropriated in this section, the Department shall allocate the increase proportionally
18 across the program and activity appropriations identified for that Block Grant in this
19 section. In allocating an increase in federal fund availability, the Department shall not
20 propose funding for new programs or activities not appropriated in this section or
21 increase State administrative expenditures.

22 If the Congress of the United States decreases the federal fund availability for
23 any of the Block Grants administered by the Department of Health and Human Services
24 from the amounts appropriated in this section, the Department shall reduce State
25 administration by at least the percentage of the reduction in federal funds. After
26 determining the State administration, the remaining reductions shall be allocated
27 proportionately across the program and activity appropriations identified for that Block
28 Grant in this section. In allocating a decrease in federal fund availability, the
29 Department shall not eliminate the funding for a program or activity appropriated in this
30 section unless it is related to the State administration.

31 Prior to allocating the change in federal fund availability, the proposed
32 allocation must be approved by the Office of State Budget and Management. If the
33 Department adjusts the allocation of any Block Grant due to changes in federal fund
34 availability, then a report shall be made to the Joint Legislative Commission on
35 Governmental Operations, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee
36 on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and
37 Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

38 **SECTION 5.1.(d)** All changes to the budgeted allocations to the Block
39 Grants administered by the Department of Health and Human Services that are not
40 specifically addressed in this section shall be approved by the Office of State Budget
41 and Management, and a report shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Commission
42 on Governmental Operations for review prior to implementing the changes. All changes
43 to the budgeted allocations to the Block Grant shall be reported immediately to the
44 House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human
45 Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the
46 Fiscal Research Division. This subsection does not apply to block grant changes caused
47 by legislative salary increases and benefit adjustments.

48 **SECTION 5.1.(e)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall
49 report to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and
50 Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services,
51 and the Fiscal Research Division on positions funded from federal Block Grants. The
52 report shall include the following for each Block Grant:

- 53 (1) All State positions currently funded through the Block Grant,
54 including permanent, temporary, and time-limited positions.
- 55 (2) Budgeted salary and fringe benefits for each position.

1 (3) Identify the percentage of Block Grant funds used to fund each
2 position.

3 The report shall be submitted no later than December 1, 2006.
4

5 **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT**
6 **(TANF)**

7 **SECTION 5.1.(f)** The sum of five hundred eighty-six thousand nine hundred
8 thirty-one dollars (\$586,931) appropriated in this section in the TANF Block Grant to
9 the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the
10 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used to support administration of TANF-funded
11 programs.

12 **SECTION 5.1.(g)** The sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) appropriated
13 under this section in the TANF Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human
14 Services, Division of Social Services, for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used to
15 provide domestic violence services to Work First recipients. These funds shall be used
16 to provide domestic violence counseling, support, and other direct services to clients.
17 These funds shall not be used to establish new domestic violence shelters or to facilitate
18 lobbying efforts. The Division of Social Services may use up to seventy-five thousand
19 dollars (\$75,000) in TANF funds to support one administrative position within the
20 Division of Social Services to implement this subsection.

21 Each county department of social services and the local domestic violence
22 shelter program serving the county shall jointly develop a plan for utilizing these funds.
23 The plan shall include the services to be provided and the manner in which the services
24 shall be delivered. The county plan shall be signed by the county social services director
25 or the director's designee and the domestic violence program director or the director's
26 designee and submitted to the Division of Social Services by December 1, 2006. The
27 Division of Social Services, in consultation with the Council for Women, shall review
28 the county plans and shall provide consultation and technical assistance to the
29 departments of social services and local domestic violence shelter programs, if needed.

30 The Division of Social Services shall allocate these funds to county
31 departments of social services according to the following formula: (i) each county shall
32 receive a base allocation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000); and (ii) each county shall
33 receive an allocation of the remaining funds based on the county's proportion of the
34 statewide total of the Work First caseload as of July 1, 2006, and the county's proportion
35 of the statewide total of the individuals receiving domestic violence services from
36 programs funded by the Council for Women as of July 1, 2006. The Division of Social
37 Services may reallocate unspent funds to counties that submit a written request for
38 additional funds.

39 **SECTION 5.1.(h)** The sum of two million two hundred forty-nine thousand
40 six hundred forty-two dollars (\$2,249,642) appropriated in this section in the TANF
41 Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social
42 Services, for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used to expand after-school programs
43 and services for at-risk children. The Department shall develop and implement a grant
44 program to award grants to community-based programs that demonstrate the ability to
45 reach children at risk of teen pregnancy, school dropout, and gang participation. The
46 Department shall award grants to community-based organizations that demonstrate the
47 ability to develop and implement linkages with local departments of social services,
48 area mental health programs, schools, and other human services programs in order to
49 provide support services and assistance to the child and family. These funds may be
50 used to fund one position within the Division of Social Services to coordinate at-risk
51 after-school programs and shall not be used for other State administration.

52 **SECTION 5.1.(i)** The sum of twelve million four hundred fifty-two
53 thousand three hundred ninety-one dollars (\$12,452,391) appropriated in this section to
54 the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, in the
55 TANF Block Grant for the 2006-2007 fiscal year for child welfare improvements, shall

1 be allocated to the county departments of social services for hiring or contracting staff
2 to investigate and provide services in Child Protective Services cases; to provide foster
3 care and support services; to recruit, train, license, and support prospective foster and
4 adoptive families; and to provide interstate and postadoption services for eligible
5 families.

6 **SECTION 5.1.(j)** The sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000)
7 appropriated in this section in the TANF Block Grant to the Department of Health and
8 Human Services, Special Children Adoption Fund, for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall
9 be used in accordance with Section 10.48 of this act. The Division of Social Services,
10 in consultation with the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social
11 Services and representatives of licensed private adoption agencies, shall develop
12 guidelines for the awarding of funds to licensed public and private adoption agencies
13 upon the adoption of children described in G.S. 108A-50 and in foster care. Payments
14 received from the Special Children Adoption Fund by participating agencies shall be
15 used exclusively to enhance the adoption services program. No local match shall be
16 required as a condition for receipt of these funds.

17 **SECTION 5.1.(k)** The sum of one million eight hundred thousand dollars
18 (\$1,800,000) in this section appropriated to the Department of Health and Human
19 Services in the TANF Block Grant for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used to
20 implement N.C. FAST (North Carolina Families Accessing Services through
21 Technology). The N.C. FAST Program involves the entire automation initiative through
22 which families access services and local departments of social services deliver benefits,
23 supervised by the Department of Health and Human Services, Divisions of Social
24 Services, Aging and Adult Services, Medical Assistance, and Child Development. The
25 statewide automated initiative shall be implemented in compliance with federal
26 regulations in order to ensure federal financial participation in the project. The
27 Department of Health and Human Services shall report on its compliance with this
28 subsection to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and
29 Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services,
30 and the Fiscal Research Division no later than January 1, 2007.

31 **SECTION 5.1.(l)** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)
32 appropriated in this section to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division
33 of Social Services, in the TANF Block Grant for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used
34 to expand after-school programs for at-risk children attending middle school. The
35 Department shall develop and implement a grant program to award funds to
36 community-based programs demonstrating the capacity to reach children at risk of teen
37 pregnancy, school dropout, and gang participation. These funds shall not be used for
38 training or administration at the State level. All funds shall be distributed to
39 community-based programs, focusing on those communities where similar programs do
40 not exist in middle schools.

41 **SECTION 5.1.(m)** In implementing the TANF Block Grant, the Department
42 of Health and Human Services shall review policies, programs, and initiatives to ensure
43 that they support men in their role as fathers and strengthen fathers' involvement in their
44 children's lives. The Department shall encourage county departments of social services
45 to ensure their Work First programs emphasize responsible fatherhood and increased
46 participation by noncustodial fathers.

47 **SECTION 5.1.(n)** The sum of nineteen million five hundred ninety-eight
48 thousand three hundred twenty-two dollars (\$19,598,322) appropriated in this section to
49 the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, in the
50 TANF Block Grant for the 2006-2007 fiscal year for county demonstration grants shall
51 be used for Work First demonstration projects implemented by county departments of
52 social services. The county demonstration grants may be awarded for up to three years
53 with all projects ending no later than the end of fiscal year 2008-2009. The purpose of
54 the county demonstration grants is to identify best practices that can be used by counties
55 to improve the work participation rates for TANF recipients. The Division of Social

1 Services is authorized to establish two time-limited positions to manage the grant award
2 process and monitor the demonstration projects through fiscal year 2008-2009.

3 Funding provided under the county demonstration grants shall not be used to
4 supplant local funds and counties shall be required to maintain the current level of effort
5 and funding for the Work First program.

6 7 **SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT**

8 **SECTION 5.1.(o)** Social Services Block Grant funds appropriated to the
9 North Carolina Inter-Agency Council for Coordinating Homeless Programs and the
10 North Carolina Housing Coalition are exempt from the provisions of 10A NCAC
11 71R.0201(3).

12 **SECTION 5.1.(p)** The sum of two million seven hundred forty-nine
13 thousand six hundred forty-two dollars (\$2,749,642) appropriated in this section in the
14 Social Services Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services and
15 transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the
16 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used to support the existing Support Our Students
17 Program, including gang prevention, and to expand the Program statewide, focusing on
18 low-income communities in unserved areas. These funds shall not be used for
19 administration of the Program.

20 **SECTION 5.1.(q)** The sum of two million five hundred fifty thousand
21 dollars (\$2,550,000) appropriated in this section in the Social Services Block Grant to
22 the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the
23 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used to support various child welfare training projects as
24 follows:

- 25 (1) Provide a regional training center in southeastern North Carolina.
- 26 (2) Support the Masters Degree in Social Work/Baccalaureate Degree in
27 Social Work Collaborative.
- 28 (3) Provide training for residential child care facilities.
- 29 (4) Provide for various other child welfare training initiatives.

30 **SECTION 5.1.(r)** The sum of eight hundred thirty-eight thousand dollars
31 (\$838,000) appropriated in this section in the Social Services Block Grant to the
32 Department of Health and Human Services for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used
33 to purchase services at maternity homes throughout the State.

34 **SECTION 5.1.(s)** The sum of one million seven hundred six thousand
35 sixty-three dollars (\$1,706,063) appropriated in this section in the Social Services Block
36 Grant for child caring agencies for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be allocated to the
37 State Private Child Caring Agencies Fund.

38 **SECTION 5.1.(t)** The sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars
39 (\$1,500,000) appropriated in this section to the Department of Health and Human
40 Services in the Social Services Block Grant for Boys and Girls Clubs for the 2006-2007
41 fiscal year shall be used to make grants for approved programs. The Department of
42 Health and Human Services, in accordance with federal regulations for the use of Social
43 Services Block Grant funds, shall administer a grant program to award funds to the
44 Boys and Girls Clubs across the State in order to implement programs that improve the
45 motivation, performance, and self-esteem of youths and to implement other initiatives
46 that would be expected to reduce gang participation, school dropout, and teen pregnancy
47 rates. The Department shall encourage and facilitate collaboration between the Boys and
48 Girls Clubs and Support Our Students, Communities in Schools, and similar programs
49 to submit joint applications for the funds if appropriate.

50 **SECTION 5.1.(u)** The Department of Health and Human Services is
51 authorized, subject to the approval of the Office of State Budget and Management, to
52 transfer Social Services Block Grant funding allocated for departmental administration
53 between divisions that have received administrative allocations from the Social Services
54 Block Grant.

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

SECTION 5.1.(v) Additional emergency contingency funds received may be allocated for Energy Assistance Payments or Crisis Intervention Payments without prior consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. Additional funds received shall be reported to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division upon notification of the award. The Department of Health and Human Services shall not allocate funds for any activities, including increasing administration, other than assistance payments, without prior consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND BLOCK GRANT

SECTION 5.1.(w) The sum of no more than four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) appropriated in this section to the Department of Health and Human Services in the Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant for the 2006-2007 fiscal year may be used for the operations of the Medical Child Care Pilot.

SECTION 5.1.(x) Payment for subsidized child care services provided with federal TANF funds shall comply with all regulations and policies issued by the Division of Child Development for the subsidized child care program.

SECTION 5.1.(y) If funds appropriated through the Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant for any program cannot be obligated or spent in that program within the obligation or liquidation periods allowed by the federal grants, the Department may move funds to child care subsidies, unless otherwise prohibited by federal requirements of the grant, in order to use the federal funds fully.

MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANT

SECTION 5.1.(z) The sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) appropriated in this section in the Mental Health Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, and the sum of four hundred twenty-two thousand three dollars (\$422,003) appropriated in this section in the Social Services Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used to continue a Comprehensive Treatment Services Program for Children in accordance with Section 10.25 of S.L. 2005-276.

SECTION 5.1.(aa) The Department of Health and Human Services shall contract with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the purpose of providing psychology student stipends in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of this contract shall be paid from the Mental Health Block Grant.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT

SECTION 5.1.(bb) If federal funds are received under the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant for abstinence education, pursuant to section 912 of Public Law 104-193 (42 U.S.C. § 710), for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, then those funds shall be transferred to the State Board of Education to be administered by the Department of Public Instruction. The Department of Public Instruction shall use the funds to establish an Abstinence Until Marriage Education Program and shall delegate to one or more persons the responsibility of implementing the program and G.S. 115C-81(e1)(4). The Department of Public Instruction shall carefully and strictly follow federal guidelines in implementing and administering the abstinence education grant funds.

SECTION 5.1.(cc) The Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that there will be follow-up testing in the Newborn Screening Program.

NER BLOCK GRANTS

1 **SECTION 5.2.(f)** Department of Commerce Demonstration Grants in
2 Partnership with Rural Economic Development Center, Inc. – The Department of
3 Commerce, in partnership with the Rural Economic Development Center, Inc., shall
4 award up to two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000) in
5 demonstration grants to local governments in very distressed rural areas of the State.
6 These grants shall be used to address critical infrastructure and entrepreneurial needs
7 and to provide small business assistance.

8 **SECTION 5.2.(g)** The Department of Commerce shall consult with the Joint
9 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to reallocating Community
10 Development Block Grant Funds. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection,
11 whenever the Director of the Budget finds that:

- 12 (1) A reallocation is required because of an emergency that poses an
13 imminent threat to public health or public safety, the Director of the
14 Budget may authorize the reallocation without consulting the
15 Commission. The Department of Commerce shall report to the
16 Commission on the reallocation no later than 30 days after it was
17 authorized and shall identify in the report the emergency, the type of
18 action taken, and how it was related to the emergency.
- 19 (2) The State will lose federal block grant funds or receive less federal
20 block grant funds in the next fiscal year unless a reallocation is made,
21 the Department of Commerce shall provide a written report to the
22 Commission on the proposed reallocation and shall identify the reason
23 that failure to take action will result in the loss of federal funds. If the
24 Commission does not hear the issue within 30 days of receipt of the
25 report, the Department may take the action without consulting the
26 Commission.

27 28 **PART VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

29 30 **CONTINGENCY AND EMERGENCY FUND ALLOCATIONS**

31 **SECTION 6.1.(a)** Section 6.2 of S.L. 2005-276 is repealed.

32 **SECTION 6.1.(b)** Funds in the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000)
33 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year are appropriated to the Contingency and Emergency Fund.
34 Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, these funds shall be expended only
35 as:

- 36 (1) Required by a court, Industrial Commission, or administrative hearing
37 officer's order;
- 38 (2) Required to call out the national guard; or
- 39 (3) Required to respond to an unanticipated disaster such as a fire,
40 hurricane, or tornado, if funds for this purpose are not available in the
41 Reserve for Disaster Expenses as authorized in G.S. 166A.

42 **SECTION 6.1.(c)** Up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) may be
43 spent for purposes other than those set out in subsection (b) of this section.
44 Notwithstanding any other provision of law authorizing expenditures from the
45 Contingency and Emergency Fund, no more than five hundred thousand dollars
46 (\$500,000) of these funds shall be expended for purposes other than those set out in
47 subsection (b) of this section.

48 49 **AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH RECEIPT-SUPPORTED POSITIONS**

50 **SECTION 6.2.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143-34.1(a1), a department,
51 institution, or other agency of State government may establish receipt-supported
52 positions authorized in this act upon approval by the Director of the Budget. The
53 Director, if necessary, may establish a receipt-supported position pursuant to this
54 section at an annual salary amount different from the salary amount set out in this act if
55 (i) funds are available from the proposed funding source and (ii) the alternative salary

1 amount remains within the established salary range grade identified for the job
2 classification of the affected receipt-supported position established in this act. The
3 Director shall not change the job classifications or increase the number of
4 receipt-supported positions specified in this act without prior consultation with the Joint
5 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

6
7 **CONSULTATION NOT REQUIRED PRIOR TO ESTABLISHING OR**
8 **INCREASING FEES PURSUANT TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET ACT**

9 **SECTION 6.3.** Notwithstanding G.S. 12-3.1, an agency is not required to
10 consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior to
11 establishing or increasing a fee as authorized or anticipated in the Current Operations
12 and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2006 or the Senate Appropriations
13 Committee Report on the Continuation, Expansion and Capital Budgets, which was
14 distributed in the Senate Appropriations and Base Budget Committee and used to
15 explain this act.

16
17 **NO FEE INCREASES WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS REJECTED**

18 **SECTION 6.4.** Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
19 new section to read:

20 **"§ 143-16.7. No fee increases that the General Assembly has rejected.**

21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no fee shall be increased if the General
22 Assembly has rejected an increase of that fee for the current fiscal period. For the
23 purpose of this section, the General Assembly has rejected a fee increase when that fee
24 increase is included in a bill which fails a reading, or if the fee increase is included in
25 the version of a bill that passes one house, but the bill is enacted without the fee
26 increase."

27
28 **STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACCOUNT**

29 **SECTION 6.5.(a)** G.S. 166A-6.01(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

30 "(b) Disaster Assistance Programs – Type I Disaster. – In the event that a Type I
31 disaster is proclaimed, the Governor may make State funds available for disaster
32 assistance in the disaster area in the form of individual assistance and public assistance
33 as provided in this subsection.

34
35 (2) Public assistance. – State disaster assistance in the form of public
36 assistance grants may be made available to eligible entities located
37 within the disaster area on the following terms and conditions:

38 a. Eligible entities shall meet the following qualifications:

- 39 1. The eligible entity suffers a minimum of ten thousand
40 dollars (\$10,000) in uninsurable losses;
- 41 2. The eligible entity suffers uninsurable losses in an
42 amount equal to or exceeding ~~one half percent (0.5%)~~
43 one percent (1%) of the annual operating budget;
- 44 3. For a state of disaster proclaimed pursuant to
45 G.S. 166A-6(a) after the deadline established by the
46 Federal Emergency Management Agency pursuant to the
47 Disaster Mitigation Act of 2002, P.L. 106-390, the
48 eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan
49 approved pursuant to the Stafford Act; and
- 50 4. For a state of disaster proclaimed pursuant to
51 G.S. 166A-6(a) after August 1, 2002, the eligible entity
52 shall be participating in the National Flood Insurance
53 Program in order to receive public assistance for
54 flooding damage.

- b. Eligible entities shall be required to provide non-State matching funds equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the eligible costs of the public assistance grant.
- c. An eligible entity that receives a public assistance grant pursuant to this subsection may use the grant for the following purposes only:
 - 1. Debris clearance.
 - 2. Emergency protective measures.
 - 3. Roads and bridges.
 - 4. Crisis counseling.
 - 5. Assistance with public transportation needs."

SECTION 6.5.(b) Article 1 of Chapter 166A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 166A-6.02. State Emergency Response Account.

(a) Account Established. – There is established a State Emergency Response Account as a reserve in the General Fund. Any funds appropriated to the Account shall remain available for expenditure as provided by this section, unless directed otherwise by the General Assembly.

(b) Purpose of Funds. – The Governor may spend funds from the Account for the following purposes:

(1) To cover the start-up costs of State Emergency Response Team operations for an emergency that poses an imminent threat of a Type I, Type II, or Type III disaster as defined by G.S. 166A-6.

(2) To cover the cost of first responders to a Type I, Type II, or Type III disaster and any related supplies and equipment needed by first responders that are not provided for under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

All other types of disaster assistance authorized by G.S. 166A-6 shall continue to be financed by the funds made available under G.S. 166A-6.01.

(c) Reporting Requirement. – The Governor shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and to the Chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives on any expenditures from the State Emergency Response Account no later than 30 days after making the expenditure. The report shall include a description of the emergency and type of action taken."

SECTION 6.5.(c) G.S. 166A-4(1) reads as rewritten:

"(1)(a) Disaster. – An occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made accidental, military or paramilitary cause."

SECTION 6.5.(d) G.S. 166A-4 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(1) Account. – The State Emergency Response Account established in G.S. 166A-6.02."

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

SECTION 6.6. Section 6.13(a) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 6.13.(a) The availability used to support appropriations made in this act from the Information Technology Fund established in G.S. 147-33.72H is as follows:

	FY 2005-2006	FY 2006-2007
<u>Estimated Unencumbered Balance,</u> <u>June 30, 2006</u>		<u>\$1,120,000</u>
Receipts from Information Technology Enterprise Fee (G.S. 147-33.82)	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

1	Transfer from June 30, 2005, Information Technology		
2	Services Internal Service Fund cash balance to		
3	support statewide IT initiatives	\$5,000,000	
4			
5	Appropriation from General Fund	\$24,375,000	\$8,025,000
6	<u>Appropriation from General Fund</u>	<u>\$24,375,000</u>	<u>\$50,112,229</u>
7			
8	Total Funds Available	<u>\$34,375,000</u>	<u>\$13,025,000.</u>
9	<u>Total Funds Available</u>	<u>\$34,375,000</u>	<u>\$56,232,229."</u>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATIONS

SECTION 6.7. Section 6.14 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 6.14.** Appropriations are made from the Information Technology Fund established in G.S. 147-33.72H as follows:

	FY 2005-2006	FY 2006-2007
Office of Information Technology Services		
To establish two project management assistant positions and one enterprise licensing position and to purchase and maintain asset management software and enterprise licenses.	\$1,600,000	\$1,400,000
To continue existing activities including project management assistance, security, asset management, legal support, and legacy system assessment.	\$5,100,000	\$3,300,000
To provide services previously supported by cross subsidies in the rate structure, including State portal maintenance, security services, enterprise identity management, and office operations.	\$6,300,000	\$5,800,000
To facilitate consolidation of information technology services in State agencies.	\$500,000	
<u>To establish two attorneys to assist Information Technology Services (ITS) with complex information technology procurements.</u>		<u>\$298,826</u>
Office of State Controller		
To initiate replacement of the State's personnel and payroll systems consistent with the analysis and findings of the Statewide Business Infrastructure study	\$20,875,000	\$2,525,000
<u>To implement replacement of the State's human resources and payroll system with a new system, Building Enterprise Access for North Carolina's Core Operations (BEACON)/State Business Infrastructure Program (SBIP).</u>	<u>\$20,875,000</u>	<u>\$44,313,403</u>
<u>To provide funding to integrate and deploy the following data warehousing projects as part of BEACON/SBIP:</u>		
<u>(i) Department of Revenue: Guest Worker Compliance Project.</u>		
<u>(ii) Office of State Personnel: Workforce Planning Project.</u>		
<u>(iii) Office of the State Auditor: Business Intelligence Software and Data Warehousing Project.</u>		<u>\$1,000,000</u>

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2 **Total Appropriation** ~~\$34,375,000~~ ~~\$13,025,000~~
3 Total Appropriation \$34,375,000 \$56,112,229

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5 Funds appropriated under this section are subject to the reporting requirement set out in
6 G.S. 147-33.72H."

7
8 **REVIEW OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTS**

9 **SECTION 6.8.** G.S. 147-33.103 reads as rewritten:

10 "§ **147-33.103. Attorney General contract assistance; ~~rule-making~~**
11 **~~authority assistance; use of private counsel.~~**

12 (a) At the request of the State Chief Information Officer, the Attorney General
13 shall provide legal advice and services necessary to implement this Part.

14 (b) Repealed by Session Laws 2004-129, s. 26, effective July 1, 2004.

15 (c) The State Chief Information Officer shall retain private counsel to provide
16 legal advice and services and to ensure that the State's interests are protected regarding
17 information technology contracts that obligate the State to expend over five million
18 dollars (\$5,000,000) over the life of the contract. The requirements of G.S. 114-2.3 do
19 not apply to this subsection.

20 The State Chief Information Officer may use funds from the Information
21 Technology Fund, which is established in G.S. 147-33.72H, for this purpose."

22
23 **AMEND CIVIL PENALTY AND FORFEITURE FUND AVAILABILITY**

24 **SECTION 6.9.(a)** Section 6.37(a) of S. L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

25 "SECTION 6.37.(a) Availability. – The availability used to support appropriations
26 made in this act from the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund is based upon estimated
27 collections of fines and forfeitures from the agencies and in the amounts listed below:

	FY 2005-2006	FY 2006-2007
29 Department of Revenue	\$ 80,000,000	\$ 85,000,000 63,000,000
30 Department of Transportation	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000
31 Employment Security Commission	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
32 Department of Insurance	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000 1,000,000
33 University of North Carolina	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000 3,500,000
34 Other Agencies	\$ 14,500,000	\$ 14,500,000 10,000,000
35 Total Funds Available	\$ 120,500,000	\$ 125,500,000 95,500,000"

36 **SECTION 6.9.(b)** Section 6.37(b) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

37 "SECTION 6.37.(b) Appropriations. – Appropriations are made from the
38 Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2007, as
39 follows:

	2005-2006	2006-2007
41 School Technology Fund	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 18,000,000
42 State Public School Fund	\$ 102,500,000	\$ 107,500,000 77,500,000
43 Total Appropriation	\$ 120,500,000	\$ 125,500,000 95,500,000"

44 **SECTION 6.9.(c)** G.S. 115C-457.2 reads as rewritten:

45 "§ **115C-457.2. Remittance of moneys to the Fund.**

46 The clear proceeds of all civil penalties, civil forfeitures, and civil fines that are
47 collected by a State agency and that the General Assembly is authorized to place in a
48 State fund pursuant to Article IX, Section 7(b) of the Constitution shall be remitted to
49 the Office of State Budget and Management by the officer having custody of the funds
50 within 10 days after the close of the calendar month in which the revenues were
51 received or collected. Notwithstanding any other law, all such funds shall be deposited
52 in the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund. The clear proceeds of these funds include the
53 full amount of all civil penalties, civil forfeitures, and civil fines collected under Page
54 48 Session Law 2005-276 SL2005-0276 authority conferred by the State, diminished
55 only by the actual costs of collection, not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the amount

1 collected. The collection cost percentage to be used by a State agency shall be
 2 established and approved by the Office of State Budget and Management on an annual
 3 basis based upon the computation of actual collection costs by each agency for the prior
 4 fiscal year."

5 **SECTION 6.9.(d)** The State Board of Education may use up to five hundred
 6 thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the State Public School Fund to support the Senior
 7 Project initiative. These funds shall be used for training for LEA staff and teachers to
 8 implement this graduation requirement which was approved by the State Board of
 9 Education in 2004.

10
 11 **FUNDS FOR ENROLLMENT INCREASES**

12 **SECTION 6.10.** G.S. 143-11 is amended by adding a new subsection to
 13 read:

14 "(a1) In developing the budget, the Director shall consider the information on
 15 student enrollment increases submitted to the Director by the State Board of Education,
 16 the State Board of Community Colleges, and the Board of Governors of The University
 17 of North Carolina. The Director shall include in the continuation budget the amount the
 18 Director proposes to fund for the enrollment increases for public schools, community
 19 colleges, and the university system."

20
 21 **HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUNDS**

22 **SECTION 6.11.** Section 5.1(c) of S.L. 2005-1 reads as rewritten:

23 **"SECTION 5.1.(c)** The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety
 24 shall modify the Crisis Housing Assistance Fund (CHAF) to provide money to persons
 25 who do not qualify for CHAF assistance solely because they failed to apply for federal
 26 assistance through FEMA or the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Real Property
 27 Disaster loan program. The Department shall review these persons' applications for
 28 CHAF assistance using the same criteria employed by the SBA to determine eligibility
 29 for an SBA Real Property Disaster loan. The applicants shall be eligible for CHAF
 30 assistance if it is determined that they would have failed to qualify for assistance under
 31 the SBA Real Property disaster loan criteria and that they otherwise meet the criteria for
 32 CHAF."
 33

34 **PART VII. PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

35
 36 **TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULES**

37 **SECTION 7.1.(a)** Effective for the 2006-2007 school year, the Director of
 38 the Budget shall transfer from the Reserve for Experience Step Salary Increase for
 39 Teachers and Principals in Public Schools funds necessary to implement the teacher
 40 salary schedules set out in subsection (b) of this section and for longevity in accordance
 41 with subsection (c) of this section, including funds for the employer's retirement and
 42 social security contributions for all teachers whose salaries are supported from the
 43 State's General Fund.

44 These funds shall be allocated to individuals according to rules adopted by
 45 the State Board of Education.

46 **SECTION 7.1.(b)** The following monthly salary schedules shall apply for
 47 the 2006-2007 fiscal year to certified personnel of the public schools who are classified
 48 as teachers. The schedule contains 30 steps with each step corresponding to one year of
 49 teaching experience.

50
 51 2006-2007 Monthly Salary Schedule
 52 "A" Teachers

53
 54 Years Of Experience "A" Teachers NBPTS Certification
 55

1	0	\$2,851	N/A
2	1	\$2,893	N/A
3	2	\$2,937	N/A
4	3	\$3,093	\$3,464
5	4	\$3,233	\$3,621
6	5	\$3,367	\$3,771
7	6	\$3,496	\$3,916
8	7	\$3,600	\$4,032
9	8	\$3,648	\$4,086
10	9	\$3,697	\$4,141
11	10	\$3,747	\$4,197
12	11	\$3,796	\$4,252
13	12	\$3,847	\$4,309
14	13	\$3,898	\$4,366
15	14	\$3,951	\$4,425
16	15	\$4,005	\$4,486
17	16	\$4,060	\$4,547
18	17	\$4,115	\$4,609
19	18	\$4,174	\$4,675
20	19	\$4,232	\$4,740
21	20	\$4,290	\$4,805
22	21	\$4,352	\$4,874
23	22	\$4,413	\$4,943
24	23	\$4,479	\$5,016
25	24	\$4,543	\$5,088
26	25	\$4,608	\$5,161
27	26	\$4,674	\$5,235
28	27	\$4,742	\$5,311
29	28	\$4,813	\$5,391
30	29+	\$4,884	\$5,470

2006-2007 Monthly Salary Schedule
"M" Teachers

Years Of Experience	"M" Teachers	NBPTS Certification	
37	0	\$3,136	N/A
38	1	\$3,182	N/A
39	2	\$3,231	N/A
40	3	\$3,402	\$3,810
41	4	\$3,556	\$3,983
42	5	\$3,704	\$4,148
43	6	\$3,846	\$4,308
44	7	\$3,960	\$4,435
45	8	\$4,013	\$4,495
46	9	\$4,067	\$4,555
47	10	\$4,122	\$4,617
48	11	\$4,176	\$4,677
49	12	\$4,232	\$4,740
50	13	\$4,288	\$4,803
51	14	\$4,346	\$4,868
52	15	\$4,406	\$4,935
53	16	\$4,466	\$5,002
54	17	\$4,527	\$5,070
55	18	\$4,591	\$5,142

1	19	\$4,655	\$5,214
2	20	\$4,719	\$5,285
3	21	\$4,787	\$5,361
4	22	\$4,854	\$5,436
5	23	\$4,927	\$5,518
6	24	\$4,997	\$5,597
7	25	\$5,069	\$5,677
8	26	\$5,141	\$5,758
9	27	\$5,216	\$5,842
10	28	\$5,294	\$5,929
11	29+	\$5,372	\$6,017

SECTION 7.1.(c) Annual longevity payments for teachers shall be at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of base salary for 10 to 14 years of State service, two and twenty-five hundredths percent (2.25%) of base salary for 15 to 19 years of State service, three and twenty-five hundredths percent (3.25%) of base salary for 20 to 24 years of State service, and four and one-half percent (4.5%) of base salary for 25 or more years of State service. The longevity payment shall be paid in a lump sum once a year.

SECTION 7.1.(d) Certified public schoolteachers with certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall receive a salary supplement of one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for certified personnel of the public schools who are classified as "M" teachers. Certified public schoolteachers with certification based on academic preparation at the doctoral degree level shall receive a salary supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for certified personnel of the public schools who are classified as "M" teachers.

SECTION 7.1.(e) The first step of the salary schedule for school psychologists shall be equivalent to Step 5, corresponding to five years of experience, on the salary schedule established in this section for certified personnel of the public schools who are classified as "M" teachers. Certified psychologists shall be placed on the salary schedule at an appropriate step based on their years of experience. Certified psychologists shall receive longevity payments based on years of State service in the same manner as teachers.

Certified psychologists with certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall receive a salary supplement of one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for certified psychologists. Certified psychologists with certification based on academic preparation at the doctoral degree level shall receive a salary supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for certified psychologists.

SECTION 7.1.(f) Speech pathologists who are certified as speech pathologists at the masters degree level and audiologists who are certified as audiologists at the masters degree level and who are employed in the public schools as speech and language specialists and audiologists shall be paid on the school psychologist salary schedule.

Speech pathologists and audiologists with certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall receive a salary supplement of one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for speech pathologists and audiologists. Speech pathologists and audiologists with certification based on academic preparation at the doctoral degree level shall receive a salary supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for speech pathologists and audiologists.

SECTION 7.1.(g) Certified school nurses who are employed in the public schools as nurses shall be paid on the "M" salary schedule.

SECTION 7.1.(h) As used in this section, the term "teacher" shall also include instructional support personnel.

SCHOOL-BASED ADMINISTRATOR SALARY SCHEDULE

SECTION 7.2.(a) Effective for the 2006-2007 school year, the Director of the Budget shall transfer from the Reserve for Compensation Increases funds necessary to implement the salary schedules for school-based administrators as provided in this section. These funds shall be used for State-paid employees only.

SECTION 7.2.(b) The base salary schedule for school-based administrators shall apply only to principals and assistant principals. The base salary schedule for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, commencing July 1, 2006, is as follows:

2006-2007
Principal and Assistant Principal Salary Schedules
Classification

Yrs. of Exp	Assistant Principal	Prin I (0-10)	Prin II (11-21)	Prin III (22-32)	Prin IV (33-43)
0-4	\$3,592				
5	\$3,741				
6	\$3,884				
7	\$4,000				
8	\$4,053	\$4,053			
9	\$4,108	\$4,108			
10	\$4,163	\$4,163	\$4,218		
11	\$4,218	\$4,218	\$4,274		
12	\$4,274	\$4,274	\$4,331	\$4,389	
13	\$4,331	\$4,331	\$4,389	\$4,450	\$4,511
14	\$4,389	\$4,389	\$4,450	\$4,511	\$4,572
15	\$4,450	\$4,450	\$4,511	\$4,572	\$4,637
16	\$4,511	\$4,511	\$4,572	\$4,637	\$4,702
17	\$4,572	\$4,572	\$4,637	\$4,702	\$4,766
18	\$4,637	\$4,637	\$4,702	\$4,766	\$4,835
19	\$4,702	\$4,702	\$4,766	\$4,835	\$4,903
20	\$4,766	\$4,766	\$4,835	\$4,903	\$4,976
21	\$4,835	\$4,835	\$4,903	\$4,976	\$5,047
22	\$4,903	\$4,903	\$4,976	\$5,047	\$5,120
23	\$4,976	\$4,976	\$5,047	\$5,120	\$5,192
24	\$5,047	\$5,047	\$5,120	\$5,192	\$5,268
25	\$5,120	\$5,120	\$5,192	\$5,268	\$5,347
26	\$5,192	\$5,192	\$5,268	\$5,347	\$5,426
27	\$5,268	\$5,268	\$5,347	\$5,426	\$5,535
28	\$5,347	\$5,347	\$5,426	\$5,535	\$5,646
29	\$5,426	\$5,426	\$5,535	\$5,646	\$5,759
30	\$5,535	\$5,535	\$5,646	\$5,759	\$5,874
31	\$5,646	\$5,646	\$5,759	\$5,874	\$5,991
32		\$5,759	\$5,874	\$5,991	\$6,111
33			\$5,991	\$6,111	\$6,233
34			\$6,111	\$6,233	\$6,358
35				\$6,358	\$6,485
36				\$6,485	\$6,615
37					\$6,747

Principal and Assistant Principal Salary Schedules
Classification

Yrs. of Exp	PrinV (44-54)	PrinVI (55-65)	PrinVII (66-100)	PrinVIII (101+)
0-14	\$4,637			
15	\$4,702			
16	\$4,766	\$4,835		
17	\$4,835	\$4,903	\$5,047	
18	\$4,903	\$4,976	\$5,120	\$5,192
19	\$4,976	\$5,047	\$5,192	\$5,268
20	\$5,047	\$5,120	\$5,268	\$5,347
21	\$5,120	\$5,192	\$5,347	\$5,426
22	\$5,192	\$5,268	\$5,426	\$5,535
23	\$5,268	\$5,347	\$5,535	\$5,646
24	\$5,347	\$5,426	\$5,646	\$5,759
25	\$5,426	\$5,535	\$5,759	\$5,874
26	\$5,535	\$5,646	\$5,874	\$5,991
27	\$5,646	\$5,759	\$5,991	\$6,111
28	\$5,759	\$5,874	\$6,111	\$6,233
29	\$5,874	\$5,991	\$6,233	\$6,358
30	\$5,991	\$6,111	\$6,358	\$6,485
31	\$6,111	\$6,233	\$6,485	\$6,615
32	\$6,233	\$6,358	\$6,615	\$6,747
33	\$6,358	\$6,485	\$6,747	\$6,882
34	\$6,485	\$6,615	\$6,882	\$7,020
35	\$6,615	\$6,747	\$7,020	\$7,160
36	\$6,747	\$6,882	\$7,160	\$7,303
37	\$6,882	\$7,020	\$7,303	\$7,449
38	\$7,020	\$7,160	\$7,449	\$7,598
39		\$7,303	\$7,598	\$7,750
40		\$7,449	\$7,750	\$7,905
41			\$7,905	\$8,063

SECTION 7.2.(c) The appropriate classification for placement of principals and assistant principals on the salary schedule, except for principals in alternative schools and in cooperative innovative high schools, shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

Classification	Number of Teachers Supervised
Assistant Principal	
Principal I	Fewer than 11 Teachers
Principal II	11-21 Teachers
Principal III	22-32 Teachers
Principal IV	33-43 Teachers
Principal V	44-54 Teachers
Principal VI	55-65 Teachers
Principal VII	66-100 Teachers
Principal VIII	More than 100 Teachers

1 The number of teachers supervised includes teachers and assistant principals
2 paid from State funds only; it does not include teachers or assistant principals paid from
3 non-State funds or the principal or teacher assistants.

4 The beginning classification for principals in alternative schools and in
5 cooperative innovative high school programs shall be the Principal III level. Principals
6 in alternative schools who supervise 33 or more teachers shall be classified according to
7 the number of teachers supervised.

8 **SECTION 7.2.(d)** A principal shall be placed on the step on the salary
9 schedule that reflects total number of years of experience as a certificated employee of
10 the public schools and an additional step for every three years of experience as a
11 principal. A principal or assistant principal shall also continue to receive any additional
12 State-funded percentage increases earned for the 1997-1998, 1998-1999, and 1999-2000
13 school years for improvement in student performance or maintaining a safe and orderly
14 school.

15 **SECTION 7.2.(e)** Principals and assistant principals with certification based
16 on academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall be paid a salary supplement of
17 one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month and at the doctoral degree level
18 shall be paid a salary supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per
19 month.

20 **SECTION 7.2.(f)** Longevity pay for principals and assistant principals shall
21 be as provided for State employees under the State Personnel Act.

22 **SECTION 7.2.(g)** If a principal is reassigned to a higher job classification
23 because the principal is transferred to a school within a local school administrative unit
24 with a larger number of State-allotted teachers, the principal shall be placed on the
25 salary schedule as if the principal had served the principal's entire career as a principal
26 at the higher job classification.

27 If a principal is reassigned to a lower job classification because the principal
28 is transferred to a school within a local school administrative unit with a smaller number
29 of State-allotted teachers, the principal shall be placed on the salary schedule as if the
30 principal had served the principal's entire career as a principal at the lower job
31 classification.

32 This subsection applies to all transfers on or after the effective date of this
33 section, except transfers in school systems that have been created, or will be created, by
34 merging two or more school systems. Transfers in these merged systems are exempt
35 from the provisions of this subsection for one calendar year following the date of the
36 merger.

37 **SECTION 7.2.(h)** Participants in an approved full-time masters in school
38 administration program shall receive up to a 10-month stipend at the beginning salary of
39 an assistant principal during the internship period of the masters program. For the
40 2006-2007 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years, the stipend shall not exceed the
41 difference between the beginning salary of an assistant principal and any fellowship
42 funds received by the intern as a full-time student, including awards of the Principal
43 Fellows Program. The Principal Fellows Program or the school of education where the
44 intern participates in a full-time masters in school administration program shall supply
45 the Department of Public Instruction with certification of eligible full-time interns.

46 **SECTION 7.2.(i)** During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the placement on the
47 salary schedule of an administrator with a one-year provisional assistant principal's
48 certificate shall be at the entry-level salary for an assistant principal or the appropriate
49 step on the teacher salary schedule, whichever is higher.

50 51 **CENTRAL OFFICE SALARIES**

52 **SECTION 7.3.(a)** The monthly salary ranges that follow apply to assistant
53 superintendents, associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and
54 finance officers for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2006.

55 School Administrator I \$3,079 \$6,012

1	School Administrator II	\$3,268	\$6,378
2	School Administrator III	\$3,468	\$6,765
3	School Administrator IV	\$3,608	\$7,035
4	School Administrator V	\$3,753	\$7,319
5	School Administrator VI	\$3,982	\$7,762
6	School Administrator VII	\$4,142	\$8,075

7 The local board of education shall determine the appropriate category and
 8 placement for each assistant superintendent, associate superintendent,
 9 director/coordinator, supervisor, or finance officer within the salary ranges and within
 10 funds appropriated by the General Assembly for central office administrators and
 11 superintendents. The category in which an employee is placed shall be included in the
 12 contract of any employee hired on or after July 1, 2006.

13 **SECTION 7.3.(b)** The monthly salary ranges that follow apply to public
 14 school superintendents for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2006.

15	Superintendent I	\$4,396	\$8,566
16	Superintendent II	\$4,667	\$9,084
17	Superintendent III	\$4,952	\$9,637
18	Superintendent IV	\$5,225	\$10,221
19	Superintendent V	\$5,578	\$10,844

20 The local board of education shall determine the appropriate category and
 21 placement for the superintendent based on the average daily membership of the local
 22 school administrative unit and within funds appropriated by the General Assembly for
 23 central office administrators and superintendents.

24 **SECTION 7.3.(c)** Longevity pay for superintendents, assistant
 25 superintendents, associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and
 26 finance officers shall be as provided for State employees under the State Personnel Act.

27 **SECTION 7.3.(d)** Superintendents, assistant superintendents, associate
 28 superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers with
 29 certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall receive a
 30 salary supplement of one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month in addition to
 31 the compensation provided pursuant to this section. Superintendents, assistant
 32 superintendents, associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and
 33 finance officers with certification based on academic preparation at the doctoral degree
 34 level shall receive a salary supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per
 35 month in addition to the compensation provided for under this section.

36 **SECTION 7.3.(e)** The State Board of Education shall not permit local
 37 school administrative units to transfer State funds from other funding categories for
 38 salaries for public school central office administrators.

39 **SECTION 7.3.(f)** The annual salary increase for all permanent full-time
 40 personnel paid from the Central Office Allotment shall be five percent (5%),
 41 commencing July 1, 2006. The State Board of Education shall allocate these funds to
 42 local school administrative units. The local boards of education shall establish
 43 guidelines for providing salary increases to these personnel.

44
 45 **NONCERTIFIED PERSONNEL SALARY AND FAIR MINIMUM PAY**

46 **SECTION 7.4.(a)** The annual salary increase for permanent, full-time
 47 noncertified public school employees whose salaries are supported from the State's
 48 General Fund shall be five percent (5%), commencing July 1, 2006.

49 **SECTION 7.4.(b)** Local boards of education shall increase the rates of pay
 50 for such employees who were employed for all or part of fiscal year 2005-2006 and who
 51 continue their employment for fiscal year 2006-2007 by providing an annual salary
 52 increase for employees of five percent (5%). For part-time employees, the pay increase
 53 shall be pro rata based on the number of hours worked.

1 **SECTION 7.4.(c)** The State Board of Education may adopt salary ranges for
2 noncertified personnel to support increases of five percent (5%) for the 2006-2007 fiscal
3 year.

4 **SECTION 7.4.(d)** Effective July 1, 2006, permanent full-time noncertified
5 public school employees whose salaries are supported from the State's General Fund
6 shall be paid a minimum salary of at least twenty thousand one hundred twelve dollars
7 (\$20,112) per year. Permanent, full-time employees working on a schedule requiring
8 less than 12 months' service per year and permanent part-time employees, whose
9 salaries are supported from the State's General Fund, shall be paid the minimum salary
10 pro rata. The fair minimum wage salary adjustment provided by this section shall be
11 calculated and awarded after any across-the-board salary increases authorized by this
12 act.

13 14 **BONUS FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL AT THE TOP OF THEIR SALARY** 15 **SCHEDULES**

16 **SECTION 7.5.** Effective July 1, 2006, any permanent certified personnel
17 employed on July 1, 2006, and paid on the teacher salary schedule with 29+ years of
18 experience shall receive a one-time bonus equivalent to the average increase of the 26-
19 to 29-year steps, one and fifty-five hundredths percent (1.55%). Effective July 1, 2006,
20 any permanent personnel employed on July 1, 2006, and paid at the top of the principal
21 and assistant principal salary schedule shall receive a one-time bonus equivalent to two
22 percent (2%). For permanent part-time personnel, the one-time bonus shall be adjusted
23 pro rata. Personnel defined under G.S. 115C-325(a)(5a) are not eligible to receive the
24 bonus.

25 26 **FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE ABCS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

27 **SECTION 7.6.(a)** The State Board of Education shall use funds
28 appropriated in this act for State Aid to Local School Administrative Units to provide
29 incentive funding for schools that met or exceeded the projected levels of improvement
30 in student performance during the 2005-2006 school year, in accordance with the ABCs
31 of Public Education Program. In accordance with State Board of Education policy:

- 32 (1) Incentive awards in schools that achieve higher than expected
33 improvements may be up to:
34 a. One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for each teacher
35 and for certified personnel; and
36 b. Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each teacher assistant.
37 (2) Incentive awards in schools that meet the expected improvements may
38 be up to:
39 a. Seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each teacher and for
40 certified personnel; and
41 b. Three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375.00) for each teacher
42 assistant.

43 **SECTION 7.6.(b)** The State Board of Education may use funds appropriated
44 to the State Public School Fund to provide assistance to low-performing schools.

45 46 **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

47 **SECTION 7.7.** The State Board of Education shall allocate funds for
48 children with disabilities on the basis of two thousand nine hundred sixty-six dollars and
49 sixty-five cents (\$2,966.65) per child for a maximum of 172,040 children for the
50 2006-2007 school year. Each local school administrative unit shall receive funds for the
51 lesser of (i) all children who are identified as children with disabilities, or (ii) twelve
52 and five-tenths percent (12.5%) of the 2006-2007 allocated average daily membership
53 in the local school administrative unit.

54 The dollar amounts allocated under this section for children with disabilities
55 shall also adjust in accordance with legislative salary increments, retirement rate

1 adjustments, and health benefit adjustments for personnel who serve children with
2 disabilities.

3 4 **FUNDS FOR ACADEMICALLY GIFTED CHILDREN**

5 **SECTION 7.8.** The State Board of Education shall allocate funds for
6 academically or intellectually gifted children on the basis of nine hundred sixty-one
7 dollars and sixty cents (\$961.60) per child. A local school administrative unit shall
8 receive funds for a maximum of four percent (4%) of its 2006-2007 allocated average
9 daily membership, regardless of the number of children identified as academically or
10 intellectually gifted in the unit. The State Board shall allocate funds for no more than
11 57,419 children for the 2006-2007 school year.

12 The dollar amounts allocated under this section for academically or
13 intellectually gifted children shall also adjust in accordance with legislative salary
14 increments, retirement rate adjustments, and health benefit adjustments for personnel
15 who serve academically or intellectually gifted children.

16 17 **LEA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

18 **SECTION 7.9.(a)** The State Board of Education shall report on a plan to
19 provide assistance to low-performing schools and LEAs and to assist schools and LEAs
20 not meeting adequate yearly progress as identified in the No Child Left Behind Act of
21 2001. The report shall include historical data on assistance that has been provided and
22 the quantitative outcomes, including student academic performance for each school and
23 LEA assisted. The report shall also include research-based data regarding state LEA
24 and school assistance programs. The plan shall ensure that all assistance to LEAs and
25 schools that is provided on behalf of the State Board of Education (SBE) by the
26 Department of Public Instruction and its contractors shall be consolidated into the LEA
27 Assistance Program (LEAAP) created in the 2003 Session of the General Assembly.

28 **SECTION 7.9.(b)** The State Board of Education shall develop the criteria
29 for LEA Assistance Teams (i) the criteria for selecting LEAs and schools to receive
30 assistance, (ii) measurable goals and objectives for the assistance program, (iii) an
31 explanation of the type of assistance to be provided with these combined resources. The
32 Department will develop a revised organizational structure and budget for the provision
33 of assistance services to LEAs to ensure the Department can meet the needs of the
34 LEAs. This structure and budget must be approved by the State Board of Education.
35 The report to the Office of State Budget and Management, the Fiscal Research Division,
36 and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the criteria and the new
37 organizational structure, proposed budget, functions, and projected workloads shall be
38 submitted by August 15, 2006.

39 **SECTION 7.9.(c)** To implement the plan, notwithstanding G.S. 143-23,
40 funds shall be transferred from within existing appropriations to the LEAAP. The State
41 Board of Education may, subject to the approval of the Office of State Budget and
42 Management, use these funds to create positions. For 2006-2007 only, the State Board
43 may transfer General Fund appropriations between personal service and nonpersonal
44 service line items provided that it has been approved by the State Board and has prior
45 approval from the Office of State Budget and Management, in order to have the
46 flexibility during the transition year to structure itself most efficiently for the delivery of
47 services. However, all funds transferred under this provision are only for this program
48 and for the services described herein. Funds are not to be used to raise the salary of
49 existing employees. These funds shall come from appropriations currently supporting
50 positions, and related operating costs within the Department of Public Instruction for
51 school improvement teams and for Closing the Gap positions, and from the funds
52 appropriated to the State Public School Fund being used for contractual services and
53 associated costs for the Assistance Teams. The Office of State Budget and Management
54 shall approve the plan prior to the transfer of funds.

1 **SECTION 7.9.(d)** A report shall be submitted on the prior year's expenditure
2 of these funds by August 31 of each year. The report shall contain: (i) the criteria for
3 selecting LEAs and schools to receive assistance, (ii) measurable goals and objectives
4 for the assistance program, (iii) an explanation of the assistance provided, (iv) findings
5 from the assistance program, (v) actual expenditures by category, (vi) recommendations
6 for the continuance of this program, and (vii) any other information the State Board
7 deems necessary. These funds shall not revert at the end of each fiscal year but shall
8 remain available until expended for this purpose.

9 10 **DISADVANTAGED STUDENT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING**

11 **SECTION 7.10.** Section 7.8 of S.L. 2005-276 is amended by adding a new
12 subsection to read:

13 "SECTION 7.8.(c) Beginning in the 2006-2007 fiscal year, funds appropriated for
14 disadvantaged student supplemental funding (DSSF) shall be allotted based upon a
15 teacher-to-student ratio for the eligible DSSF population using the following formula:

- 16 (1) Local education agencies (LEAs) in counties with wealth greater than
17 ninety percent (90%) of the statewide average shall receive one
18 teaching position per 20.5 DSSF population;
- 19 (2) LEAs in counties with wealth not less than eighty percent (80%) and
20 not greater than ninety percent (90%) of the statewide average shall
21 receive one teaching position per 20 DSSF population;
- 22 (3) LEAs in counties with wealth less than eighty percent (80%) of the
23 statewide average shall receive one teaching position per 19.5 DSSF
24 population;
- 25 (4) LEAs receiving DSSF funds in 2005-2006 shall receive one teaching
26 position per 16 DSSF population. These LEAs shall receive no less
27 than the DSSF amount allotted in 2005-2006.

28 For the purpose of this subsection, wealth shall be calculated under the low
29 wealth supplemental formula."

30 31 **LEARN AND EARN HIGH SCHOOLS**

32 **SECTION 7.11.** Section 7.32 of S.L. 2005-276 is amended by adding the
33 following new subsections:

34 "SECTION 7.32.(e) Enrollment fees and tuition for The University of North
35 Carolina courses in which Learn and Earn students are enrolled are allowable uses of
36 these funds. Tuition costs may include laboratory fees assessed to all students enrolled
37 in the course or a similar course.

38 SECTION 7.32.(f) Textbooks required for college courses in which Learn and Earn
39 students are enrolled may be purchased with these funds.

40 SECTION 7.32.(g) Payment of fees from these funds by local school
41 administrative units to partnering community colleges and universities are restricted to
42 technology or course fees. Funds appropriated in this act shall not be used to support the
43 cost of athletic or other student activity or campus fees not required by enrollment in a
44 specific course.

45 SECTION 7.32.(h) The State Board of Education shall allot funds for university
46 enrollment, tuition and fees, and textbooks on the basis of and after verification of the
47 credit hour enrollment of Learn and Earn students in university courses. The State
48 Board of Education shall allot funds for community college fees and textbooks on the
49 basis of and after verification of the credit hour enrollment of Learn and Earn students
50 in community college courses."

51 52 **NC WISE POSITIONS**

53 **SECTION 7.12.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 143-23, the State Board of
54 Education may, in consultation with the Office of Information Technology Services, use
55 funds appropriated in this act for NC WISE to create a maximum of 20 positions and

1 incur expenditures necessary to transfer the maintenance and administration of the NC
2 WISE system from the vendor to the Department of Public Instruction.

3 **SECTION 7.12.(b)** The Department of Public Instruction shall report on a
4 quarterly basis to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the
5 implementation of the NC WISE project.
6

7 **LITERACY COACHES**

8 **SECTION 7.13.(a)** Funds in the amount of four million seven hundred
9 sixty-seven thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,767,400) are appropriated to support the
10 selection and hiring of 100 literacy coaches. Coaches will be hired and placed in 100
11 middle schools or other public schools with an eighth grade class. A site selection
12 process including formal criteria will be developed by the State Board of Education in
13 consultation with the North Carolina Teacher Academy. The site must receive formal
14 approval of the State Board of Education to receive funds for this purpose. Sites
15 prioritized for selection will include representation from a wide demographic and will
16 include, but will not be limited to, feeder schools to Learn and Earn schools, New
17 Schools Project schools, Disadvantaged Student Supplemental Funding (DSSF)
18 districts, or select schools with the lowest tier of reading scores in the most recent three
19 years on end-of-grade tests. To be selected, schools must (i) contain an eighth grade
20 class, and (ii) ensure that Literacy Coaches will have no administrative responsibilities
21 in the schools in which they are placed.

22 **SECTION 7.13.(b)** National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
23 (NBPTS) certified teachers serving in these positions shall be exempt from the
24 requirements in G.S.115C-296.2(b)(2)d. and shall remain on the NBPTS teacher salary
25 schedule.
26

27 **EXPAND LEA ACCESS TO EDUCATION VALUE ADDED ASSESSMENT** 28 **SYSTEM (EVAAS)**

29 **SECTION 7.14.(a)** The State Board of Education shall identify local school
30 administrative units to receive funds for purchasing licenses to EVAAS diagnostic
31 software based on criteria that shall include (i) identified need, (ii) readiness, and (iii)
32 county wealth, as defined in the Low-Wealth Supplemental Funding Formula. The
33 Board shall identify as many units as possible within funds available for this purpose.

34 **SECTION 7.14.(b)** Funds appropriated for EVAAS in the 2005-2006 fiscal
35 year shall not revert, but shall be carried forward to the 2006-2007 fiscal year for
36 expenditures for training related to expanding local school administrative units' access
37 to the EVAAS tool. Any such funds not spent by June 30, 2007, shall revert to the
38 General Fund.

39 **SECTION 7.14.(c)** This section becomes effective June 30, 2006.
40

41 **CLARIFY DEFINITION: PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUNDS**

42 **SECTION 7.15.** G.S. 115C-546.2(d)(2)a. reads as rewritten:

43 "a. "Effective county tax rate" means the actual county tax ~~rate~~
44 rate, including any countywide supplemental taxes levied for
45 the benefit of public schools, multiplied by a three-year
46 weighted average of the most recent annual sales assessment
47 ratio studies."
48

49 **NORTH CAROLINA VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCHOOL**

50 **SECTION 7.16.(a)** The North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS)
51 program shall report to the State Board of Education and shall maintain an
52 administrative office at the Department of Public Instruction

53 **SECTION 7.16.(b)** The Director of NCVPS will ensure that course quality
54 standards are established and met and that all e-learning opportunities offered by
55 State-funded entities to public school students are consolidated under the NC Virtual

1 Public School Program, eliminating course duplication. The Director shall report on the
2 proposed consolidation and operating plan for 2007-2008 to the Joint Legislative
3 Education Oversight Committee, the Office of State Budget and Management, and the
4 Fiscal Research Division no later than January 15, 2007. Consolidation will be
5 completed by June 30, 2007. Notwithstanding G.S 143-23, the State Board of Education
6 may move funds within the budget to implement the consolidation.

7 **SECTION 7.16.(c)** Subsequent to course consolidation, the Director will
8 prioritize e-learning course offerings for students residing in rural and low-wealth
9 county LEAs, in order to expand available instructional opportunities. First-available
10 e-learning instructional opportunities should include courses required as part of the
11 standard course of study for high school graduation and AP offerings not otherwise
12 available.

13 **SECTION 7.16.(d)** The State Board of Education shall develop an allotment
14 formula for funding e-learning, effective in the 2007-2008 fiscal year. In developing the
15 formula, the Board shall consider, at a minimum, the following:

- 16 (1) The number of students in average daily membership (ADM) projected
17 to enroll in e-learning,
- 18 (2) The projected cost of fees for e-learning courses,
- 19 (3) The extent to which projected enrollment in e-learning courses affects
20 funding required for other allotments that are based on ADM.

21 **SECTION 7.16.(e)** Any funds appropriated in this act for the NCVPS
22 program that are not expended in fiscal year 2006-2007 shall be carried forward for
23 expenditure in fiscal year 2007-2008. Any such funds that remain unexpended on June
24 30, 2008, shall revert to the General Fund.

25 26 DISTANCE EDUCATION

27 **SECTION 7.17.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143-23, the State Board of Education
28 may use monies from the State Public School Fund in 2006-2007 only to pay for the
29 additional costs associated with an increased number of registration fees for students
30 enrolling in Distance Education courses.

31 In preparation for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the Office of State Budget and
32 Management is urged to include costs associated with increases in enrollment in
33 Distance Education courses in the continuation budget.

34 35 TRANSFER MORE AT FOUR PROGRAM AND OFFICE OF SCHOOL 36 READINESS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

37 **SECTION 7.18.(a)** The More at Four program and the Office of School
38 Readiness are transferred from the Office of the Governor to the Department of Public
39 Instruction effective July 1, 2006. This transfer shall have all of the elements of a Type
40 I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6. The Office of School Readiness will provide
41 oversight to the More at Four program and other related early childhood and
42 prekindergarten education experiences. An Executive Director for the Office of School
43 Readiness will be appointed by the State Board of Education.

44 **SECTION 7.18.(b)** Section 10.67(a) of S.L. 2005-276 is repealed.

45 **SECTION 7.18.(c)** Section 10.67(b) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

46 **"SECTION 10.67.(b)** ~~The Department of Health and Human Services and the~~
47 ~~Department of Public Instruction, with guidance from the Task Force,~~ shall continue the
48 implementation of the "More at Four" prekindergarten program for at-risk
49 four-year-olds who are at risk of failure in kindergarten. The program is available
50 statewide to all counties that choose to participate, including underserved areas. The
51 goal of the program is to provide quality prekindergarten services to a greater number of
52 at-risk children in order to enhance kindergarten readiness for these children. The
53 program shall be consistent with standards and assessments established jointly by the
54 Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Instruction.
55 The program shall include:

- 1 (1) A process and system for identifying children at risk of academic
2 failure.
- 3 (2) A process and system for identifying children who are not being
4 served ~~first priority~~ in formal early education programs, such as child
5 care, public or private preschools, Head Start, Early Head Start, early
6 intervention programs, or other such programs, who demonstrate
7 educational needs, and who are eligible to enter kindergarten the next
8 school year, as well as children who are underserved.
- 9 (3) A curriculum or several curricula that are research-based and/or built
10 on sound instructional theory recommended by the Task Force. ~~The~~
11 ~~Task Force will identify and approve appropriate research-based~~
12 ~~curricula.~~ These curricula shall: (i) focus primarily on oral language
13 and emergent literacy; (ii) engage children through key experiences
14 and provide background knowledge requisite for formal learning and
15 successful reading in the early elementary years; (iii) involve active
16 learning; (iv) promote measurable kindergarten language-readiness
17 skills that focus on emergent literacy and mathematical skills; and (v)
18 develop skills that will prepare children emotionally and socially for
19 kindergarten.
- 20 (4) An emphasis on ongoing family involvement with the prekindergarten
21 program.
- 22 (5) Evaluation of child progress through a preassessment and
23 postassessment of children in the statewide evaluation, as well as
24 ongoing assessment of the children by teachers.
- 25 (6) Guidelines for a system to reimburse local school boards and systems,
26 private child care providers, and other entities willing to establish and
27 provide prekindergarten programs to serve at-risk children.
- 28 (7) A system built upon existing local school boards and systems, private
29 child care providers, and other entities that demonstrate the ability to
30 establish or expand prekindergarten capacity.
- 31 (8) A quality-control system. Participating providers shall comply with
32 standards and guidelines as established by the Department of Health
33 and Human Services and the Department of Public Instruction, ~~and the~~
34 ~~Task Force.~~ The Department may use the child care rating system to
35 assist in determining program participation.
- 36 (9) Standards for minimum teacher qualifications. A portion of the
37 classroom sites initially funded shall have at least one teacher who is
38 certified or provisionally certified in birth-to-kindergarten education.
- 39 (10) A local contribution. Programs must demonstrate that they are
40 accessing resources other than "More at Four".
- 41 (11) A system of accountability.
- 42 (12) Consideration of the reallocation of existing funds. In order to
43 maximize current funding and resources, the Department of Health and
44 Human Services and the Department of Public Instruction, ~~and the~~
45 ~~Task Force~~ shall consider the reallocation of existing funds from State
46 and local programs that provide prekindergarten-related care and
47 services."

48 **SECTION 7.18.(d)** Section 10.67(c) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

49 **"SECTION 10.67.(c)** ~~The Department of Health and Human Services~~ Department
50 of Public Instruction shall implement a plan to expand plan for expansion of the "More
51 at Four" program standards within existing resources to include four- and five-star-rated
52 centers and schools serving four-year-olds and develop guidelines for these programs.
53 ~~The Department shall analyze guidelines for use of the "More at Four" funds, State~~
54 ~~subsidy funds, and Smart Start subsidy funds and devise a complementary plan for~~
55 ~~administration of funds for all four year old classrooms.~~ The "NC Prekindergarten

1 Program Standards" initiative shall recognize four- and five-star-rated centers that
 2 choose to apply and meet equivalent "More at Four" program standards as high quality
 3 pre-k classrooms. Classrooms meeting these standards shall, have at a minimum,
 4 receive curricula and access to training and workshops for "More at Four" programs.
 5 Whenever expansion slots are available, these classrooms shall have first priority to
 6 receive them and be considered along with other "More at Four" programs for
 7 T.E.A.C.H. funding. The Department shall ensure that no individual receives funding
 8 from more than one source for the same purpose or activity during the same funding
 9 period. For purposes of this subsection, sources shall include T.E.A.C.H., W.A.G.E.S.,
 10 and T.E.A.C.H. Health Insurance programs for individual recipients.

11 The "More at Four" program shall review the number of slots filled by
 12 counties on a monthly basis and shift the unfilled slots to counties with waiting lists.
 13 The shifting of slots shall occur through ~~December 30, 2005,~~ January 31 of each year,
 14 at which time any remaining funds for slots unfilled shall be used to meet the needs of
 15 the waiting list for subsidized child care."

16 **SECTION 7.18.(e)** Section 10.67(d) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

17 **"SECTION 10.67.(d)** ~~The Department of Health and Human Services, the~~
 18 ~~Department of Public Instruction, and the Task Force shall submit a report by February~~
 19 ~~1, 2006~~ The Department of Public Instruction shall submit a report by February 1, 2007,
 20 to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Joint Legislative
 21 Education Oversight Committee, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and
 22 Human Services Education, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee
 23 on Health and Human Services Education, and the Fiscal Research Division. This final
 24 report shall include the following:

- 25 (1) The number of children participating in the program.
- 26 (2) The number of children participating in the program who have never
 27 been served in other early education programs, such as child care,
 28 public or private preschool, Head Start, Early Head Start, or early
 29 intervention programs.
- 30 (3) The expected expenditures for the programs and the source of the local
 31 match for each grantee.
- 32 (4) The location of program sites and the corresponding number of
 33 children participating in the program at each site.
- 34 ~~(5) Activities involving Child Find in counties.~~
- 35 ~~(6)~~(5) A comprehensive cost analysis of the program, including the cost per
 36 child served by the program.
- 37 ~~(7)~~(6) The plan for expansion of "More at Four" through existing resources
 38 status of the NC Prekindergarten initiatives as outlined in this
 39 section."

40 **SECTION 7.18.(f)** Section 10.67(e) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

41 **"SECTION 10.67.(e)** For the 2005-2006 and the 2006-2007 fiscal years, the "More
 42 at Four" program shall establish income eligibility requirements for the program not to
 43 exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the State median income ~~to make the program~~
 44 ~~consistent with the child care subsidy requirements.~~ Up to twenty percent (20%) of
 45 children enrolled may have family incomes in excess of seventy-five percent (75%) of
 46 median income if they have other designated risk factors."

47 **SECTION 7.18.(g)** Section 10.67(f) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

48 **"SECTION 10.67.(f)** The "More at Four" program funding shall not supplant any
 49 funding for classrooms serving four-year-olds as of the ~~2003-2004~~ 2005-2006 fiscal
 50 year. Support of existing four-year-old classrooms with "More at Four" program
 51 funding shall be permitted when current funding is eliminated, reduced or redirected as
 52 required to meet other specified federal or State educational mandates."

53 **SECTION 7.18.(h)** Section 10.67(g) of S.L. 2005-276 is repealed.

54 **SECTION 7.18.(i)** G.S. 115C-242(1) reads as rewritten:

1 "(1) A school bus may be used for the transportation of pupils enrolled in
2 and employees in the operation of the school to which such bus is
3 assigned by the superintendent of the local school administrative unit.
4 Except as otherwise herein provided, such transportation shall be
5 limited to transportation to and from such school for the regularly
6 organized school day, and from and to the points designated by the
7 principal of the school to which such bus is assigned, for the receiving
8 and discharging of passengers. No pupil or employee shall be so
9 transported upon any bus other than the bus to which such pupil or
10 employee has been assigned pursuant to the provisions of this Article:
11 Provided, that children enrolled in a Headstart program or any More at
12 Four program which is housed in a building owned and operated by a
13 local school administrative unit where school is being conducted may
14 be transported on public school buses, and any additional costs
15 associated with such so long as the contractual arrangements shall be
16 incurred by the benefitting Head Start or More at Four program made
17 ~~cause no extra expense to the State~~: Provided further, that children
18 with special needs may be transported to and from the nearest
19 appropriate private school having a special education program
20 approved by the State Board of Education if the children to be
21 transported are or have been placed in that program by a local school
22 administrative unit as a result of the State or the unit's duty to provide
23 such children with a free appropriate public education."
24

25 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING FOR TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM

26 **SECTION 7.19.(a)** G.S. 115C-363.23A(f) reads as rewritten:

27 "(f) All funds appropriated to or otherwise received by the Teaching Fellows
28 Program for scholarships, all funds received as repayment of scholarship loans, and all
29 interest earned on these funds, shall be placed in a revolving fund. This revolving fund
30 shall be used for scholarship loans granted under the Teaching Fellows Program. With
31 the prior approval of the General Assembly in the Current Operations Appropriations
32 Act, the revolving fund may also be used for campus and summer program support, and
33 costs related to disbursement of awards and collection of loan repayments.

34 The Public School Forum, as administrator for the Teaching Fellows Program, may
35 use up to ~~one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) annually~~ eight hundred ten
36 thousand dollars (\$810,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year from the fund balance for
37 costs associated with administration of the Teaching Fellows Program. In subsequent
38 fiscal years, this amount shall be increased by the Office of State Budget and
39 Management as necessary to provide salary increases to Program employees
40 commensurate with legislative salary increases for State employees."

41 **SECTION 7.19.(b)** The additional funding provided for administration of
42 the Teaching Fellows Program in G.S. 115C-363.23A(f), as rewritten by subsection (a)
43 of this section, shall be used to meet current administrative expenses of the Program,
44 expand minority recruitment initiatives, and expand the Program to up to four additional
45 campuses using a merit-based selection process developed by the North Carolina
46 Teaching Fellows Commission.

47 The Teaching Fellows Program shall report to the Joint Legislative Education
48 Oversight Committee by December 1, 2006, on the campuses selected and on the
49 selection process.
50

51 REFUND OF LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES TO A LOCAL SCHOOL 52 ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

53 **SECTION 7.20.(a)** G.S. 105-467(b) reads as rewritten:

54 "(b) Exemptions and Refunds. – The State exemptions and exclusions contained
55 in G.S. 105-164.13, the State sales and use tax holiday contained in G.S. 105-164.13C,

1 and the State refund provisions contained in G.S. 105-164.14 apply to the local sales
2 and use tax authorized to be levied and imposed under this Article. Except as provided
3 in this subsection, a taxing county may not allow an exemption, exclusion, or refund
4 that is not allowed under the State sales and use tax. A local school administrative unit
5 and a joint agency created by interlocal agreement among local school administrative
6 units pursuant to G.S. 160A-462 to jointly purchase food service-related materials,
7 supplies, and equipment on their behalf is allowed an annual refund of sales and use
8 taxes paid by it under this Article on direct purchases of tangible personal property and
9 services, other than electricity and telecommunications service. Sales and use tax
10 liability indirectly incurred by the entity on building materials, supplies, fixtures, and
11 equipment that become a part of or annexed to any building or structure that is owned or
12 leased by the entity and is being erected, altered, or repaired for use by the entity is
13 considered a sales or use tax liability incurred on direct purchases by the entity for the
14 purpose of this subsection. A request for a refund shall be in writing and shall include
15 any information and documentation required by the Secretary. A request for a refund is
16 due within six months after the end of the entity's fiscal year. Refunds applied for more
17 than three years after the due date are barred."

18 **SECTION 7.20.(b)** Section 7.51(c) of S.L. 2005-276, as amended by
19 Section 7 of S.L. 2005-345, reads as rewritten:

20 "SECTION 7.51.(c) Subsection (b) of this section becomes effective July 1, 2006.
21 Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 105-164.44H, for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the
22 amount transferred to the State Public School Fund each quarter shall equal one-fourth
23 of the amount refunded under G.S. 105-164.14(c)(2b) and (2c) during the 2005-2006
24 fiscal year for State sales and use taxes only plus or minus the percentage of that amount
25 by which the total collection of State sales and use tax increased or decreased during the
26 preceding fiscal year. The remainder of this section becomes effective July 1, 2005, and
27 applies to sales made on or after that date."

28 **SECTION 7.20.(c)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2005, and applies
29 to sales made on or after that date.

30 31 **SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHERS PILOT** 32 **PROGRAM**

33 **SECTION 7.21.(a)** Funds in the amount of five hundred fifteen thousand
34 one hundred fifteen dollars (\$515,115) are appropriated in this act for a pilot program
35 providing for a salary supplement for newly hired teachers (as defined by the State
36 Board of Education) of mathematics or science at the middle or high school level. The
37 State Board of Education shall develop the pilot program and select three local school
38 administrative units to participate in the pilot program. In selecting the units, the Board
39 shall target low-performing local school administrative units and take geographical
40 diversity into account. Selected local school administrative units shall use salary
41 supplement funds for newly hired teachers at low-performing schools.

42 Each of the pilot units shall receive funds to provide for a salary supplement
43 of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to up to 10 newly hired teachers at the middle or
44 high school level who have nonprovisional certification in and are teaching in one or
45 more of the following areas of teacher certification:

- 46 (1) Middle grades mathematics,
- 47 (2) Middle grades science,
- 48 (3) Mathematics (9-12),
- 49 (4) Science (9-12),
- 50 (5) Earth science (9-12),
- 51 (6) Biology (9-12),
- 52 (7) Physics (9-12), and
- 53 (8) Chemistry (9-12).

1 **SECTION 7.21.(b)** In accordance with G.S. 115C-325 and by way of
 2 clarification, it shall not constitute a demotion as that term is defined in
 3 G.S. 115C-325(a)(4) if:

- 4 (1) A teacher who receives a salary supplement pursuant to subsection (a)
 5 of this section is reassigned to a school at which there is no such salary
 6 supplement;
- 7 (2) A teacher who receives a salary supplement pursuant to subsection (a)
 8 of this section moves to a different local school administrative unit; or
- 9 (3) A teacher receives a salary supplement pursuant to subsection (a) of
 10 this section and the salary supplement is subsequently discontinued or
 11 reduced.

12 **SECTION 7.21.(c)** Funds not needed to pay for salary supplements shall
 13 revert to the General Fund.

14 **SECTION 7.21.(d)** The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint
 15 Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the design of the pilot program prior to
 16 implementation. The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint Legislative
 17 Education Oversight Committee on the implementation of the pilot program by January
 18 15, 2007.

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 20 **PART VIII. COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

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 22 **SALARIES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY AND PROFESSIONAL**
 23 **STAFF**

24 **SECTION 8.1.** Section 8.3 of S.L. 2005-276 is amended by adding a new
 25 subsection to read:

26 **"SECTION 8.3.(b1)** For the 2006-2007 school year, the minimum salaries for
 27 nine-month, full-time, curriculum community college faculty shall be as follows:

Education Level	Minimum Salary <u>2006-2007</u>
Vocational Diploma/Certificate or Less	\$31,728
Associate Degree or Equivalent	\$32,195
Bachelors Degree	\$34,220
Masters Degree or Education Specialist	\$36,016
Doctoral Degree	\$38,607

35 No full-time faculty member shall earn less than the minimum salary for his or her
 36 education level.

37 The pro rata hourly rate of the minimum salary for each education level shall be
 38 used to determine the minimum salary for part-time faculty members."
 39

40 **USE OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY**
 41 **COLLEGE**

42 **SECTION 8.2.** Funds appropriated for composite testing at Isothermal
 43 Community College and not used for that purpose may be used to purchase equipment
 44 for the Lifelong Learning Center located at Isothermal Community College.
 45

46 **USE OF FUNDS FOR THE COLLEGE INFORMATION SYSTEM PROJECT**

47 **SECTION 8.3.(a)** Funds appropriated to the Community Colleges System
 48 Office for the College Information System Project shall not revert at the end of the
 49 2005-2006 fiscal year but shall remain available until expended.

50 **SECTION 8.3.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 143-23, the Community Colleges
 51 System Office may, subject to the approval of the Office of State Budget and
 52 Management, in consultation with the Office of Information Technology Services, and
 53 after consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations,
 54 use funds appropriated in this act for the College Information System Project to create a
 55 maximum of 20 positions or incur expenditures necessary to transfer the maintenance

1 and administration of the College Information System Project from the vendor to the
2 System Office.

3 **SECTION 8.3.(c)** The Community Colleges System Office shall report on a
4 quarterly basis to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the
5 implementation of the College Information System Project.

6 **SECTION 8.3.(d)** Subsection (a) of this section becomes effective June 30,
7 2006.

8 9 **CARRYFORWARD FOR EQUIPMENT**

10 **SECTION 8.4.(a)** Subject to the approval of the Office of State Budget and
11 Management and cash availability, the North Carolina Community Colleges System
12 Office may carry forward an amount not to exceed ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of
13 the operating funds that were not reverted in fiscal year 2005-2006 to be reallocated to
14 the State Board of Community Colleges' Equipment Reserve Fund. These funds shall
15 be distributed to colleges consistent with G.S. 115D-31.

16 **SECTION 8.4.(b)** This section becomes effective June 30, 2006.

17 18 **NC COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM MAY USE STATE FUNDS IN LIEU** 19 **OF FEDERAL FUNDS DUE TO FEDERAL MANDATES**

20 **SECTION 8.5.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143-23, the Community Colleges
21 System Office may use State literacy funds to fund the State administration of the GED
22 office. Federal funds previously used to support the State administration functions shall
23 be reallocated to the colleges.

24 25 **REPORT ON THE NCCCS BIONETWORK**

26 **SECTION 8.6.** The Community Colleges System Office shall report by
27 November 1, 2006, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the Office
28 of State Budget and Management, and the Fiscal Research Division on the
29 implementation of the NCCCS BioNetwork. This report shall include an explanation of
30 the BioNetwork's activities, accomplishments, and expenditures.

31 32 **STUDY OF NEW AND EXPANDING INDUSTRY TRAINING**

33 **SECTION 8.7.** The Office of State Budget and Management shall conduct a
34 study to analyze and evaluate the New and Expanding Industry Training program of the
35 North Carolina Community College System. This study shall examine the companies
36 served, the number of times each company has been served, the number of jobs created,
37 the length of time the company has remained in North Carolina after receiving New and
38 Expanding Industry Training funds, and whether the company has maintained
39 employment levels at the same level promised when training was received. The
40 findings of the study shall be reported to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight
41 Committee no later than April 1, 2007.

42 43 **MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR BOND FUNDS**

44 **SECTION 8.8.** Section 3(d) of S.L. 2000-3 reads as rewritten:

45 **"Section 3.(d)** If the State Board of Community Colleges determines that a
46 community college has not met its matching requirements by July 1, ~~2006,2007~~, with
47 respect to a capital improvement project for which bond proceeds are allocated in this
48 act, the Board shall certify that fact to the State Treasurer by October 1, ~~2006,2007~~. All
49 of these bond proceeds with respect to which the Board certifies that the matching
50 requirement has not been met by July 1, ~~2006,2007~~, shall be placed by the State
51 Treasurer in a special account within the Community Colleges Bond Fund and shall be
52 used for making grants to community colleges. Bond proceeds in the special account
53 shall be allocated among the community colleges in accordance with the following
54 conditions:

- 1 (1) The State Board of Community Colleges shall generate, by October 1,
2 ~~2006,2007~~, a priority ranking of legitimate community college capital
3 improvement needs using a formula based on objective meaningful
4 factors relevant to capital needs, including actual and projected
5 enrollment, space requirements, current capacity, construction costs,
6 and any other factors the State Board considers relevant.
- 7 (2) The State Board of Community Colleges shall provide the State
8 Treasurer a projected allocation of the proceeds in the special account
9 in accordance with this priority ranking, except that:
- 10 a. No projected allocation shall be made for a community college
11 that the Board certified in accordance with this subsection had
12 failed to meet a matching requirement.
- 13 b. No more than four million dollars (\$4,000,000) shall be
14 allocated to a single community college.
- 15 c. Funds shall not be allocated for more than one project per
16 community college.
- 17 (3) The proceeds of grants made from bond proceeds in the special
18 account shall be allocated and expended for paying the cost of
19 community college capital improvements in accordance with this
20 allocation by the State Board of Community Colleges, to the extent
21 and as provided in this act. The Director of the Budget is empowered,
22 when the Director of the Budget determines it is in the best interest of
23 the State and the North Carolina Community College System to do so,
24 and if the cost of a particular project is less than the projected
25 allocation, to use the excess funds to increase the size of that project or
26 increase the size of any other project itemized in this section, or to
27 increase the amount allocated to a particular community college within
28 the aggregate amount of funds available under this section. The
29 Director of the Budget shall consult with the Advisory Budget
30 Commission and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
31 Operations before making these changes."

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOW-WEALTH FUNDING

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34 **SECTION 8.9.(a)** G.S. 115D-31.3 is amended by adding a new subsection
35 to read:

36 "(j) Use of funds in low-wealth counties. – Funds retained by colleges or
37 distributed to colleges pursuant to this section may be used to supplement local funding
38 for maintenance of plant if the college does not receive maintenance of plant funds
39 pursuant to G.S. 115D-31.2, and if the county in which the main campus of the
40 community college is located:

- 41 (1) Is designated as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 county in accordance with
42 G.S. 105-129.3;
- 43 (2) Had an unemployment rate of at least two percent (2%) above the
44 State average or greater than seven percent (7%), whichever is higher,
45 in the prior calendar year; and
- 46 (3) Is a county whose wealth, as calculated under the formula for
47 distributing supplemental funding for schools in low-wealth counties,
48 is eighty percent (80%) or less of the State average.

49 Funds may be used for this purpose only after all local funds appropriated for
50 maintenance of plant have been expended."

51 **SECTION 8.9.(b)** This section becomes effective June 30, 2006.

PART IX. UNIVERSITIES

UNC-NCCCS 2+2 E-LEARNING INITIATIVE

1 **SECTION 9.1.** The University of North Carolina and Community Colleges
2 System Office shall report by September 1, 2006, to the Joint Legislative Education
3 Oversight Committee, the Office of State Budget and Management, and the Fiscal
4 Research Division of the General Assembly on the implementation of the UNC-NCCCS
5 2+2 E-Learning Initiative. This report shall include:

- 6 (1) The courses and programs within the 2+2 E-Learning Initiative;
- 7 (2) The total number of prospective teachers that have taken or are taking
8 part in this initiative to date broken down by the current academic
9 period and each of the previous academic periods since the program's
10 inception;
- 11 (3) The total number of teachers currently in the State's classroom, by
12 local school administrative unit, who have taken part in this initiative;
- 13 (4) The change in the number of teachers available to schools since the
14 program's inception;
- 15 (5) The qualitative data from students, teachers, local school
16 administrative unit personnel, university personnel, and community
17 college personnel as to the impact of this initiative on our State's
18 teaching pool; and
- 19 (6) An explanation of the expenditures and collaborative programs
20 between the North Carolina Community College System and The
21 University of North Carolina, including recommendations for
22 improvement.

23 24 **TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENT PLANS**

25 **SECTION 9.2.** The University of North Carolina Board of Governors' Task
26 Force on Meeting Teacher Supply and Demand called for the President to develop a
27 plan for enrollment growth in the University System's teacher education programs to
28 respond to the State's shortage of teachers. In a presentation to the Joint Legislative
29 Education Oversight Committee and to the Board of Governors, a commitment was
30 made to increase the number of teacher education graduates. The University of North
31 Carolina General Administration shall obtain plans from each constituent institution as
32 to how they will maintain their current enrollment in the teacher education programs
33 and achieve their growth targets to ensure such increases in those programs occur. Plans
34 may include using enrollment growth funds for targeted admissions, enhanced student
35 support, and advising, recruiting, increases in faculty in necessary instructional areas
36 that lead to certification, and other methods General Administration believes will
37 achieve those results. The University of North Carolina General Administration shall
38 report back to the Office of State Budget and Management and the Joint Legislative
39 Education Oversight Committee no later than December 30, 2006, on each constituent
40 institution's plan. No later than March 31, 2007, The University of North Carolina
41 General Administration shall submit a report on progress towards meeting this priority
42 for the 2007-2008 academic year, based on each constituent institution's current
43 students in the education programs, and the students who have been accepted for the
44 2007-2008 fiscal year who are enrolling in the education programs. The report shall also
45 explain the distribution of enrollment growth funds by specific initiative.

46 47 **NORTH CAROLINA IN THE WORLD PROJECT**

48 **SECTION 9.3.** In collaboration with the State Board of Education and the
49 NC Department of Commerce, the NC Center for International Understanding shall
50 develop a plan to ensure that public K-12 international education efforts such as teacher
51 and student exchanges, curriculum development, and other initiatives for students,
52 teachers, and administrators are focused on key countries and regions of strategic
53 economic interest to North Carolina. The NC Center for International Understanding
54 shall report to the Office of State Budget and Management and the Joint Legislative
55 Education Oversight Committee on the activities and accomplishments of the two

1 hundred thousand dollar (\$200,000) nonrecurring appropriation for North Carolina in
2 the World Project no later than March 31, 2007.

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4 **STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ADDING NORTH CAROLINA WESLEYAN**
5 **COLLEGE TO UNC SYSTEM**

6 **SECTION 9.4.(a)** The Board of Governors of The University of North
7 Carolina shall study the feasibility of making North Carolina Wesleyan College a
8 constituent institution of The University of North Carolina. The study shall include all
9 of the following:

- 10 (1) Mission. – The Board of Governors shall evaluate the potential
11 missions of the campus that would meet the academic and economic
12 needs of the region, the State, and of the University System. The Board
13 of Governors shall take into account the need to avoid duplication of
14 curriculum and programs at other campuses, particularly those within
15 the same geographic area, unless the need for duplication is warranted.
16 The Board of Governors shall seek recommendations, suggestions, and
17 comments from community leaders, educational experts, and business
18 leaders in defining the mission of the new campus. Particular focus
19 shall be placed on utilizing the campus in a manner that addresses both
20 the economic and educational challenges of the region in a unique and
21 focused manner, such as in the areas of science, technology, education,
22 and economic development.
- 23 (2) Cost. – The Board of Governors shall analyze the potential operating
24 costs of the campus. Factors such as the mission, staff and faculty
25 salaries, benefits, total faculty and staff levels, total projected student
26 enrollment, facility needs, and tuition rates shall be taken into account.
- 27 (3) Facility Needs. – The Board of Governors shall consider what
28 additional facility needs there may be, taking into account the
29 proposed mission of the campus. Examples of those needs may be lab
30 facility upgrades, new buildings to house an expanded student
31 population, and associated infrastructure expansion.
- 32 (4) Asset Transfer. – The Board of Governors shall obtain legal and
33 financial analyses to determine if there are any restrictions attached to
34 any of the College's assets (title to property, gifts to endowment, assets
35 purchased with restricted grant funds, etc.) that would prohibit the
36 transfer of the assets to the State. If there are restrictions, then the
37 analyses shall also include the steps necessary to lift the restrictions
38 and the costs of obtaining a clear title.
- 39 (5) Liability Analysis. – The Board of Governors shall also obtain a legal
40 analysis to determine whether there are pending liabilities against the
41 campus or reasonably foreseeable future liabilities against the campus.
42 If there are such liabilities, the legal analysis shall also address the
43 action needed to avoid transfer of any liability to the State.
- 44 (6) Transition of Current Students/Programs. – The Board of Governors
45 shall consider how best to handle the transition of the currently
46 enrolled student population, both on and off campus, into continuing
47 or new curriculum programs during the conversion period.
- 48 (7) Personnel. – The Board of Governors shall assess the employment
49 status of current personnel to determine what, if any, contractual and
50 other employment issues may arise in the conversion.
- 51 (8) Legislative Action. – The Board of Governors shall determine the
52 legislative action and statutory amendments needed to authorize and
53 implement the conversion.

1 **SECTION 9.4.(b)** Of the funds available to the Board of Governors of The
2 University of North Carolina, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the
3 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used to conduct the study required by this act.

4
5 **NORTH CAROLINA PROGRESS BOARD**

6 **SECTION 9.5.(a)** G.S. 143B-372.1 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 143B-372.1. North Carolina Progress Board.**

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

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

16 (1) ~~The Governor, ex officio;~~

17 (2) ~~Eight-Six~~ persons appointed by the Governor, none of whom shall be
18 State employees or officers;

19 (3) ~~Five-Six~~ persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives, two of whom shall be members of the House of
21 Representatives;

22 (4) ~~Five-Six~~ persons appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
23 Senate, two of whom shall be members of the Senate; and

24 (5) ~~Five-Six~~ persons appointed by the North Carolina Progress Board.

25 (c) ~~The Governor or the Governor's designee shall be chair of the North Carolina~~
26 ~~Progress Board. The Governor Progress Board shall appoint-elect a vice chair chair~~
27 from among the membership of the ~~North Carolina Progress Board~~ to serve at the
28 pleasure of the ~~Governor Progress Board~~. ~~The North Carolina Progress Board may elect~~
29 ~~such other any~~ officers as it sees fit.

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

34 (e) Board appointments shall be for terms to begin July 1, 1999, with subsequent
35 appointments to be made as terms expire or resignations occur. Of the Governor's
36 appointments, two shall be for one-year terms, two shall be for two-year terms, two
37 shall be for three-year terms, and two shall be for four-year terms. Of the appointments
38 made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the
39 Senate, and the North Carolina Progress Board, one member appointed by each shall be
40 appointed for a one-year term, one member appointed by each shall be appointed for a
41 two-year term, one member appointed by each shall be appointed for a three-year term,
42 and two members appointed by each shall be appointed for a four-year term. As terms
43 expire, successors shall be appointed for four-year terms.

44 (d1) Effective July 1, 2006, the initial term for the additional member appointed
45 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the North Carolina Progress Board
46 shall be for a four-year term to begin on July 1, 2006, and the initial term for the
47 additional member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to the North
48 Carolina Progress Board shall be for a four-year term to begin on July 1, 2006. The
49 Governor shall not appoint any members on July 1, 2006, for four-year terms.

50 (f) No member may be appointed to more than two consecutive terms. A
51 member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House vacates
52 membership on the North Carolina Progress Board when that person is no longer a
53 member of the House of Representatives, except that if that person is in office at the
54 expiration of the term of office in the House of Representatives but has not been elected
55 to the next term, that person shall continue to serve until the convening of the regular

1 session. A member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
2 vacates membership on the North Carolina Progress Board when that person is no
3 longer a member of the Senate, except that if that person is in office at the expiration of
4 the term of office in the Senate but has not been elected to the next term, that person
5 shall continue to serve until the convening of the regular session."

6 **SECTION 9.5.(b)** G.S. 143B-372.3 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 143B-372.3. Staff.**

8 (a) ~~Upon the recommendation of the Board, the Governor~~ The Progress Board or
9 its supporting nonprofit entity shall appoint an Executive Director who shall serve at the
10 pleasure of the Board and the Governor but, for administrative purposes, shall report to
11 the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina. The Executive Director
12 shall report to the North Carolina Progress Board and the Governor. The Executive
13 Director shall hire or contract with support staff, who shall work at the pleasure of the
14 Executive Director staff and obtain any other resources and take any other actions
15 reasonably required to fulfill the duties of the Progress Board as set forth in
16 G.S. 143B-372.2.

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

20 (c) Repealed by Session Laws 1999-237, s. 10.12(a)."
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22 **GRADUATE NURSE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR FACULTY**
23 **PRODUCTION**

24 **SECTION 9.6.** Article 9H of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended
25 by adding the following new sections to read:

26 **"§ 90-171.95. Graduate Nurse Scholarship Program for Faculty Production**
27 **established; administration.**

28 (a) There is established the Graduate Nurse Scholarship Program for Faculty
29 Production. The North Carolina Nursing Scholars Commission shall determine selection
30 criteria, methods of selection, and shall select recipients of scholarship loans made
31 under the Graduate Nurse Scholarship Program for Faculty Production.

32 (b) The Graduate Nurse Scholarship Program for Faculty Production shall be
33 used to provide the following:

34 (1) A scholarship loan for up to two years in the amount of fifteen
35 thousand dollars (\$15,000) per year, per recipient, to students enrolled
36 in a masters degree program in nursing education or any other area of
37 the nursing field that would permit them to become a nursing
38 instructor at a North Carolina community college or university.

39 (2) A scholarship loan for up to three years in the amount of fifteen
40 thousand dollars (\$15,000) per year, per recipient, to students enrolled
41 in a doctoral degree program in nursing education or any other area of
42 the nursing field that would permit them to become a nursing
43 instructor at a North Carolina community college or university.

44 The State Education Assistance Authority shall adopt specific rules to regulate these
45 scholarship loans.

46 (b1) If a recipient is awarded a scholarship loan under this program and is
47 enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in an eligible program, but is unable to pursue the
48 course of study in nursing for a semester due to limited faculty resources at the
49 institution for that semester, then the recipient shall continue to receive the scholarship
50 loan for that semester and shall not be required to forfeit or repay the scholarship loan
51 for that semester, provided that the recipient remains otherwise eligible for the program.
52 This waiver shall be valid for only one semester of study and may extend a recipient's
53 eligibility for funding under the program by no more than one semester.

54 (c) The Commission shall adopt stringent standards, which may include
55 minimum grade point average, scholastic aptitude test scores, and other standards

1 deemed appropriate by the Commission, to ensure that only the best potential students
2 receive loans under the Graduate Nurse Scholarship Program for Faculty Production.
3 Standards adopted by the Commission shall include provisions for ensuring that the
4 qualifications of applicants who are or would be nontraditional students are considered
5 fairly in providing them with opportunities to compete for the loans. Loans under the
6 Graduate Nurse Scholarship Program for Faculty Production shall be awarded only to
7 applicants who meet the standards set by the Commission and who agree to teach in a
8 North Carolina public nursing program upon completion of the nursing education
9 program supported by the loan.

10 (d) The Commission shall develop and administer the Graduate Nurse
11 Scholarship Program for Faculty Production in cooperation with nursing schools at
12 institutions approved by the Commission and the North Carolina Board of Nursing. The
13 Graduate Nurse Scholarship Program for Faculty Production shall provide for
14 participants to be exposed to a range of extracurricular activities while in school, which
15 activities shall be aimed at instilling in students a strong motivation to remain in the
16 practice of nursing education and to provide leadership for the nursing profession.

17 (e) The Commission may form regional review committees to assist it in
18 identifying the best high school seniors and other applicants for the program. The
19 Commission and the review committees shall make an effort to identify and encourage
20 minority students and students who may not otherwise consider a career in nursing to
21 apply for the Graduate Nurse Scholarship Program for Faculty Production.

22 (f) Upon the naming of recipients of loans from the Graduate Nurse Scholarship
23 Program for Faculty Production, the Commission shall inform the State Education
24 Assistance Authority (SEAA) of its decisions. The SEAA shall perform all of the
25 administrative functions necessary to implement this Article, which functions shall
26 include: rulemaking, dissemination of information to the public, distribution and receipt
27 of applications for scholarship loans, and the functions necessary for the execution,
28 payment, and enforcement of promissory notes required under this Article.

29 **§ 90-171.96. Terms of loans; receipt and disbursement of funds.**

30 (a) All scholarship loans shall be evidenced by notes made payable to the State
31 Education Assistance Authority that bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per
32 year beginning 90 days after completion of the nursing education program, or 90 days
33 after termination of the scholarship loan, whichever is earlier. The scholarship loan may
34 be terminated upon the recipient's withdrawal from school or by the recipient's failure to
35 meet the standards set by the Commission.

36 (b) The State Education Assistance Authority shall forgive the loan if, within
37 seven years after graduation from a nursing education program, the recipient teaches in
38 a public nursing education program in a public educational institution in North Carolina
39 for one year for every year a scholarship loan was provided. If the recipient repays the
40 scholarship loan by cash payments, all indebtedness shall be repaid within 10 years. The
41 Authority may provide for accelerated repayment and for less than full-time
42 employment options to encourage the practice of nursing education in either geographic
43 or nursing specialty shortage areas. The Authority shall adopt specific rules to designate
44 these geographic areas and these nursing specialty shortage areas, upon
45 recommendations of the North Carolina Center for Nursing. The North Carolina Center
46 for Nursing shall base its recommendations on objective information provided by
47 interested groups or agencies and upon objective information collected by the Center.
48 The Authority may forgive the scholarship loan if it determines that it is impossible for
49 the recipient to teach in a public nursing program in North Carolina for a sufficient time
50 to repay the loan because of the death or permanent disability of the recipient within 10
51 years following graduation or termination of enrollment in a nursing education program.

52 (c) All funds appropriated to or otherwise received by the Graduate Nurse
53 Scholarship Program for Faculty Production for scholarships, all funds received as
54 repayment of scholarship loans, and all interest earned on these funds, shall be placed in

1 a revolving fund. This revolving fund may be used only for scholarship loans granted
2 under the Graduate Nurse Scholarship Program for Faculty Production."
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4 **MANAGEMENT FLEXIBILITY TO REORGANIZE BUDGET CODE 16012**
5 **UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS RELATED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

6 **SECTION 9.7.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143-23, for the 2006-2007 fiscal year,
7 the General Administration of The University of North Carolina and the State
8 Educational Assistance Authority shall, with the approval of the Office of State Budget
9 and Management, reorganize budget code 16012, UNC Board of Governors Related
10 Educational Programs, so that the budget reflects and segregates each specific program
11 individually. The Office of State Budget and Management shall work with The
12 University of North Carolina General Administration and the State Educational
13 Assistance Authority to ensure that each program represented in code 16012 is
14 identified and budgeted separately.
15

16 **TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATION**

17 **SECTION 9.8.** G.S. 116-30.2(a) reads as rewritten:

18 "(a) All General Fund appropriations made by the General Assembly for
19 continuing operations of a special responsibility constituent institution of The
20 University of North Carolina shall be made in the form of a single sum to each budget
21 code of the institution for each year of the fiscal period for which the appropriations are
22 being made. Notwithstanding G.S. 143-23(a1), G.S. 143-23(a2), and G.S. 120-76(8),
23 each special responsibility constituent institution may expend monies from the overhead
24 receipts special fund budget code and the General Fund monies so appropriated to it in
25 the manner deemed by the Chancellor to be calculated to maintain and advance the
26 programs and services of the institutions, consistent with the directives and policies of
27 the Board of Governors. Special responsibility constituent institutions may transfer
28 appropriations between budget codes. These transfers shall be considered certified even
29 if as a result of agreements between special responsibility constituent institutions. The
30 preparation, presentation, and review of General Fund budget requests of special
31 responsibility constituent institutions shall be conducted in the same manner as are
32 requests of other constituent institutions. The quarterly allotment procedure established
33 pursuant to G.S. 143-17 shall apply to the General Fund appropriations made for the
34 current operations of each special responsibility constituent institution. All General
35 Fund monies so appropriated to each special responsibility constituent institution shall
36 be recorded, reported, and audited in the same manner as are General Fund
37 appropriations to other constituent institutions."
38

39 **NURSING SCHOLARS PROGRAM MODIFICATION**

40 **SECTION 9.9.(a)** G.S. 90-171.61 reads as rewritten:

41 **"§ 90-171.61. Nursing Scholars Program established; administration.**

42 (a) There is established the Nursing Scholars Program. The North Carolina
43 Nursing Scholars Commission shall determine selection criteria, methods of selection,
44 and shall select recipients of scholarship loans made under the Nursing Scholars
45 Program.

46 (b) The Nursing Scholars Program shall be used to provide the following:

- 47 (1) ~~A four year scholarship loan~~ Scholarship loans in the amount
48 of up to of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) six thousand five hundred
49 dollars (\$6,500) per year, for each scholarship of no more than four
50 years per recipient, to North Carolina high school seniors or other
51 persons residents interested in preparing to become a registered nurse
52 nurses through a associate or baccalaureate degree program programs
53 or through diploma programs.
54 (2) ~~A two year scholarship loan in the amount of three thousand dollars~~
55 ~~(\$3,000) per year, per recipient, to persons interested in preparing to be~~

- 1 a registered nurse through an associate degree nursing program or a
2 diploma nursing program.
- 3 (3) ~~A two year scholarship loan in the amount of three thousand dollars~~
4 ~~(\$3,000) per year, per recipient, for two years of baccalaureate nursing~~
5 ~~study for college juniors or community college graduates interested in~~
6 ~~preparing to be a registered nurse.~~
- 7 (4) ~~A two year scholarship loan of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per~~
8 ~~year, per recipient, for two years of baccalaureate study in nursing for~~
9 ~~registered nurses who do not hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing.~~
- 10 (5) ~~A two year scholarship loan~~ Scholarship loans of six thousand five
11 hundred dollars ~~(\$6,000)~~ (\$6,500) per year, per recipient, for two years
12 of study leading to a master of science in nursing degree for ~~people~~
13 residents already holding a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

14 In addition to the ~~awarding~~ awarding scholarship loans awarded pursuant to subdivisions (1)
15 ~~through and~~ (5) of this subsection, the Commission may award pro rata scholarship
16 loans to recipients enrolled at least half-time in study to become registered nurses or to
17 attain a master of science in nursing degree. ~~in study leading to a master of science in~~
18 ~~nursing degree who already hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing and to recipients~~
19 ~~enrolled at least half time in study leading to a baccalaureate degree in nursing who~~
20 ~~already are licensed as registered nurses.~~ In awarding all scholarship loans, the
21 Commission shall give priority to full-time students over part-time students. The State
22 Education Assistance Authority shall adopt specific rules to regulate scholarship loans
23 to part-time ~~master of science in nursing students and part time baccalaureate degree~~
24 ~~students.~~ students.

25 Within current funds available or with any additional funds provided by the General
26 Assembly for this purpose, the Commission may set aside slots for scholarship loans
27 prescribed by ~~subdivisions (1) and (2)~~ subdivision (1) of this subsection to enable
28 licensed practical nurses to become registered nurses. The State Education Assistance
29 Authority shall adopt specific rules to regulate these scholarship loans.

30 (b1) If a recipient is awarded a scholarship loan under this program and is
31 enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in a baccalaureate nursing program, but is unable
32 to pursue the course of study in nursing for a semester due to limited faculty resources
33 at the institution for that semester, then the recipient shall continue to receive the
34 scholarship loan for that semester and shall not be required to forfeit or repay the
35 scholarship loan for that semester provided that the recipient remains otherwise eligible
36 for the program. This waiver shall be valid for only one semester of study and may
37 extend a recipient's eligibility for funding under the program by no more than one
38 semester.

39 (c) The Commission shall adopt stringent standards, which may include
40 minimum grade point average, scholastic aptitude test scores, and other standards
41 deemed appropriate by the Commission, to ensure that only the best potential students
42 receive and retain loans under the Nursing Scholars Program. Standards adopted by the
43 Commission shall include provisions for ensuring that the qualifications of applicants
44 who are or would be nontraditional students are considered fairly in providing them
45 with opportunities to compete for the loans. Loans under the Nursing Scholars Program
46 shall be awarded only to applicants who meet the standards set by the Commission and
47 who agree to practice nursing in North Carolina upon completion of the nursing
48 education program supported by the loan.

49 (d) The Commission shall develop and administer the Nursing Scholars Program
50 in cooperation with nursing schools at institutions approved by the Commission and the
51 North Carolina Board of Nursing. The Nursing Scholars Program shall provide for
52 participants to be exposed to a range of extracurricular activities while in school, which
53 activities shall be aimed at instilling in students a strong motivation to remain in the
54 practice of nursing and to provide leadership for the nursing profession.

1 (e) The Commission may form regional review committees within North
2 Carolina to assist it in identifying the best high school seniors and other applicants for
3 the program. The Commission and the review committees shall make an effort to
4 identify and encourage minority students and students who may not otherwise consider
5 a career in nursing to apply for the Nursing Scholars Program.

6 (f) Upon the naming of recipients of loans from the Nursing Scholars Program,
7 the Commission shall inform the State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) of its
8 decisions. The SEAA shall perform all of the administrative functions necessary to
9 implement this Article, which functions shall include: rule-making, dissemination of
10 information to the public, distribution and receipt of applications for scholarship loans,
11 and the functions necessary for the execution, payment, and enforcement of promissory
12 notes required under this Article."

13 **SECTION 9.9.(b)** This section applies to all scholarship loans awarded or
14 renewed on or after July 1, 2006.

15 16 **UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

17 **SECTION 9.10.(a)** Section 9.9(a) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

18 **"SECTION 9.9.(a)** The current Board of Governors' Dental Scholarship Program,
19 under the purview of the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, shall
20 make any awards to students admitted after July 1, 2005, as scholarship loan awards.
21 The Board of Governors' Dental Scholarship Program is administered by the Board of
22 Governors of The University of North Carolina. The Board of Governors' Dental
23 Scholarship Program shall be used to provide a four-year scholarship loan of relevant
24 tuition and fees, mandatory medical insurance, required laptop computers for first-year
25 students, required dental equipment, and an annual payment of five thousand dollars
26 (\$5,000) per year to students who have been accepted for admission to the School of
27 Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Board may adopt
28 standards, including minimum grade point average and DAT scores, for awarding these
29 scholarship loans to ensure that only the most qualified students receive them. The
30 Board shall make an effort to identify and encourage minority and economically
31 disadvantaged youth to enter the program. All scholarship loans shall be evidenced by
32 notes made payable to the Board that shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10%)
33 per year beginning September 1 after completion of the program, or immediately after
34 termination of the scholarship loan, whichever is earlier. The scholarship loan may be
35 terminated by the recipient withdrawing from school or by the recipient not meeting the
36 standards set by the Board. The Board shall forgive the loan if, within seven years after
37 graduation, the recipient practices dentistry in North Carolina for four years. An
38 extension of the seven-year period for satisfaction of the service requirements for the
39 scholarship loan may be granted subject to the approval on the finding of extenuating
40 circumstances by the State Education Assistance Authority. Such extenuating
41 circumstances may include, but are not be limited to, participation in a dental residency
42 program. The Board shall also forgive the loan if it finds that it is impossible for the
43 recipient to practice dentistry in North Carolina for four years, within seven years after
44 graduation, because of the death or permanent disability of the recipient. All unused
45 funds appropriated to or otherwise received by the Board for scholarships, all funds
46 received as repayment of scholarship loans, and all interest earned on these funds shall
47 revert to the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year."

48 **SECTION 9.10.(b)** Section 9.10(a) reads as rewritten:

49 **"SECTION 9.10.(a)** The current Board of Governors' Medical Scholarship
50 Program, under the purview of the Board of Governors of The University of North
51 Carolina, shall make any awards to students admitted after July 1, 2005, as scholarship
52 loan awards. The Board of Governors' Medical Scholarship Program is administered by
53 the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina. The Board of Governors'
54 Medical Scholarship Program shall be used to provide a four-year scholarship loan of
55 relevant tuition and fees, mandatory medical insurance, required laptop computers, and

1 an annual payment of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year to students who have been
2 accepted for admission to either Duke University School of Medicine, Brody School of
3 Medicine at East Carolina University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
4 School of Medicine, or the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. The Board may
5 adopt standards, including minimum grade point average and MCAT scores, for
6 awarding these scholarship loans to ensure that only the most qualified students receive
7 them. The Board shall make an effort to identify and encourage minority and
8 economically disadvantaged youth to enter the program. All scholarship loans shall be
9 evidenced by notes made payable to the Board that shall bear interest at the rate of ten
10 percent (10%) per year beginning September 1 after completion of the program, or
11 immediately after termination of the scholarship loan, whichever is earlier. The
12 scholarship loan may be terminated by the recipient withdrawing from school or by the
13 recipient not meeting the standards set by the Board. The Board shall forgive the loan if,
14 within seven years after graduation, the recipient practices medicine in North Carolina
15 for four years. An extension of the seven-year period for satisfaction of the service
16 requirements of the scholarship loan may be granted subject to the approval of the State
17 Education Assistance Authority. Such extenuating circumstances may include, but not
18 be limited to, participation in a medical residency program. The Board shall also
19 forgive the loan if it finds that it is impossible for the recipient to practice medicine in
20 North Carolina for four years, within seven years after graduation, because of the death
21 or permanent disability of the recipient. All unused funds appropriated to or otherwise
22 received by the Board for scholarships, all funds received as repayment of scholarship
23 loans, and all interest earned on these funds shall revert to the General Fund at the end
24 of each fiscal year."

25 **SECTION 9.10.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law and
26 applies to all scholarship loans issued after July 1, 2005.

27 28 **NC SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATH/HIGH SCHOOL CONSTITUENT** 29 **INSTITUTION**

30 **SECTION 9.11.(a)** G.S. 116-2 reads as rewritten:

31 **"§ 116-2. Definitions.**

32 As used in this Article, unless the context clearly indicates a contrary intent:

- 33 (1) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the University of North
34 Carolina.
- 35 (2) "Board of trustees" means the board of trustees of a constituent
36 institution.
- 37 (3) "Chancellor" means the chancellor of a constituent institution.
- 38 (4) "Constituent institution" or "institution" means one of the 16 public
39 senior institutions, institutions of higher education, to wit, the
40 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina State
41 University at Raleigh, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro,
42 the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the University of North
43 Carolina at Asheville, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington,
44 Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City
45 State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina
46 Agricultural and Technical State University, North Carolina Central
47 University, North Carolina School of the Arts, Pembroke State
48 University, redesignated effective July 1, 1996, as the "University of
49 North Carolina at Pembroke", Western Carolina University, and
50 Winston-Salem State University, and the constituent high
51 school, the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.
- 52 (5) "President" means the President of the University of North Carolina.
- 53 (6) "Vending facilities" has the same meaning as it does in
54 G.S. 143-12.1."

55 **SECTION 9.11.(b)** G.S. 116-4 reads as rewritten:

"§ 116-4. Constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina.

~~On July 1, 1972, the~~ The University of North Carolina shall be composed of the following ~~institutions:~~institutions of higher education: the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University at Raleigh, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the University of North Carolina at Asheville, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina School of the Arts, Pembroke State University, redesignated effective July 1, 1996, as the "University of North Carolina at Pembroke", Western Carolina University and Winston-Salem State ~~University.~~University, and the constituent high School, the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics."

SECTION 9.11.(c) G.S. 116-12 reads as rewritten:

"§ 116-12. Property and obligations.

All property of whatsoever kind and all rights and privileges held by the Board of Higher Education and by the Boards of Trustees of Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina School of the Arts, Pembroke State University, redesignated effective July 1, 1996, as the "University of North Carolina at Pembroke", Western Carolina University and Winston-Salem State University, as said property, rights and privileges may exist immediately prior to July 1, 1972, shall be, and hereby are, effective July 1, 1972, transferred to and vested in the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina. All obligations of whatsoever kind of the Board of Higher Education and of the Boards of Trustees of Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina School of the Arts, Pembroke State University, redesignated effective July 1, 1996, as the "University of North Carolina at Pembroke", Western Carolina University and Winston-Salem State University, as said obligations may exist immediately prior to July 1, 1972, shall be, and the same hereby are, effective July 1, 1972, transferred to and assumed by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina. Any property, real or personal, held immediately prior to July 1, 1972, by a board of trustees of a constituent institution for the benefit of that institution or by the University of North Carolina for the benefit of any one or more of its six institutions, shall from and after July 1, 1972, be kept separate and distinct from other property held by the Board of Governors, shall continue to be held for the benefit of the institution or institutions that were previously the beneficiaries and shall continue to be held subject to the provisions of the respective instruments, grants or other means or process by which any property right was acquired. All property of whatsoever kind and all rights and privileges held by the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, as said property, rights and privileges may exist immediately prior to July 1, 2007, shall be and hereby are, effective July 1, 2007, transferred to and vested in the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina. All obligations of whatsoever kind of the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics as said obligations may exist immediately prior to July 1, 2007, shall be, and the same hereby are, effective July 1, 2007, transferred to and assumed by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina. In case a conflict arises as to which property, rights or privileges were held for the beneficial interest of a particular institution, or as to the extent to which such property, rights or privileges were so held, the Board of Governors shall determine the issue, and the determination of the Board shall constitute final administrative action. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to increase or diminish the income, other revenue or specific property which is pledged, or otherwise hypothecated, for the security or liquidation of any obligations, it being the

1 intent that the Board of Governors shall assume said obligations without thereby either
2 enlarging or diminishing the rights of the holders thereof."

3 **SECTION 9.11.(d)** G.S. 116-17 reads as rewritten:

4 "**§ 116-17. Purchase of annuity or retirement income contracts for faculty**
5 **members, officers and employees.**

6 Notwithstanding any provision of law relating to salaries and/or salary schedules for
7 the pay of faculty members, administrative officers, or any other employees of
8 universities, ~~colleges-colleges, constituent institutions,~~ and other institutions of higher
9 learning as named and set forth in this Article, and other State agencies qualified as
10 educational institutions under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue
11 Code, the governing boards of any such universities, ~~colleges-colleges, constituent~~
12 institutions, and other institutions of higher learning may authorize the business officer
13 or agent of same to enter into annual contracts with any of the faculty members,
14 administrative officers and employees of said institutions ~~of higher learning~~ which
15 provide for a reduction in salary below the total established compensation or salary
16 schedule for a term of one year. The financial officer or agent shall use the funds
17 derived from the reduction in the salary of the faculty member, administrative officer or
18 employee to purchase a nonforfeitable annuity or retirement income contract for the
19 benefit of said faculty member, administrative officer or employee of said universities,
20 colleges and ~~institutions of higher learning-institutions.~~ A faculty member,
21 administrative officer or employee who has agreed to a salary reduction for this purpose
22 shall not have the right to receive the amount of the salary reduction in cash or in any
23 other way except the annuity or retirement income contract. Funds used for the purchase
24 of an annuity or retirement income contract shall not be in lieu of any amount earned by
25 the faculty member, administrative officer or employee before his election for a salary
26 reduction has become effective. The agreement for salary reductions referred to herein
27 shall be effected under any necessary regulations and procedures adopted by the various
28 governing boards of the various institutions ~~of higher learning~~ and on forms prepared by
29 said governing boards. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or law, the
30 amount by which the salary of any faculty member, administrative officer or employee
31 is reduced pursuant to this section shall not be excluded, but shall be included, in
32 computing and making payroll deductions for social security and retirement system
33 purposes, and in computing and providing matching funds for retirement system
34 purposes.

35 In lieu of the annuity and related contracts provided for under this section, interests
36 in custodial accounts pursuant to Section 401(f), Section 403(b)(7), and related sections
37 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended may be purchased for the benefit of
38 qualified employees under this section with the funds derived from the reduction in the
39 salaries of such employees."

40 **SECTION 9.11.(e)** The catch line of G.S. 116-30.2 reads as rewritten:

41 "**§ 116-30.2. Appropriations to special responsibility constituent institutions and to**
42 **~~the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics-institutions.~~**"

43 **SECTION 9.11.(f)** G.S. 116-30.2(b) is repealed.

44 **SECTION 9.11.(g)** G.S. 116-31(d) reads as rewritten:

45 "(d) ~~Effective-Except as provided in G.S. 116-65, effective July 1, 1973,~~ each of
46 the 16 ~~constituent~~ institutions of higher education set out in G.S. 116-2(4) shall have
47 board of trustees composed of 13 persons chosen as follows:

- 48 (1) Eight elected by the Board of Governors,
- 49 (2) Four appointed by the Governor, and
- 50 (3) The president of the student government ex officio.

51 The Board of Trustees of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics shall
52 be established in accordance with G.S. 116-233."

53 **SECTION 9.11.(h)** G.S. 116-40.22(c) reads as rewritten:

54 "(c) Tuition and Fees. – Notwithstanding any provision in Chapter 116 of the
55 General Statutes to the contrary, in addition to any tuition and fees set by the Board of

1 Governors pursuant to G.S. 116-11(7), the Board of Trustees of the institution may
2 recommend to the Board of Governors tuition and fees for program-specific and
3 institution-specific needs at that institution without regard to whether an emergency
4 situation exists and not inconsistent with the actions of the General Assembly. The
5 institution shall retain any tuition and fees set pursuant to this subsection for use by the
6 institution. Notwithstanding this subsection, neither the Board of Governors of The
7 University of North Carolina nor its Board of Trustees shall impose any tuition or
8 mandatory fee at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics without the
9 approval of the General Assembly."

10 **SECTION 9.11.(i)** G.S. 116-143 reads as rewritten:

11 **"§ 116-143. State-supported institutions of higher education required to charge**
12 **tuition and fees.**

13 The Board of Governors of ~~the~~The University of North Carolina shall fix the tuition
14 and fees, not inconsistent with actions of the General Assembly, at the institutions of
15 higher education enumerated in G.S. 116-4 in such amount or amounts as it may deem
16 best, taking into consideration the nature of each institution and program of study and
17 the cost of equipment and maintenance; and each institution shall charge and collect
18 from each student, at the beginning of each semester or quarter, tuition, fees, and an
19 amount sufficient to pay other expenses for the term.

20 In the event that said students are unable to pay the cost of tuition and required
21 academic fees as the same may become due, in cash, the said several boards of trustees
22 are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to accept the obligation of the
23 student or students together with such collateral or security as they may deem necessary
24 and proper, it being the purpose of this Article that all students in State institutions of
25 higher learning shall be required to pay tuition, and that free tuition is hereby abolished.
26 Notwithstanding this section, neither the Board of Governors of The University of
27 North Carolina nor its Board of Trustees shall impose any tuition or mandatory fee at
28 the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics without the approval of the
29 General Assembly.

30 Inasmuch as the giving of tuition and fee waivers, or especially reduced rates,
31 represent in effect a variety of scholarship awards, the said practice is hereby prohibited
32 except when expressly authorized by statute or by the Board of Governors of ~~the~~The
33 University of North Carolina; and, furthermore, it is hereby directed and required that
34 all budgeted funds expended for scholarships of any type must be clearly identified in
35 budget reports.

36 Notwithstanding the above provision relating to the abolition of free tuition, the
37 Board of Governors of ~~the~~The University of North Carolina may, in its discretion,
38 provide regulations under which a full-time faculty member of the rank of full-time
39 instructor or above, and any full-time staff member of ~~the~~The University of North
40 Carolina may during the period of normal employment enroll for not more than one
41 course per semester in ~~the~~The University of North Carolina free of charge for tuition,
42 provided such enrollment does not interfere with normal employment obligations and
43 further provided that such enrollments are not counted for the purpose of receiving
44 general fund appropriations."

45 **SECTION 9.11.(j)** G.S. 116-230.1 reads as rewritten:

46 **"§ 116-230.1. Policy.**

47 It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to foster, encourage, promote, and
48 provide assistance in the development of skills and careers in science and mathematics
49 among the people of the State."

50 **SECTION 9.11.(k)** G.S. 116-231 reads as rewritten:

51 **"§ 116-231. Reestablishment of the North Carolina School of Science and**
52 **Mathematics as an ~~Affiliated School~~ Constituent High School of The**
53 **University of North Carolina.**

54 The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics is hereby reestablished, as
55 ~~an affiliated~~ a constituent high school of The University of North Carolina, and shall be

1 governed by the Board of Governors as prescribed in this Chapter and a Board of
2 Trustees as prescribed in this Article."

3 **SECTION 9.11.(l)** G.S. 116-232 reads as rewritten:

4 **"§ 116-232. Purposes.**

5 The purposes of the School shall be to foster the educational development of North
6 Carolina high school students who are academically talented in the areas of science and
7 mathematics and show promise of exceptional development and global leadership
8 through participation in a residential educational setting emphasizing instruction in the
9 areas of science and mathematics; ~~to develop, evaluate, and disseminate experimental~~
10 ~~instructional programs; and to serve all schools of the State through research and~~
11 ~~outreach activities and to provide instruction, methods, and curricula designed to~~
12 improve teaching and learning in North Carolina and the nation with an emphasis on
13 distance education and programs that expand pathways for students into careers in
14 science and mathematics."

15 **SECTION 9.11.(m)** The introductory language of G.S. 116-233(a) reads as
16 rewritten:

17 "(a) ~~There~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 116-31(d), there shall be a
18 Board of Trustees of the School, which shall consist of 27 members as follows:

19 ..."

20 **SECTION 9.11.(n)** G.S. 116-234 reads as rewritten:

21 **"§ 116-234. Board of Trustees; meetings; rules of procedure; officers.**

22 (a) The Board of Trustees shall meet at least ~~four~~ three times a year and may
23 hold special meetings at any time, at the call of the chairman or upon petition addressed
24 to the chairman by at least four of the members of the Board.

25 (b) ~~The~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 116-32, the Board of Trustees
26 shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman; no ex officio member may hold such an
27 office.

28 (c) The Board of Trustees shall determine its own rules of procedure and may
29 delegate to such committees as it may create such of its powers as it deems appropriate.

30 (d) Members of the Board of Trustees, other than ex officio members under
31 G.S. 116-233(a)(3), shall receive such per diem compensation and necessary travel and
32 subsistence expenses while engaged in the discharge of their official duties as is
33 provided by law for members of State boards and commissions. Ex officio members
34 under G.S. 116-233(a)(3) shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided by
35 G.S. 138-6."

36 **SECTION 9.11.(o)** The catch line of G.S. 116-235 reads as rewritten:

37 **"§ 116-235. Board of Trustees; additional powers and duties."**

38 **SECTION 9.11.(p)** G.S. 116-235 is amended by adding a new subsection to
39 read:

40 "(a) In addition to the powers enumerated in Chapter 116, Article I, Part 3, the
41 Board of Trustees shall have the powers and duties set out in this section."

42 **SECTION 9.11.(q)** G.S. 116-235(a) reads as rewritten:

43 ~~(a)~~(a1) Academic Program. –

44 (1) The Board of Trustees shall establish the standard course of study for
45 the School. This course of study shall set forth the subjects to be taught
46 in each grade and the texts and other educational materials on each
47 subject to be used in each grade.

48 (2) The Board of Trustees shall adopt regulations governing class size, the
49 instructional calendar, the length of the instructional day, and the
50 number of instructional days in each term."

51 **SECTION 9.11.(r)** G.S. 116-235(b) reads as rewritten:

52 "(b) Students. –

53 (1) Admission of Students. – The School shall admit students in
54 accordance with criteria, standards, and procedures established by the
55 Board of Trustees. To be eligible to be considered for admission, an

1 applicant must be either a legal resident of the State, as defined by
 2 G.S. 116-143.1(a)(1), or a student whose parent is an active duty
 3 member of the armed services, as defined by G.S. 116-143.3(2), who
 4 is abiding in this State incident to active military duty at the time the
 5 application is submitted, provided the student shares the abode of that
 6 parent; eligibility to remain enrolled in the School shall terminate at
 7 the end of any school year during which a student becomes a
 8 nonresident of the State. The Board of Trustees shall ensure, insofar as
 9 possible without jeopardizing admission standards, that an equal
 10 number of qualified ~~rising high school juniors~~ applicants is admitted to
 11 the program and to the residential summer institutes in science and
 12 mathematics from each of North Carolina's congressional districts. In
 13 no event shall the differences in the number of ~~rising high school~~
 14 ~~juniors~~ qualified applicants offered admission to the program from each
 15 of North Carolina's congressional districts be more than two and
 16 one-half percentage points from the average number per district who
 17 are offered admission.

18 (2) School Attendance. – Every parent, guardian, or other person in this
 19 State having charge or control of a child who is enrolled in the School
 20 and who is less than 16 years of age shall cause such child to attend
 21 school continuously for a period equal to the time which the School
 22 shall be in session. No person shall encourage, entice, or counsel any
 23 child to be unlawfully absent from the School. Any person who aids or
 24 abets a student's unlawful absence from the School shall, upon
 25 conviction, be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The ~~Director~~
 26 Chancellor of the School shall be responsible for implementing such
 27 additional policies concerning compulsory attendance as shall be
 28 adopted by the Board of Trustees, including regulations concerning
 29 lawful and unlawful absences, permissible excuses for temporary
 30 absences, maintenance of attendance records, and attendance
 31 counseling.

32 (3) Student Discipline. – Rules of conduct governing students of the
 33 School shall be established by the Board of Trustees. The ~~Director,~~
 34 Chancellor, other administrative officers, and all teachers,
 35 substitute teachers, voluntary teachers, teacher aides and assistants,
 36 and student teachers in the School may use reasonable force in the
 37 exercise of lawful authority to restrain or correct pupils and maintain
 38 order.

39 **SECTION 9.11.(s)** G.S. 116-235(c) through G.S. 116-235(h) is repealed.

40 **SECTION 9.11.(t)** G.S. 116-236 is repealed.

41 **SECTION 9.11.(u)** G.S. 116-237 is repealed.

42 **SECTION 9.11.(v)** G.S. 116-238 is repealed

43 **SECTION 9.11.(w)** G.S.66-58(c)(3) reads as rewritten:

44 "(c) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not prohibit:

45 ...
 46 (3) The business operation of endowment funds established for the
 47 purpose of producing income for educational purposes; for purposes of
 48 this section, the phrase "operation of endowment funds" shall include
 49 the operation by ~~public postsecondary educational~~ constituent
 50 institutions of The University of North Carolina of campus stores, the
 51 profits from which are used exclusively for awarding scholarships to
 52 defray the expenses of students attending the institution; provided, that
 53 the operation of the stores must be approved by the board of trustees of
 54 the institution, and the merchandise sold shall be limited to educational
 55 materials and supplies, gift items and miscellaneous personal-use

1 articles. Provided further that, notwithstanding this subsection, profits
2 from a campus store operated by the endowment of the North Carolina
3 School of Science and Mathematics are used exclusively for student
4 activities, athletics, and other programs to enhance student life.
5 Provided further that sales at campus stores are limited to employees
6 of the institution and members of their immediate families, to duly
7 enrolled students of the campus at which a campus store is located and
8 their immediate families, to duly enrolled students of other campuses
9 of the University of North Carolina other than the campus at which the
10 campus store is located, to other campus stores and to other persons
11 who are on campus other than for the purpose of purchasing
12 merchandise from campus stores. It is the intent of this subdivision
13 that campus stores be established and operated for the purpose of
14 assuring the availability of merchandise described in this Article for
15 sale to persons enumerated herein and not for the purpose of
16 competing with stores operated in the communities surrounding the
17 campuses of the University of North Carolina."

18 **SECTION 9.11.(x)** G.S. 66-58(g) is repealed.

19 **SECTION 9.11.(y)** G.S. 126-5(c1)(8) reads as rewritten:

20 "(c1) Except as to the provisions of Articles 6 and 7 of this Chapter, the provisions
21 of this Chapter shall not apply to:

22 ...
23 (8) Instructional and research staff, physicians, and dentists of The
24 University of North Carolina-Carolina, including the faculty of the
25 North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.

26 ..."

27 **SECTION 9.11.(z)** G.S. 126-5(c1)(11) is repealed.

28 **SECTION 9.11.(aa)** The catch line of G.S. 135-5.1 reads as rewritten:

29 "**§ 135-5.1. Optional retirement program for State institutions of higher**
30 **education.**The University of North Carolina."

31 **SECTION 9.11.(bb)** G.S. 135-5.1(a) reads as rewritten:

32 "(a) An Optional Retirement Program provided for in this section is authorized
33 and established and shall be implemented by the Board of Governors of The University
34 of North Carolina. The Optional Retirement Program shall be underwritten by the
35 purchase of annuity contracts, which may be both fixed and variable contracts or a
36 combination thereof, or financed through the establishment of a trust, for the benefit of
37 participants in the Program. Participation in the Optional Retirement Program shall be
38 limited to ~~university~~ University personnel who are eligible for membership in the
39 Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement Program and who are:

- 40 (1) Administrators and faculty of The University of North Carolina with
41 the rank of instructor or above;
- 42 (2) The President and employees of The University of North Carolina who
43 are appointed by the Board of Governors on recommendation of the
44 President pursuant to G.S. 116-11(4), 116-11(5), and 116-14 or who
45 are appointed by the Board of Trustees of a constituent institution of
46 The University of North Carolina upon the recommendation of the
47 Chancellor pursuant to G.S. 116-40.22(b);
- 48 (3) Nonfaculty instructional and research staff who are exempt from the
49 State Personnel Act, as defined by the provisions of
50 G.S. 126-5(e1)(8); 126-5(c1)(8), and the faculty of the North Carolina
51 School of Science and Mathematics; and
- 52 (4) Field faculty of the Cooperative Agriculture Extension Service, and
53 tenure track faculty in North Carolina State University agriculture
54 research programs who are exempt from the State Personnel Act and
55 who are eligible for membership in the Teachers' and State Employees'

1 Retirement System pursuant to G.S. 135-3(1), who in any of the cases
 2 described in this subsection (i) had been members of the Optional
 3 Retirement Program under the provisions of Chapter 338, Session
 4 Laws of 1971, immediately prior to July 1, 1985, or (ii) have sought
 5 membership as required in subsection (b), below. Under the Optional
 6 Retirement Program, the State and the participant shall contribute, to
 7 the extent authorized or required, toward the purchase of such
 8 contracts or deposited in such trust on the participant's behalf."

9 **SECTION 9.11.(cc)** G.S. 143-597(a) is amended by adding a new
 10 subdivision to read:

11 "(7) The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics."

12 **SECTION 9.11.(dd)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2007.
 13 Subsection (bb) of this section applies only to eligible persons who are employees as of
 14 July 1, 2007, or who are employed thereafter.

15 **EXPAND TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM FOR UNC FACULTY & STAFF**

16 **SECTION 9.12.** G.S. 116-143 reads as rewritten:

17 "**§ 116-143. State-supported institutions of higher education required to charge**
 18 **tuition and fees.**

19 (a) The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina shall fix the
 20 tuition and fees, not inconsistent with actions of the General Assembly, at the
 21 institutions enumerated in G.S. 116-4 in such amount or amounts as it may deem best,
 22 taking into consideration the nature of each institution and program of study and the
 23 cost of equipment and maintenance; and each institution shall charge and collect from
 24 each student, at the beginning of each semester or quarter, tuition, fees, and an amount
 25 sufficient to pay other expenses for the term.

26 (b) In the event that said students are unable to pay the cost of tuition and
 27 required academic fees as the same may become due, in cash, the said several boards of
 28 trustees are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to accept the
 29 obligation of the student or students together with such collateral or security as they
 30 may deem necessary and proper, it being the purpose of this Article that all students in
 31 State institutions of higher learning shall be required to pay tuition, and that free tuition
 32 is hereby abolished.

33 (c) Inasmuch as the giving of tuition and fee waivers, or especially reduced rates,
 34 represent in effect a variety of scholarship awards, the said practice is hereby prohibited
 35 except when expressly authorized by statute or by the Board of Governors of the
 36 University of North Carolina; and, furthermore, it is hereby directed and required that
 37 all budgeted funds expended for scholarships of any type must be clearly identified in
 38 budget reports.

39 (d) Notwithstanding the above provision relating to the abolition of free tuition,
 40 the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina may, in its discretion,
 41 provide regulations under which a full-time faculty member of the rank of full-time
 42 instructor or above, and any full-time staff member of the University of North Carolina
 43 may during the period of normal employment enroll for not more than ~~one course~~ three
 44 courses per semester-year in the University of North Carolina free of charge for tuition,
 45 provided such enrollment does not interfere with normal employment obligations and
 46 further provided that such enrollments are not counted for the purpose of receiving
 47 general fund appropriations."
 48

49 **TUITION AND CONTRACTUAL GRANTS FOR TEACHING/NURSING**

50 **SECTION 9.13.(a)** G.S. 116-19 reads as rewritten:

51 "**§ 116-19. Contracts with private institutions to aid North Carolina**
 52 **students; ~~students and licensure students~~; reporting requirement.**

53 (a) In order to encourage and assist private institutions to continue to educate
 54 North Carolina ~~students~~, students and licensure students, the State Education Assistance
 55

1 Authority may enter into contracts with the institutions under the terms of which an
2 institution receiving any funds that may be appropriated pursuant to this section would
3 agree that, during any fiscal year in which such funds were received, the institution
4 would provide and administer scholarship funds for needy North Carolina students and
5 licensure students in an amount at least equal to the amount paid to the institution,
6 pursuant to this section, during the fiscal year. Under the terms of the contracts the State
7 Education Assistance Authority would agree to pay to the institutions, subject to the
8 availability of funds, a fixed sum of money for each North Carolina student and
9 licensure student enrolled at the institutions for the regular academic year, said sum to
10 be determined by appropriations that might be made from time to time by the General
11 Assembly pursuant to this section. Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be
12 paid by the State Education Assistance Authority to an institution on certification of the
13 institution showing the number of North Carolina students and licensure students
14 enrolled at the institution as of October 1 of any year for which funds may be
15 appropriated. For purposes of this subsection, "needy North Carolina students"students
16 and licensure students" are those eligible students and licensure students who have
17 financial need as determined by the institution under the institutional methodology or
18 the federal methodology as defined by the State Education Assistance Authority. For
19 purposes of this subsection, "institutional methodology" means a need-analysis formula,
20 developed by College Scholarship Service, that determines the student's and-or licensure
21 student's and his or her family's capacity to pay for postsecondary education each year.

22 (b) The State Education Assistance Authority shall document the number of
23 full-time equivalent North Carolina undergraduate students and full-time and less than
24 full-time licensure students that are enrolled in off-campus programs and the State funds
25 collected by each institution pursuant to G.S. 116-19 for those students. The State
26 Education Assistance Authority shall also document the number of scholarships and the
27 amount of the scholarships that are awarded under G.S. 116-19 to students and licensure
28 students enrolled in off-campus programs. An "off-campus program" is any program
29 offered for degree credit away from the institution's main permanent campus.

30 The State Education Assistance Authority shall include in its annual report to the
31 Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee the information it has compiled and
32 its findings regarding this program."

33 **SECTION 9.13.(b)** G.S. 116-20 reads as rewritten:

34 **"§ 116-20. Scholarship and contract terms; base period.**

35 In order to encourage and assist private institutions to educate additional numbers of
36 North Carolinians, the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina is hereby
37 authorized to enter into contracts within the institutions under the terms of which an
38 institution receiving any funds that may be appropriated pursuant to this section would
39 agree that, during any fiscal year in which such funds were received, the institution
40 would provide and administer scholarship funds for needy North Carolina students and
41 licensure students in an amount at least equal to the amount paid to the institution,
42 pursuant to this section, during the fiscal year. Under the terms of the contracts the
43 Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina would agree to pay to the
44 institutions, subject to the availability of funds, a fixed sum of money for each North
45 Carolina student and licensure student enrolled as of October 1 of any year for which
46 appropriated funds may be available, over and above the number of North Carolina
47 students enrolled in that institution as of October 1, 1997, which shall be the base date
48 for the purpose of this calculation. Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be
49 paid by the State Education Assistance Authority to an institution upon recommendation
50 of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina and on certification of
51 the institution showing the number of North Carolina students and licensure students
52 enrolled at the institution as of October 1 of any year for which funds may be
53 appropriated over the number enrolled on the base date. In the event funds are
54 appropriated for expenditure pursuant to this section and funds are also appropriated, for
55 the same fiscal year, for expenditure pursuant to G.S. 116-19, students and licensure

1 students who are enrolled at an institution in excess of the number enrolled on the base
2 date may be counted under this section for the purpose of calculating the amount to be
3 paid to the institution, but the same students and licensure students may also be counted
4 under G.S. 116-19, for the purpose of calculating payment to be made under that
5 section."

6 **SECTION 9.13.(c)** G.S. 116-21.1 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 116-21.1. Financial aid for North Carolina students and licensure students**
8 **attending private institutions of higher education in North Carolina.**

9 (a) Funds shall be appropriated each fiscal year in the Current Operations
10 Appropriations Act to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina for
11 aid to institutions and shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of
12 G.S. 116-19, 116-21, and 116-22.

13 (b) The funds appropriated in compliance with this section shall be placed in a
14 separate, identifiable account in each eligible institution's budget or chart of accounts.
15 All funds in the account shall be provided as scholarship funds for needy North Carolina
16 students and licensure students during the fiscal year. Each student and licensure student
17 awarded a scholarship from this account shall be notified of the source of the funds and
18 of the amount of the award. Funds not utilized under G.S. 116-19 shall be available for
19 the tuition grant program as defined in G.S. 116-21.2."

20 **SECTION 9.13.(d)** G.S. 116-21.2 reads as rewritten:

21 "**§ 116-21.2. Legislative tuition grants to aid students and licensure students**
22 **attending private institutions of higher education.**

23 (a) In addition to any funds appropriated pursuant to G.S. 116-19 and in addition
24 to all other financial assistance made available to institutions, or to ~~students~~-persons
25 attending these institutions, there is granted to each full-time North Carolina
26 undergraduate student attending an approved institution as defined in G.S. 116-22, a
27 sum, to be determined by the General Assembly for each academic year which shall be
28 distributed to the full-time undergraduate student as provided by this subsection.

29 (a1) The legislative tuition grant provided by this section shall also be granted to
30 each full-time licensure student who is enrolled in a program intended to result in a
31 license in teaching or nursing at an approved institution. The legislative tuition grant
32 provided by this section shall be awarded on a pro rata basis to any licensure student
33 who is enrolled less than full-time in a program intended to result in a license in
34 teaching or nursing at an approved institution. The legislative tuition grant and prorated
35 legislative tuition grant authorized under this subsection shall be paid for undergraduate
36 courses only.

37 (b) The tuition grants provided for in this section shall be administered by the
38 State Education Assistance Authority pursuant to rules adopted by the State Education
39 Assistance Authority not inconsistent with this section. The State Education Assistance
40 Authority shall not approve any grant until it receives proper certification from an
41 approved institution that the student or licensure student applying for the grant is ~~an~~
42 eligible student, eligible. Upon receipt of the certification, the State Education
43 Assistance Authority shall remit at the times as it prescribes the grant to the approved
44 institution on behalf, and to the credit, of the ~~student, student or licensure student.~~

45 (c) ~~In~~ Except as provided in subsection (a1) of this section, in the event a student
46 on whose behalf a grant has been paid is not enrolled and carrying a minimum academic
47 load as of the tenth classroom day following the beginning of the school term for which
48 the grant was paid, the institution shall refund the full amount of the grant to the State
49 Education Assistance Authority. If a licensure student on whose behalf a prorated grant
50 has been paid in accordance with subsection (a1) of this section is not enrolled in the
51 undergraduate class as of the tenth classroom day following the beginning of the school
52 term for which the grant was paid, the institution shall refund the full amount of the
53 grant to the State Education Assistance Authority. Each approved institution shall be
54 subject to examination by the State Auditor for the purpose of determining whether the

1 institution has properly certified eligibility and enrollment of students and licensure
 2 students and credited grants paid on behalf of ~~the students.~~them.

3 (d) In the event there are not sufficient funds to provide each eligible student or
 4 licensure student with a full ~~grant~~grant as provided by subsection (a) of this section or a
 5 full or a prorated grant as provided by subsection (a1) of this section:

6 (1) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, with the
 7 approval of the Office of State Budget and Management, may transfer
 8 available funds to meet the needs of the programs provided by
 9 subsections ~~(a)~~(a), (a1), and (b) of this section; and

10 (2) Each eligible student and licensure student shall receive a pro rata
 11 share of funds then available for the remainder of the academic year
 12 within the fiscal period covered by the current appropriation.

13 (e) Any remaining funds shall revert to the General Fund."

14 **SECTION 9.13.(e)** G.S. 116-21.3 reads as rewritten:

15 "**§ 116-21.3. Legislative tuition grant limitations.**

16 (a) For purposes of this section, an "off-campus program" is any program offered
 17 for degree credit away from the institution's main permanent campus.

18 (b) No legislative tuition grant funds shall be expended for a program at an
 19 off-campus site of a private institution, as defined in G.S. 116-22(1), established after
 20 May 15, 1987, unless (i) the private institution offering the program has previously
 21 notified and secured agreement from other private institutions operating degree
 22 programs in the county in which the off-campus program is located or operating in the
 23 counties adjacent to that county or (ii) the degree program is neither available nor
 24 planned in the county with the off-campus site or in the counties adjacent to that county.

25 (c) Any member of the armed services, as defined in G.S. 116-143.3(a), abiding
 26 in this State incident to active military duty, who does not qualify as a resident for
 27 tuition purposes, as defined under G.S. 116-143.1, is eligible for a legislative tuition
 28 grant pursuant to this section if the member is enrolled as a full-time
 29 ~~student.~~undergraduate student or as a licensure student. The member's legislative tuition
 30 grant shall not exceed the cost of tuition less any tuition assistance paid by the member's
 31 employer.

32 (d) A legislative tuition grant authorized under ~~G.S. 116-21.2~~G.S. 116-21.2(a)
 33 shall be reduced by twenty-five percent (25%) for any individual student who has
 34 completed 140 semester credit hours or the equivalent of 140 semester credit hours."

35 **SECTION 9.13.(f)** G.S. 116-21.4(b) reads as rewritten:

36 "(b) Expenditures made pursuant to G.S. 116-19, 116-20, 116-21.1, or 116-21.2
 37 shall not be used for any student or licensure student who:

38 (1) Is incarcerated in a State or federal correctional facility for committing
 39 a Class A, B, B1, or B2 felony; or

40 (2) Is incarcerated in a State or federal correctional facility for committing
 41 a Class C through I felony and is not eligible for parole or release
 42 within 10 years."

43 **SECTION 9.13.(g)** G.S. 116-22 is amended by adding a new subdivision to

44 read:

45 "(1b) Licensure student' shall mean a person who:

46 a. Has a bachelors degree;

47 b. Is enrolled either full-time or less than full-time in a program
 48 intended to result in licensure in teaching or nursing;

49 c. Attends an institution located in the State; and

50 d. Qualifies as a resident of North Carolina in accordance with
 51 definitions of residency that may from time to time be adopted
 52 by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina
 53 and published in the residency manual of the Board."

54 **PART X. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

CHANGE REPORTING DATE OF AGING STUDY COMMISSION

SECTION 10.1. The third paragraph of Section 10.40A.(p) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 10.40A.(p)

...
 The Department shall submit a progress report to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging and to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services and to the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Health and Human Services on or before ~~April 1, 2006~~ January 1, 2007.

..."

RATE SETTING FOR CHILD CARING INSTITUTIONS

SECTION 10.2.(a) Section 10.47(b) of S.L. 2005-276 is repealed.

SECTION 10.2.(b) G.S. 110-93.1 is repealed.

SECTION 10.2.(c) G.S. 143B-153(2)d. reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-153. Social Services Commission – creation, powers and duties.

There is hereby created the Social Services Commission of the Department of Health and Human Services with the power and duty to adopt rules and regulations to be followed in the conduct of the State's social service programs with the power and duty to adopt, amend, and rescind rules and regulations under and not inconsistent with the laws of the State necessary to carry out the provisions and purposes of this Article. Provided, however, the Department of Health and Human Services shall have the power and duty to adopt rules and regulations to be followed in the conduct of the State's medical assistance program.

(2) The Social Services Commission shall have the power and duty to establish standards and adopt rules and regulations:

...
 d. For the payment of State funds to private child-placing agencies as defined in G.S. 131D-10.2(4) and residential child care facilities as defined in G.S. 131D-10.2(13) for care and services provided to children who are in the custody or placement responsibility of a county department of social services; ~~and services.~~ The Commission shall establish standardized rates for child caring institutions in this State, which rates shall be updated annually on July 1. Rate-setting recommendations provided by the Office of the State Auditor shall be incorporated into the Department of Social Services' rate-setting methodology; and

...

...."

SECTION 10.2.(d) The effective date for establishing standardized rates for child caring institutions in this State, as enacted in subsection (c) of this section, shall be July 1, 2007.

MEDICAID

SECTION 10.3. Section 10.11 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 10.11.(a) Use of Funds, Allocation of Costs, Other Authorizations.

(1) Use of Funds. – Funds appropriated in this act for services provided in accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid) are for both the categorically needy and the medically needy.

(2) Allocation of Nonfederal Cost of Medicaid. – The State shall pay eighty-five percent (85%); the county shall pay fifteen percent (15%) of the nonfederal costs of all applicable services listed in this section.

1 In addition, the State shall pay eighty-five percent (85%); the county
2 shall pay fifteen percent (15%) of the federal Medicare Part D
3 clawback payments under the Medicare Modernization Act of 2004.

- 4 (3) Funds for Development and Acquisition of Equipment and Software. –
5 If first approved by the Office of State Budget and Management, the
6 Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Human
7 Services, may use funds that are identified to support the cost of
8 development and acquisition of equipment and software through
9 contractual means to improve and enhance information systems that
10 provide management information and claims processing. The
11 Department of Health and Human Services shall identify adequate
12 funds to support the implementation and first year's operational costs
13 that exceed the currently allocated funds for the new contract for the
14 fiscal agent for the Medicaid Management Information System.
- 15 (4) Reports. – Unless otherwise provided, whenever the Department of
16 Health and Human Services is required by this section to report to the
17 General Assembly, the report shall be submitted to the House of
18 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee for Health and Human
19 Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human
20 Services, and the Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative Services
21 Office. Reports shall be submitted on the date provided in the
22 reporting requirement.

23 **SECTION 10.11.(b) Policy. –**

- 24 (1) Volume purchase plans and single source procurement. – The
25 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical
26 Assistance, may, subject to the approval of a change in the State
27 Medicaid Plan, contract for services, medical equipment, supplies, and
28 appliances by implementation of volume purchase plans, single source
29 procurement, or other contracting processes in order to improve cost
30 containment.
- 31 (2) Cost-containment programs. – The Department of Health and Human
32 Services, Division of Medical Assistance, may undertake
33 cost-containment programs, including contracting for services,
34 preadmissions to hospitals, and prior approval for certain outpatient
35 surgeries before they may be performed in an inpatient setting.
- 36 (3) Fraud and abuse. –
- 37 a. The Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and
38 Human Services, may provide incentives to counties that
39 successfully recover fraudulently spent Medicaid funds by
40 sharing State savings with counties responsible for the recovery
41 of the fraudulently spent funds.
- 42 b. For the purposes of investigating and reducing client fraud and
43 abuse, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division
44 of Medical Assistance, shall, unless prohibited by federal law,
45 include in the Medicaid enrollment process the requirement that
46 the applicant for Medicaid consent to or authorize in writing the
47 release of the applicant's medical records for the three years
48 immediately preceding the application for Medicaid benefits.
49 The Department shall obtain and use information from the
50 applicant's medical records in a manner and form that complies
51 with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of
52 1996 ("HIPAA"), P.L. 104-191, as amended, and that protects
53 the privacy of the information as required by other applicable
54 federal or State law. In addition to fraud and abuse detection,
55 the Department may require the applicant's consent for other

purposes permitted by HIPAA and required or authorized by other applicable federal or State law.

(4) Medical policy. – Unless required for compliance with federal law, the Department shall not change medical policy affecting the amount, sufficiency, duration, and scope of health care services and who may provide services until the Division of Medical Assistance has prepared a five-year fiscal analysis documenting the increased cost of the proposed change in medical policy and submitted it for Departmental review. If the fiscal impact indicated by the fiscal analysis for any proposed medical policy change exceeds three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in total requirements for a given fiscal year, then the Department shall submit the proposed policy change with the fiscal analysis to the Office of State Budget and Management and the Fiscal Research Division. The Department shall not implement any proposed medical policy change exceeding three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in total requirements for a given fiscal year unless the source of State funding is identified and approved by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Department shall provide the Office of State Budget and Management and the Fiscal Research Division a quarterly report itemizing all medical policy changes with total requirements of less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000).

SECTION 10.11.(c) Eligibility. – Eligibility for Medicaid shall be determined in accordance with the following:

(1) Medicaid and Work First Family Assistance, Income Eligibility Standards. – The maximum net family annual income eligibility standards for Medicaid and Work First Family Assistance and the Standard of Need for Work First Family Assistance shall be as follows:

<u>Categorically Needy-WFFA*</u>		<u>Medically Needy</u>	
<u>Family</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Families and Children</u>	
<u>Size</u>	<u>Of Need</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Level</u>
			<u>AA,AB,AD*</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>\$4,344</u>	<u>\$2,172</u>	<u>\$2,900</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>5,664</u>	<u>2,832</u>	<u>3,900</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>6,528</u>	<u>3,264</u>	<u>4,400</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>7,128</u>	<u>3,564</u>	<u>4,800</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>7,776</u>	<u>3,888</u>	<u>5,200</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>8,376</u>	<u>4,188</u>	<u>5,600</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>8,952</u>	<u>4,476</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>9,256</u>	<u>4,680</u>	<u>6,300</u>

*Work First Family Assistance (WFFA); Aid to the Aged (AA); Aid to the Blind (AB); and Aid to the Disabled (AD).

The payment level for Work First Family Assistance shall be fifty percent (50%) of the standard of need.

These standards may be changed with the approval of the Director of the Budget with the advice of the Advisory Budget Commission.

(2) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall provide Medicaid coverage to all elderly, blind, and disabled people who have incomes equal to or less than one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty guidelines, as revised each April 1.

1	<u>\$1.00 to \$100.99</u>	<u>Up to \$50.00</u>
2	<u>\$101.00 to \$200.99</u>	<u>\$80.00</u>
3	<u>\$201.00 to \$300.99</u>	<u>\$130.00</u>
4	<u>\$301.00 and greater</u>	<u>\$212.00</u>

- (7) Medicaid enrollment of categorically needy families with children shall be continuous for one year without regard to changes in income or assets.
- (8) For all Medicaid eligibility classifications for which the federal poverty level is used as an income limit for eligibility determination, the income limits will be updated each April 1 immediately following publication of federal poverty guidelines.
- (9) When implementing the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) method for considering equity value of income producing property, the Department shall, to the maximum extent possible, employ procedures to mitigate the hardship to Medicaid enrollees occurring from application of the SSI method.

SECTION 10.11.(d) Services and Payment Bases. – Funds appropriated for Medicaid services shall be expended in accordance with the following schedule of services and payment bases. All services and payments are subject to the language at the end of this subsection. This subsection is divided into services that are mandated by federal law, and those that are optional under federal law. Unless otherwise provided, services and payment bases will be as prescribed in the State Plan as established by the Department of Health and Human Services and may be changed with the approval of the Director of the Budget.

Services and payment bases – Mandatory

- (1) Hospital inpatient.
- (2) Hospital outpatient. – Eighty percent (80%) of allowable costs or a prospective reimbursement plan as established by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (3) Nursing facilities. – Nursing facilities providing services to Medicaid recipients who also qualify for Medicare must be enrolled in the Medicare program as a condition of participation in the Medicaid program. State facilities are not subject to the requirement to enroll in the Medicare program. Residents of nursing facilities who are eligible for Medicare coverage of nursing facility services must be placed in a Medicare-certified bed. Medicaid shall cover facility services only after the appropriate services have been billed to Medicare. The Division of Medical Assistance shall allow nursing facility providers sufficient time from the effective date of this act to certify additional Medicare beds if necessary. In determining the date that the requirements of this subdivision become effective, the Division of Medical Assistance shall consider the regulations governing certification of Medicare beds and the length of time required for this process to be completed.
- (4) Physicians, certified nurse midwife services, nurse practitioners. – Fee schedules as development by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (5) Community Alternative Program, EPSDT Screens. – Payments in accordance with rate schedule developed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (6) Home health and related services, durable medical equipment. – Payments according to reimbursement plans developed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (7) Hearing aids. – Wholesale cost plus dispensing fee to provider.

- 1 (8) Rural health clinical services. – Provider-based, reasonable cost;
2 non-provider-based, single-cost reimbursement rate per clinic visit.
3 (9) Family planning. – Negotiated rate for local health departments. For
4 other providers see specific services, e.g. hospitals, physicians.
5 (10) Independent laboratory and X-ray services. – Uniform fee schedules as
6 developed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
7 (11) Ambulatory surgical centers.
8 (12) Private duty nursing, clinic services, prepaid health plans.
9 (13) Intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded.
10 (14) Chiropractors, podiatrists, optometrists, dentists.
11 (15) Limitations on Dental Coverage. – Dental services shall be provided
12 on a restricted basis in accordance with criteria adopted by the
13 Department to implement this subsection.
14 (16) Medicare Buy-In. – Social Security Administration premium.
15 (17) Ambulance services. – Uniform fee schedules as developed by the
16 Department of Health and Human Services. Public ambulance
17 providers will be reimbursed at cost.
18 (18) Optical supplies. – Payment for materials is made to a contractor in
19 accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 431.54(d). Fees paid to dispensing
20 providers are negotiated fees established by the State agency based on
21 industry charges.
22 (19) Medicare crossover claims. – The Department shall apply Medicaid
23 medical policy to Medicare claims for dually eligible recipients. The
24 Department shall pay an amount up to the actual coinsurance or
25 deductible or both, in accordance with the State Plan, as approved by
26 the Department of Health and Human Services.
27 (20) Physical therapy and speech therapy. – Services limited to
28 EPSDT-eligible children. Payments are to be made only to qualified
29 providers at rates negotiated by the Department of Health and Human
30 Services. Physical therapy (including occupational therapy) and speech
31 therapy services are subject to prior approval and utilization review.
32 (21) Personal care services.
33 (22) Case management services. – Reimbursement in accordance with the
34 availability of funds to be transferred within the Department of Health
35 and Human Services.
36 (23) Hospice.
37 (24) Medically necessary prosthetics or orthotics. – In order to be eligible
38 for reimbursement, providers must be Board certified. Medically
39 necessary prosthetics and orthotics are subject to prior approval and
40 utilization review.
41 (25) Health insurance premiums.
42 (26) Medical care/other remedial care. – Services not covered elsewhere in
43 this section include related services in schools; health professional
44 services provided outside the clinic setting to meet maternal and infant
45 health goals; and services to meet federal EPSDT mandates.
46 (27) Pregnancy-related services. – Covered services for pregnant women
47 shall include nutritional counseling, psychosocial counseling, and
48 predelivery and postpartum home visits by maternity care coordinators
49 and public health nurses.
50 (28) Drugs. – Reimbursements. Reimbursements shall be available for
51 prescription drugs as allowed by federal regulations plus a professional
52 services fee per month, excluding refills for the same drug or generic
53 equivalent during the same month. Payments for drugs are subject to
54 the provisions of this subdivision or in accordance with the State Plan
55 adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services, consistent

1 with federal reimbursement regulations. Payment of the professional
2 services fee shall be made in accordance with the State Plan adopted
3 by the Department of Health and Human Services, consistent with
4 federal reimbursement regulations. The professional services fee shall
5 be five dollars and sixty cents (\$5.60) per prescription for generic
6 drugs and four dollars (\$4.00) per prescription for brand-name drugs.
7 Adjustments to the professional services fee shall be established by the
8 General Assembly. In addition to the professional services fee, the
9 Department may pay an enhanced fee for pharmacy services.

10 Limitations on quantity. – The Department of Health and Human
11 Services may establish authorizations, limitations, and reviews for
12 specific drugs, drug classes, brands, or quantities in order to manage
13 effectively the Medicaid pharmacy program, except that the
14 Department shall not impose limitations on brand-name medications
15 for which there is a generic equivalent in cases where the prescriber
16 has determined, at the time the drug is prescribed, that the brand-name
17 drug is medically necessary and has written on the prescription order
18 the phrase "medically necessary". In addition to the entities listed in
19 subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall report to the Joint
20 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on
21 authorizations, limitations, and reviews established under this
22 subparagraph, including limitations on monthly brand-name and
23 generic prescriptions as well as restrictions on the total number of
24 medications. The Department shall submit the report not later than
25 May 1, 2006.

26 Dispensing of generic drugs. – Notwithstanding G.S. 90-85.27
27 through G.S. 90-85.31, or any other law to the contrary, under the
28 Medical Assistance Program (Title XIX of the Social Security Act),
29 and except as otherwise provided in this subsection for atypical
30 antipsychotic drugs and drugs listed in the narrow therapeutic index, a
31 prescription order for a drug designated by a trade or brand name shall
32 be considered to be an order for the drug by its established or generic
33 name, except when the prescriber has determined, at the time the drug
34 is prescribed, that the brand-name drug is medically necessary and has
35 written on the prescription order the phrase "medically necessary". An
36 initial prescription order for an atypical antipsychotic drug or a drug
37 listed in the narrow therapeutic drug index that does not contain the
38 phrase "medically necessary" shall be considered an order for the drug
39 by its established or generic name, except that a pharmacy shall not
40 substitute a generic or established name prescription drug for
41 subsequent brand or trade name prescription orders of the same
42 prescription drug without explicit oral or written approval of the
43 prescriber given at the time the order is filled. Generic drugs shall be
44 dispensed at a lower cost to the Medical Assistance Program rather
45 than trade or brand-name drugs. As used in this subsection, "brand
46 name" means the proprietary name the manufacturer places upon a
47 drug product or on its container, label, or wrapping at the time of
48 packaging; and "established name" has the same meaning as in section
49 502(e)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as amended,
50 21 U.S.C. § 352(e)(3).

51 Prior authorization. – The Department of Health and Human Services
52 shall not impose prior authorization requirements or other restrictions
53 under the State Medical Assistance Program on medications prescribed
54 for Medicaid recipients for the treatment of: (i) mental illness,

- 1 including, but not limited to, medications for schizophrenia, bipolar
2 disorder, and major depressive disorder, or (ii) HIV/AIDS.
3 (29) Other mental health services. – Unless otherwise covered by this
4 section, coverage is limited to:
5 a. Services as defined by the Division of Mental Health,
6 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and
7 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
8 (CMS) when provided in agencies meeting the requirements of
9 the rules established by the Commission for Mental Health,
10 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and
11 reimbursement is made in accordance with a State Plan
12 developed by the Department of Health and Human Services
13 not to exceed the upper limits established in federal regulations,
14 and
15 b. For children eligible for EPSDT services provided by:
16 1. Licensed or certified psychologists, licensed clinical
17 social workers, certified clinical nurse specialists in
18 psychiatric mental health advanced practice, nurse
19 practitioners certified as clinical nurse specialists in
20 psychiatric mental health advanced practice, licensed
21 psychological associates, licensed professional
22 counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists,
23 certified clinical addictions specialists, and certified
24 clinical supervisors, when Medicaid-eligible children are
25 referred by the Community Care of North Carolina
26 primary care physician, a Medicaid-enrolled psychiatrist,
27 or the area mental health program or local management
28 entity, and
29 2. Institutional providers of residential services as defined
30 by the Division of Mental Health, Developmental
31 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and approved
32 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
33 (CMS) for children and Psychiatric Residential
34 Treatment Facility services that meet federal and State
35 requirements as defined by the Department.
36 c. For Medicaid-eligible adults, services provided by licensed or
37 certified psychologists, licensed clinical social workers,
38 certified clinical nurse specialists in psychiatric mental health
39 advanced practice, and nurse practitioners certified as clinical
40 nurse specialists in psychiatric mental health advanced practice,
41 licensed psychological associates, licensed professional
42 counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed
43 clinical addictions specialists, and licensed clinical supervisors,
44 Medicaid-eligible adults may be self-referred.
45 d. Payments made for services rendered in accordance with this
46 subdivision shall be to qualified providers in accordance with
47 approved policies and the State Plan. Nothing in
48 sub-subdivision b. or c. of this subdivision shall be interpreted
49 to modify the scope of practice of any service provider,
50 practitioner, or licensee, nor to modify or attenuate any
51 collaboration or supervision requirement related to the
52 professional activities of any service provider, practitioner, or
53 licensee. Nothing in sub-subdivision b. or c. of this subdivision
54 shall be interpreted to require any private health insurer or

- 1 health plan to make direct third-party reimbursements or
2 payments to any service provider, practitioner, or licensee.
3 e. The Department of Health and Human Services shall not enroll
4 licensed psychological associates, licensed professional
5 counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed
6 clinical addiction specialists, and licensed clinical supervisors
7 until all of the following conditions have been met:
8 1. The fiscal impact of payments to these qualified
9 providers has been projected;
10 2. Funding for any projected requirements in excess of
11 budgeted Division of Medical Assistance funding has
12 been identified from within State funds appropriated to
13 the Department of Health and Human Services, Division
14 of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
15 Substance Abuse Services to support area mental health
16 programs or county programs, or identified from other
17 sources; and
18 3. Approval has been obtained from the Office of State
19 Budget and Management to transfer these State or other
20 source funds from the Division of Mental Health,
21 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse
22 Services to the Division of Medical Assistance. Upon
23 approval and implementation, the Department of Health
24 and Human Services shall, on a quarterly basis, provide a
25 status report to the Office of State Budget and
26 Management and the Fiscal Research Division.

27 Notwithstanding G.S. 150B-21.1(a), the Department of Health and
28 Human Services may adopt temporary rules in accordance with
29 Chapter 150B of the General Statutes further defining the
30 qualifications of providers and referral procedures in order to
31 implement this subdivision. Coverage policy for services defined by
32 the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
33 Substance Abuse Services under sub-subdivisions a. and b.2 of this
34 subdivision shall be established by the Division of Medical Assistance.

35 **SECTION 10.11.(e) Limitations on payments. –**

- 36 (1) Payment is limited to Medicaid-enrolled providers that purchase a
37 performance bond in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand
38 dollars (\$100,000) naming as beneficiary the Department of Health
39 and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, or provide to the
40 Department a validly executed letter of credit or other financial
41 instrument issued by a financial institution or agency honoring a
42 demand for payment in an equivalent amount. The Department may
43 waive or limit the requirements of this paragraph for one or more
44 classes of Medicaid-enrolled providers based on the provider's dollar
45 amount of monthly billings to Medicaid or the length of time the
46 provider has been licensed in this State to provide services. In waiving
47 or limiting requirements of this paragraph, the Department shall take
48 into consideration the potential fiscal impact of the waiver or
49 limitation on the State Medicaid Program. The Department may adopt
50 temporary rules in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.1 as necessary to
51 implement this provision.
52 (2) Reimbursement is available and may be limited in accordance with
53 federal EPSDT requirements to any one or combination of the
54 following: physicians, clinics, hospital outpatient, optometrists,
55 chiropractors, and podiatrists. Prenatal services, all EPSDT children,

1 emergency rooms, and mental health services subject to independent
2 utilization review are exempt from the visit limitations contained in
3 this paragraph. Exceptions may be authorized by the Department of
4 Health and Human Services where the life of the patient would be
5 threatened without such additional care.

6 **SECTION 10.11.(f) Exceptions and limitations on services; authorization of**
7 **co-payments and other services.**

8 (1) Exceptions to Service Limitations, Eligibility Requirements, and
9 Payments. – Service limitations, eligibility requirements, and
10 payments bases in this section may be waived by the Department of
11 Health and Human Services, with the approval of the Director of the
12 Budget, to allow the Department to carry out pilot programs for
13 prepaid health plans, contracting for services, managed care plans, or
14 community-based services programs in accordance with plans
15 approved by the United States Department of Health and Human
16 Services or when the Department determines that such a waiver will
17 result in a reduction in the total Medicaid costs for the recipient. The
18 Department of Health and Human Services may proceed with planning
19 and development work on the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the
20 Elderly.

21 (2) Co-Payment for Medicaid Services. – The Department of Health and
22 Human Services may establish co-payments up to the maximum
23 permitted by federal law and regulation and required by this subsection
24 in order to achieve reductions in the budget in fiscal years 2005-2006
25 and 2006-2007.

26 (3) The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide Medicaid
27 coverage for family planning services to men and women of
28 childbearing age with family incomes equal to or less than one
29 hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level. Of the
30 funds appropriated in this act to the Division of Medical Assistance,
31 the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for the
32 2005-2006 fiscal year shall be used to provide the State-match for the
33 family planning demonstration waiver approved by the federal
34 government.

35 **SECTION 10.11.(g) Rules, Reports, and Other Matters. –**

36 (1) Rules. – The Department of Health and Human Services may adopt
37 temporary or emergency rules according to the procedures established
38 in G.S. 150B-21.1 and G.S. 150B-21.1A when it finds that these rules
39 are necessary to maximize receipt of federal funds within existing
40 State appropriations, to reduce Medicaid expenditures, and to reduce
41 fraud and abuse. Prior to the filing of these temporary or emergency
42 rules with the Rules Review Commission and the Office of
43 Administrative Hearings, the Department shall consult with the Office
44 of State Budget and Management on the possible fiscal impact of the
45 temporary or emergency rule and its effect on State appropriations and
46 local governments.

47 (2) Changes to Medicaid program; reports. – The Department shall report
48 on any change it anticipates making in the Medicaid program that
49 impacts the type or level of service, reimbursement methods, or
50 waivers, any of which require a change in the State Plan or other
51 approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
52 The reports shall be provided at the same time they are submitted to
53 CMS for approval. In addition to the entities listed in subsection (a)(4)
54 of this section, the report shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative
55 Health Care Oversight Committee."

1 ~~SECTION 10.11.(a) Funds appropriated in this act for services provided in~~
2 ~~accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid) are for both the~~
3 ~~categorically needy and the medically needy. Funds appropriated for these services~~
4 ~~shall be expended in accordance with the following schedule of services and payment~~
5 ~~bases. All services and payments are subject of the language at the end of this~~
6 ~~subsection.~~

7 ~~Services and payment bases:~~

8 ~~(1) Hospital inpatient.— Payment for hospital inpatient services will be~~
9 ~~prescribed in the State Plan as established by the Department of Health~~
10 ~~and Human Services.~~

11 ~~(2) Hospital outpatient.— Eighty percent (80%) of allowable costs or a~~
12 ~~prospective reimbursement plan as established by the Department of~~
13 ~~Health and Human Services.~~

14 ~~(3) Nursing facilities.— Payment for nursing facility services will be~~
15 ~~prescribed in the State Plan as established by the Department of Health~~
16 ~~and Human Services. Nursing facilities providing services to Medicaid~~
17 ~~recipients who also qualify for Medicare must be enrolled in the~~
18 ~~Medicare program as a condition of participation in the Medicaid~~
19 ~~program. State facilities are not subject to the requirement to enroll in~~
20 ~~the Medicare program. Residents of nursing facilities who are eligible~~
21 ~~for Medicare coverage of nursing facility services must be placed in a~~
22 ~~Medicare certified bed. Medicaid shall cover facility services only~~
23 ~~after the appropriate services have been billed to Medicare. The~~
24 ~~Division of Medical Assistance shall allow nursing facility providers~~
25 ~~sufficient time from the effective date of this act to certify additional~~
26 ~~Medicare beds if necessary. In determining the date that the~~
27 ~~requirements of this subdivision become effective, the Division of~~
28 ~~Medical Assistance shall consider the regulations governing~~
29 ~~certification of Medicare beds and the length of time required for this~~
30 ~~process to be completed.~~

31 ~~(4) Intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded.— As prescribed~~
32 ~~in the State Plan as established by the Department of Health and~~
33 ~~Human Services.~~

34 ~~(5) Drugs.— Reimbursements. Reimbursements shall be available for~~
35 ~~prescription drugs as allowed by federal regulations plus a professional~~
36 ~~services fee per month, excluding refills for the same drug or generic~~
37 ~~equivalent during the same month. Payments for drugs are subject to~~
38 ~~the provisions of this subdivision or in accordance with the State Plan~~
39 ~~adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services, consistent~~
40 ~~with federal reimbursement regulations. Payment of the professional~~
41 ~~services fee shall be made in accordance with the State Plan adopted~~
42 ~~by the Department of Health and Human Services, consistent with~~
43 ~~federal reimbursement regulations. The professional services fee shall~~
44 ~~be five dollars and sixty cents (\$5.60) per prescription for generic~~
45 ~~drugs and four dollars (\$4.00) per prescription for brand name drugs.~~
46 ~~Adjustments to the professional services fee shall be established by the~~
47 ~~General Assembly. In addition to the professional services fee, the~~
48 ~~Department may pay an enhanced fee for pharmacy services.~~

49 ~~Limitations on quantity.— The Department of Health and Human~~
50 ~~Services may establish authorizations, limitations, and reviews for~~
51 ~~specific drugs, drug classes, brands, or quantities in order to manage~~
52 ~~effectively the Medicaid pharmacy program, except that the~~
53 ~~Department shall not impose limitations on brand name medications~~
54 ~~for which there is a generic equivalent in cases where the prescriber~~
55 ~~has determined, at the time the drug is prescribed, that the brand name~~

1 drug is medically necessary and has written on the prescription order
2 the phrase "medically necessary". The Department shall report to the
3 Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Senate
4 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House
5 of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and
6 Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division on authorizations,
7 limitations, and reviews established under this subparagraph, including
8 limitations on monthly brand name and generic prescriptions as well
9 as restrictions on the total number of medications. The Department
10 shall submit the report not later than May 1, 2006.

11 ~~Dispensing of generic drugs.—Notwithstanding G.S. 90-85.27~~
12 ~~through G.S. 90-85.31, or any other law to the contrary, under the~~
13 ~~Medical Assistance Program (Title XIX of the Social Security Act),~~
14 ~~and except as otherwise provided in this subsection for atypical~~
15 ~~antipsychotic drugs and drugs listed in the narrow therapeutic index, a~~
16 ~~prescription order for a drug designated by a trade or brand name shall~~
17 ~~be considered to be an order for the drug by its established or generic~~
18 ~~name, except when the prescriber has determined, at the time the drug~~
19 ~~is prescribed, that the brand name drug is medically necessary and has~~
20 ~~written on the prescription order the phrase "medically necessary". An~~
21 ~~initial prescription order for an atypical antipsychotic drug or a drug~~
22 ~~listed in the narrow therapeutic drug index that does not contain the~~
23 ~~phrase "medically necessary" shall be considered an order for the drug~~
24 ~~by its established or generic name, except that a pharmacy shall not~~
25 ~~substitute a generic or established name prescription drug for~~
26 ~~subsequent brand or trade name prescription orders of the same~~
27 ~~prescription drug without explicit oral or written approval of the~~
28 ~~prescriber given at the time the order is filled. Generic drugs shall be~~
29 ~~dispensed at a lower cost to the Medical Assistance Program rather~~
30 ~~than trade or brand name drugs. As used in this subsection, "brand~~
31 ~~name" means the proprietary name the manufacturer places upon a~~
32 ~~drug product or on its container, label, or wrapping at the time of~~
33 ~~packaging; and "established name" has the same meaning as in section~~
34 ~~502(e)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as amended,~~
35 ~~21 U.S.C. § 352(e)(3).~~

36 ~~Prior authorization.—The Department of Health and Human~~
37 ~~Services shall not impose prior authorization requirements or other~~
38 ~~restrictions under the State Medical Assistance Program on~~
39 ~~medications prescribed for Medicaid recipients for the treatment of: (i)~~
40 ~~mental illness, including, but not limited to, medications for~~
41 ~~schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and major depressive disorder, or (ii)~~
42 ~~HIV/AIDS.~~

- 43 (6) ~~Physicians, chiropractors, podiatrists, optometrists, dentists, certified~~
44 ~~nurse midwife services, nurse practitioners.—Fee schedules as~~
45 ~~developed by the Department of Health and Human Services.~~
46 ~~Payments for dental services are subject to the provisions of subsection~~
47 ~~(g) of this section.~~
- 48 (7) ~~Community Alternative Program, EPSDT screens.—Payment to be~~
49 ~~made in accordance with the rate schedule developed by the~~
50 ~~Department of Health and Human Services.~~
- 51 (8) ~~Home health and related services, private duty nursing, clinic services,~~
52 ~~prepaid health plans, durable medical equipment.—Payment to be~~
53 ~~made according to reimbursement plans developed by the Department~~
54 ~~of Health and Human Services.~~
- 55 (9) ~~Medicare Buy In.—Social Security Administration premium.~~

- 1 (10) ~~Ambulance services.—Uniform fee schedules as developed by the~~
2 ~~Department of Health and Human Services. Public ambulance~~
3 ~~providers will be reimbursed at cost.~~
- 4 (11) ~~Hearing aids.—Wholesale cost plus a dispensing fee to the provider.~~
- 5 (12) ~~Rural health clinic services.—Provider based, reasonable cost;~~
6 ~~nonprovider based, single cost reimbursement rate per clinic visit.~~
- 7 (13) ~~Family planning.—Negotiated rate for local health departments. For~~
8 ~~other providers, see specific services, for instance, hospitals,~~
9 ~~physicians.~~
- 10 (14) ~~Independent laboratory and X ray services.—Uniform fee schedules as~~
11 ~~developed by the Department of Health and Human Services.~~
- 12 (15) ~~Optical supplies.—Payment for materials is made to a contractor in~~
13 ~~accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 431.54(d). Fees paid to dispensing~~
14 ~~providers are negotiated fees established by the State agency based on~~
15 ~~industry charges.~~
- 16 (16) ~~Ambulatory surgical centers.—Payment as prescribed in the~~
17 ~~reimbursement plan established by the Department of Health and~~
18 ~~Human Services.~~
- 19 (17) ~~Medicare crossover claims.—By not later than October 1, 2005, the~~
20 ~~Department shall apply Medicaid medical policy to Medicare claims~~
21 ~~for dually eligible recipients. The Department shall pay an amount up~~
22 ~~to the actual coinsurance or deductible or both, in accordance with the~~
23 ~~State Plan, as approved by the Department of Health and Human~~
24 ~~Services.~~
- 25 (18) ~~Physical therapy and speech therapy.—Services limited to~~
26 ~~EPSDT eligible children. Payments are to be made only to qualified~~
27 ~~providers at rates negotiated by the Department of Health and Human~~
28 ~~Services. Physical therapy (including occupational therapy) and speech~~
29 ~~therapy services are subject to prior approval and utilization review.~~
- 30 (19) ~~Personal care services.—Payment in accordance with the State Plan~~
31 ~~approved by the Department of Health and Human Services.~~
- 32 (20) ~~Case management services.—Reimbursement in accordance with the~~
33 ~~availability of funds to be transferred within the Department of Health~~
34 ~~and Human Services.~~
- 35 (21) ~~Hospice.—Services may be provided in accordance with the State Plan~~
36 ~~developed by the Department of Health and Human Services.~~
- 37 (22) ~~Other mental health services.—Unless otherwise covered by this~~
38 ~~section, coverage is limited to:~~
- 39 a. ~~Services as defined by the Division of Mental Health,~~
40 ~~Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and~~
41 ~~approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services~~
42 ~~(CMS) when provided in agencies meeting the requirements of~~
43 ~~the rules established by the Commission for Mental Health,~~
44 ~~Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and~~
45 ~~reimbursement is made in accordance with a State Plan~~
46 ~~developed by the Department of Health and Human Services~~
47 ~~not to exceed the upper limits established in federal regulations,~~
48 ~~and~~
- 49 b. ~~For children eligible for EPSDT services provided by:~~
- 50 1. ~~Licensed or certified psychologists, licensed clinical~~
51 ~~social workers, certified clinical nurse specialists in~~
52 ~~psychiatric mental health advanced practice, nurse~~
53 ~~practitioners certified as clinical nurse specialists in~~
54 ~~psychiatric mental health advanced practice, licensed~~
55 ~~psychological associates, licensed professional~~

- 1 counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists,
2 certified clinical addictions specialists, and certified
3 clinical supervisors, when Medicaid eligible children are
4 referred by the Community Care of North Carolina
5 primary care physician, a Medicaid enrolled psychiatrist,
6 or the area mental health program or local management
7 entity, and
- 8 2. Institutional providers of residential services as defined
9 by the Division of Mental Health, Developmental
10 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and approved
11 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
12 (CMS) for children and Psychiatric Residential
13 Treatment Facility services that meet federal and State
14 requirements as defined by the Department.
- 15 e. For Medicaid eligible adults, services provided by licensed or
16 certified psychologists, licensed clinical social workers,
17 certified clinical nurse specialists in psychiatric mental health
18 advanced practice, and nurse practitioners certified as clinical
19 nurse specialists in psychiatric mental health advanced practice,
20 licensed psychological associates, licensed professional
21 counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, certified
22 clinical addictions specialists, and certified clinical supervisors,
23 Medicaid eligible adults may be self referred.
- 24 d. Payments made for services rendered in accordance with this
25 subdivision shall be to qualified providers in accordance with
26 approved policies and the State Plan. Nothing in
27 sub-subdivision b. or c. of this subdivision shall be interpreted
28 to modify the scope of practice of any service provider,
29 practitioner, or licensee, nor to modify or attenuate any
30 collaboration or supervision requirement related to the
31 professional activities of any service provider, practitioner, or
32 licensee. Nothing in sub-subdivision b. or c. of this subdivision
33 shall be interpreted to require any private health insurer or
34 health plan to make direct third party reimbursements or
35 payments to any service provider, practitioner, or licensee.
- 36 e. The Department of Health and Human Services shall not enroll
37 licensed psychological associates, licensed professional
38 counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, certified
39 clinical addiction specialists, and certified clinical supervisors
40 until all of the following conditions have been met:
- 41 1. The fiscal impact of payments to these qualified
42 providers has been projected;
- 43 2. Funding for any projected requirements in excess of
44 budgeted Division of Medical Assistance funding has
45 been identified from within State funds appropriated to
46 the Department of Health and Human Services, Division
47 of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
48 Substance Abuse Services to support area mental health
49 programs or county programs, or identified from other
50 sources; and
- 51 3. Approval has been obtained from the Office of State
52 Budget and Management to transfer these State or other
53 source funds from the Division of Mental Health,
54 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse
55 Services to the Division of Medical Assistance. Upon

1 approval and implementation, the Department of Health
2 and Human Services shall, on a quarterly basis, provide a
3 status report to the Office of State Budget and
4 Management and the Fiscal Research Division.

5 Notwithstanding G.S. 150B 21.1(a), the Department of Health and
6 Human Services may adopt temporary rules in accordance with
7 Chapter 150B of the General Statutes further defining the
8 qualifications of providers and referral procedures in order to
9 implement this subdivision. Coverage policy for services defined by
10 the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
11 Substance Abuse Services under sub-subdivisions a. and b.2 of this
12 subdivision shall be established by the Division of Medical Assistance.

13 (23) ~~Medically necessary prosthetics or orthotics. — Reimbursement in~~
14 ~~accordance with the State Plan approved by the Department of Health~~
15 ~~and Human Services, except that in order to be eligible for~~
16 ~~reimbursement, providers must be Board certified not later than July 1,~~
17 ~~2005. Medically necessary prosthetics and orthotics are subject to prior~~
18 ~~approval and utilization review.~~

19 (24) ~~Health insurance premiums. — Payments to be made in accordance~~
20 ~~with the State Plan adopted by the Department of Health and Human~~
21 ~~Services consistent with federal regulations.~~

22 (25) ~~Medical care/other remedial care. — Services not covered elsewhere in~~
23 ~~this section include related services in schools; health professional~~
24 ~~services provided outside the clinic setting to meet maternal and infant~~
25 ~~health goals; and services to meet federal EPSDT mandates. Services~~
26 ~~addressed by this subdivision are limited to those prescribed in the~~
27 ~~State Plan as established by the Department of Health and Human~~
28 ~~Services.~~

29 (26) ~~Pregnancy related services. — Covered services for pregnant women~~
30 ~~shall include nutritional counseling, psychosocial counseling, and~~
31 ~~predelivery and postpartum home visits by maternity care coordinators~~
32 ~~and public health nurses.~~

33 ~~Services and payment bases may be changed with the approval of the Director of the~~
34 ~~Budget.~~

35 ~~Payment is limited to Medicaid enrolled providers that purchase a~~
36 ~~performance bond in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)~~
37 ~~naming as beneficiary the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of~~
38 ~~Medical Assistance, or provide to the Department a validly executed letter of credit or~~
39 ~~other financial instrument issued by a financial institution or agency honoring a demand~~
40 ~~for payment in an equivalent amount. The Department may waive or limit the~~
41 ~~requirements of this paragraph for one or more classes of Medicaid enrolled providers~~
42 ~~based on the provider's dollar amount of monthly billings to Medicaid or the length of~~
43 ~~time the provider has been licensed in this State to provide services. In waiving or~~
44 ~~limiting requirements of this paragraph, the Department shall take into consideration the~~
45 ~~potential fiscal impact of the waiver or limitation on the State Medicaid Program. The~~
46 ~~Department may adopt temporary rules in accordance with G.S. 150B 21.1 as necessary~~
47 ~~to implement this provision.~~

48 ~~Reimbursement is available for up to 24 visits per recipient per year to any~~
49 ~~one or combination of the following: physicians, clinics, hospital outpatient,~~
50 ~~optometrists, chiropractors, and podiatrists. Prenatal services, all EPSDT children,~~
51 ~~emergency rooms, and mental health services subject to independent utilization review~~
52 ~~are exempt from the visit limitations contained in this paragraph. Exceptions may be~~
53 ~~authorized by the Department of Health and Human Services where the life of the~~
54 ~~patient would be threatened without such additional care.~~

~~SECTION 10.11.(b) Allocation of Nonfederal Cost of Medicaid.—The State shall pay eighty five percent (85%); the county shall pay fifteen percent (15%) of the nonfederal costs of all applicable services listed in this section. In addition, the State shall pay eighty five percent (85%); the county shall pay fifteen percent (15%) of the federal Medicare Part D clawback payments under the Medicare Modernization Act of 2004.~~

~~SECTION 10.11.(c) Co-Payment for Medicaid Services.—The Department of Health and Human Services may establish co-payments up to the maximum permitted by federal law and regulation and required by this subsection in order to achieve reductions in the budget in fiscal years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.~~

~~SECTION 10.11.(d) Medicaid and Work First Family Assistance, Income Eligibility Standards.—The maximum net family annual income eligibility standards for Medicaid and Work First Family Assistance and the Standard of Need for Work First Family Assistance shall be as follows:~~

Family Size	Category	Standard of Need	Level	AA, AB, AD*
	Categorically Needy WFFA*		Families and Children Income	
1		\$4,344	\$2,172	\$2,900
2		5,664	2,832	3,800
3		6,528	3,264	4,400
4		7,128	3,564	4,800
5		7,776	3,888	5,200
6		8,376	4,188	5,600
7		8,952	4,476	6,000
8		9,256	4,680	6,300

*Work First Family Assistance (WFFA); Aid to the Aged (AA); Aid to the Blind (AB); and Aid to the Disabled (AD).

~~The payment level for Work First Family Assistance shall be fifty percent (50%) of the standard of need.~~

~~These standards may be changed with the approval of the Director of the Budget with the advice of the Advisory Budget Commission.~~

~~SECTION 10.11.(e) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall provide Medicaid coverage to all elderly, blind, and disabled people who have incomes equal to or less than one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty guidelines, as revised each April 1. This subsection expires December 31, 2005.~~

~~SECTION 10.11.(f) ICF and ICF/MR Work Incentive Allowances.—The Department of Health and Human Services may provide an incentive allowance to Medicaid eligible recipients of ICF and ICF/MR facilities who are regularly engaged in work activities as part of their developmental plan and for whom retention of additional income contributes to their achievement of independence. The State funds required to match the federal funds that are required by these allowances shall be provided from savings within the Medicaid budget or from other unbudgeted funds available to the Department. The incentive allowances may be as follows:~~

Monthly Net Wages	Monthly Incentive Allowance
\$1.00 to \$100.99	Up to \$50.00
\$101.00 to \$200.99	\$80.00
\$201.00 to \$300.99	\$130.00
\$301.00 and greater	\$212.00.

1 ~~SECTION 10.11.(g) Dental Coverage Limits.~~—Dental services shall be
2 provided on a restricted basis in accordance with rules adopted by the Department to
3 implement this subsection.

4 ~~SECTION 10.11.(h) Exceptions to Service Limitations, Eligibility~~
5 ~~Requirements, and Payments.~~—Service limitations, eligibility requirements, and
6 payments bases in this section may be waived by the Department of Health and Human
7 Services, with the approval of the Director of the Budget, to allow the Department to
8 carry out pilot programs for prepaid health plans, contracting for services, managed care
9 plans, or community based services programs in accordance with plans approved by the
10 United States Department of Health and Human Services or when the Department
11 determines that such a waiver will result in a reduction in the total Medicaid costs for
12 the recipient. The Department of Health and Human Services may proceed with
13 planning and development work on the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly.

14 ~~SECTION 10.11.(i) Volume Purchase Plans and Single Source~~
15 ~~Procurement.~~—The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical
16 Assistance, may, subject to the approval of a change in the State Medicaid Plan,
17 contract for services, medical equipment, supplies, and appliances by implementation of
18 volume purchase plans, single source procurement, or other contracting processes in
19 order to improve cost containment.

20 ~~SECTION 10.11.(j) Cost Containment Programs.~~—The Department of
21 Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, may undertake
22 cost containment programs, including contracting for services, preadmissions to
23 hospitals, and prior approval for certain outpatient surgeries before they may be
24 performed in an inpatient setting.

25 ~~SECTION 10.11.(k) For all Medicaid eligibility classifications for which the~~
26 ~~federal poverty level is used as an income limit for eligibility determination, the income~~
27 ~~limits will be updated each April 1 immediately following publication of federal poverty~~
28 ~~guidelines.~~

29 ~~SECTION 10.11.(l) The Department of Health and Human Services shall~~
30 ~~provide Medicaid to 19-, 20-, and 21-year olds in accordance with federal rules and~~
31 ~~regulations.~~

32 ~~SECTION 10.11.(m) The Department of Health and Human Services shall~~
33 ~~provide coverage to pregnant women and to children according to the following~~
34 ~~schedule:~~

- 35 (1) ~~Pregnant women with incomes equal to or less than one hundred~~
36 ~~eighty five percent (185%) of the federal poverty guidelines as revised~~
37 ~~each April 1 shall be covered for Medicaid benefits.~~
- 38 (2) ~~Effective until January 1, 2006, infants under the age of one with~~
39 ~~family incomes equal to or less than one hundred eighty five percent~~
40 ~~(185%) of the federal poverty guidelines as revised each April 1 shall~~
41 ~~be covered for Medicaid benefits. Effective January 1, 2006, infants~~
42 ~~under the age of one with family incomes equal to or less than two~~
43 ~~hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty guidelines as revised~~
44 ~~each April 1 shall be covered for Medicaid benefits.~~
- 45 (3) ~~Effective until January 1, 2006, children aged one through five with~~
46 ~~family incomes equal to or less than one hundred thirty three percent~~
47 ~~(133%) of the federal poverty guidelines as revised each April 1 shall~~
48 ~~be covered for Medicaid benefits. Effective January 1, 2006, children~~
49 ~~aged one through five with family incomes equal to or less than two~~
50 ~~hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty guidelines as revised~~
51 ~~each April 1 shall be covered for Medicaid benefits.~~
- 52 (4) ~~Children aged six through 18 with family incomes equal to or less than~~
53 ~~the federal poverty guidelines as revised each April 1 shall be covered~~
54 ~~for Medicaid benefits.~~

1 (5) The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide Medicaid
2 coverage for adoptive children with special or rehabilitative needs
3 regardless of the adoptive family's income.

4 Services to pregnant women eligible under this subsection continue
5 throughout the pregnancy but include only those related to pregnancy and to those other
6 conditions determined by the Department as conditions that may complicate pregnancy.
7 In order to reduce county administrative costs and to expedite the provision of medical
8 services to pregnant women, to infants, and to children described in subdivisions (3) and
9 (4) of this subsection, no resources test shall be applied.

10 ~~SECTION 10.11.(n) Medicaid enrollment of categorically needy families~~
11 ~~with children shall be continuous for one year without regard to changes in income or~~
12 ~~assets.~~

13 ~~SECTION 10.11.(o) The Division of Medical Assistance, Department of~~
14 ~~Health and Human Services, may provide incentives to counties that successfully~~
15 ~~recover fraudulently spent Medicaid funds by sharing State savings with counties~~
16 ~~responsible for the recovery of the fraudulently spent funds.~~

17 ~~SECTION 10.11.(p) If first approved by the Office of State Budget and~~
18 ~~Management, the Division of Medical Assistance, Department of Health and Human~~
19 ~~Services, may use funds that are identified to support the cost of development and~~
20 ~~acquisition of equipment and software through contractual means to improve and~~
21 ~~enhance information systems that provide management information and claims~~
22 ~~processing. The Department of Health and Human Services shall identify adequate~~
23 ~~funds to support the implementation and first year's operational costs that exceed the~~
24 ~~currently allocated funds for the new contract for the fiscal agent for the Medicaid~~
25 ~~Management Information System.~~

26 ~~SECTION 10.11.(q) The Department of Health and Human Services may~~
27 ~~adopt temporary or emergency rules according to the procedures established in~~
28 ~~G.S. 150B-21.1 and G.S. 150B-21.1A when it finds that these rules are necessary to~~
29 ~~maximize receipt of federal funds within existing State appropriations, to reduce~~
30 ~~Medicaid expenditures, and to reduce fraud and abuse. Prior to the filing of these~~
31 ~~temporary or emergency rules with the Rules Review Commission and the Office of~~
32 ~~Administrative Hearings, the Department shall consult with the Office of State Budget~~
33 ~~and Management on the possible fiscal impact of the temporary or emergency rule and~~
34 ~~its effect on State appropriations and local governments.~~

35 ~~SECTION 10.11.(r) The Department shall report to the Fiscal Research~~
36 ~~Division of the Legislative Services Office and to the House of Representatives~~
37 ~~Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and the Senate~~
38 ~~Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services or the Joint Legislative~~
39 ~~Health Care Oversight Committee on any change it anticipates making in the Medicaid~~
40 ~~program that impacts the type or level of service, reimbursement methods, or waivers,~~
41 ~~any of which require a change in the State Plan or other approval by the Centers for~~
42 ~~Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The reports shall be provided at the same time~~
43 ~~they are submitted to CMS for approval.~~

44 ~~SECTION 10.11.(s) The Department of Health and Human Services shall~~
45 ~~provide Medicaid coverage for family planning services to men and women of~~
46 ~~childbearing age with family incomes equal to or less than one hundred eighty five~~
47 ~~percent (185%) of the federal poverty level. Of the funds appropriated in this act to the~~
48 ~~Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars~~
49 ~~(\$750,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year shall be used to provide the State match for the~~
50 ~~family planning demonstration waiver approved by the federal government.~~

51 ~~SECTION 10.11.(t) For the purposes of determining eligibility for Medical~~
52 ~~Assistance, the Department of Health and Human Services may apply federal transfer of~~
53 ~~assets policies, as described in Title XIX, section 1917(c) of the Social Security Act,~~
54 ~~including the attachment of liens, to (i) life estates purchased by or on behalf of the~~
55 ~~recipient, other than life estates excluded from countable resources under this section,~~

1 and (ii) to real property excluded as "income producing", tenancy in common, or as
2 nonhomesite property made "income producing" under Title XIX, section 1902(r)(2) of
3 the Social Security Act. The transfer of assets policy shall apply only to an
4 institutionalized individual or the individual's spouse as defined in Title XIX, section
5 1917(c) of the Social Security Act. The Department shall exclude from countable
6 resources any life estate in real property that is in the recipient's home, is measured by
7 the recipient's life, and is the result of the transfer of a remainder interest.

8 Federal transfer of assets policies applied to "income producing" real property
9 under Title XIX, section 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act shall become effective
10 not earlier than October 1, 2001. Federal transfer of assets policies and attachment of
11 liens applied to real property excluded as tenancy in common, or as nonhomesite
12 property made "income producing" in accordance with this subsection shall become
13 effective not earlier than November 1, 2002. Federal transfer of assets policies applied
14 to life estates in accordance with this subsection shall become effective not earlier than
15 October 1, 2005.

16 ~~SECTION 10.11.(u)~~ When implementing the Supplemental Security Income
17 (SSI) method for considering equity value of income producing property, the
18 Department shall, to the maximum extent possible, employ procedures to mitigate the
19 hardship to Medicaid enrollees occurring from application of the Supplemental Security
20 Income (SSI) method.

21 ~~SECTION 10.11.(v)~~ Unless required for compliance with federal law, the
22 Department shall not change medical policy affecting the amount, sufficiency, duration,
23 and scope of health care services and who may provide services until the Division of
24 Medical Assistance has prepared a five year fiscal analysis documenting the increased
25 cost of the proposed change in medical policy and submitted it for Departmental review.
26 If the fiscal impact indicated by the fiscal analysis for any proposed medical policy
27 change exceeds three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in total requirements for a given
28 fiscal year, then the Department shall submit the proposed policy change with the fiscal
29 analysis to the Office of State Budget and Management and the Fiscal Research
30 Division. The Department shall not implement any proposed medical policy change
31 exceeding three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in total requirements for a given fiscal year
32 unless the source of State funding is identified and approved by the Office of State
33 Budget and Management. The Department shall provide the Office of State Budget and
34 Management and the Fiscal Research Division a quarterly report itemizing all medical
35 policy changes with total requirements of less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000).

36 ~~SECTION 10.11.(w)~~ The Department shall develop, amend, and adopt
37 medical coverage policy in accordance with the following:

- 38 (1) ~~During the development of new medical coverage policy or~~
39 ~~amendment to existing medical coverage policy, consult with and seek~~
40 ~~the advice of the Physician Advisory Group of the North Carolina~~
41 ~~Medical Society and other organizations the Secretary deems~~
42 ~~appropriate. The Secretary shall also consult with and seek the advice~~
43 ~~of officials of the professional societies or associations representing~~
44 ~~providers who are affected by the new medical coverage policy or~~
45 ~~amendments to existing medical coverage policy.~~
- 46 (2) ~~At least 45 days prior to the adoption of new or amended medical~~
47 ~~coverage policy, the Department shall:~~
 - 48 a. ~~Publish the proposed new or amended medical coverage policy~~
49 ~~on the Department's Web site;~~
 - 50 b. ~~Notify all Medicaid providers of the proposed, new, or amended~~
51 ~~policy; and~~
 - 52 c. ~~Upon request, provide persons copies of the proposed medical~~
53 ~~coverage policy.~~

- 1 (3) ~~During the 45 day period immediately following publication of the~~
 2 ~~proposed new or amended medical coverage policy, accept oral and~~
 3 ~~written comments on the proposed new or amended policy.~~
 4 (4) ~~If, following the comment period, the proposed new or amended~~
 5 ~~medical coverage policy is modified, then the Department shall, at~~
 6 ~~least 15 days prior to its adoption:~~
 7 a. ~~Notify all Medicaid providers of the proposed policy;~~
 8 b. ~~Upon request, provide persons notice of amendments to the~~
 9 ~~proposed policy; and~~
 10 c. ~~Accept additional oral or written comments during this 15 day~~
 11 ~~period.~~

12 ~~**SECTION 10.11.(x)** For the purposes of investigating and reducing client~~
 13 ~~fraud and abuse, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical~~
 14 ~~Assistance, shall, unless prohibited by federal law, include in the Medicaid enrollment~~
 15 ~~process the requirement that the applicant for Medicaid consent to or authorize in~~
 16 ~~writing the release of the applicant's medical records for the three years immediately~~
 17 ~~preceding the application for Medicaid benefits. The Department shall obtain and use~~
 18 ~~information from the applicant's medical records in a manner and form that complies~~
 19 ~~with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), P.L.~~
 20 ~~104 191, as amended, and that protects the privacy of the information as required by~~
 21 ~~other applicable federal or State law. In addition to fraud and abuse detection, the~~
 22 ~~Department may require the applicant's consent for other purposes permitted by HIPAA~~
 23 ~~and required or authorized by other applicable federal or State law.~~

24 ~~**SECTION 10.11.(y)** The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental~~
 25 ~~Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services shall provide an~~
 26 ~~opportunity for interested advocacy organizations to comment on restrictions imposed~~
 27 ~~by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, on~~
 28 ~~the medications prescribed for Medicaid recipients, as authorized under subsection~~
 29 ~~(a)(5) of this section. The Committee may report its findings or recommendations based~~
 30 ~~on comments received to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human~~
 31 ~~Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and~~
 32 ~~Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division on or before April 30, 2006."~~

33 34 **PROCEDURES FOR CHANGES TO DHHS MEDICAL POLICY**

35 **SECTION 10.4.** Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes is
 36 amended by adding the following new section to read:

37 **"§ 108A-54.2. Procedures for changing medical policy.**

38 The Department shall develop, amend, and adopt medical coverage policy in
 39 accordance with the following:

- 40 (1) During the development of new medical coverage policy or
 41 amendment to existing medical coverage policy, consult with and seek
 42 the advice of the Physician Advisory Group of the North Carolina
 43 Medical Society and other organizations the Secretary deems
 44 appropriate. The Secretary shall also consult with and seek the advice
 45 of officials of the professional societies or associations representing
 46 providers who are affected by the new medical coverage policy or
 47 amendments to existing medical coverage policy.
 48 (2) At least 45 days prior to the adoption of new or amended medical
 49 coverage policy, the Department shall:
 50 a. Publish the proposed new or amended medical coverage policy
 51 on the Department's Web site;
 52 b. Notify all Medicaid providers of the proposed, new, or amended
 53 policy; and
 54 c. Upon request, provide persons copies of the proposed medical
 55 coverage policy.

- 1 (3) During the 45-day period immediately following publication of the
2 proposed new or amended medical coverage policy, accept oral and
3 written comments on the proposed new or amended policy.
4 (4) If, following the comment period, the proposed new or amended
5 medical coverage policy is modified, then the Department shall, at
6 least 15 days prior to its adoption:
7 a. Notify all Medicaid providers of the proposed policy;
8 b. Upon request, provide persons notice of amendments to the
9 proposed policy; and
10 c. Accept additional oral or written comments during this 15-day
11 period."
12

13 TRANSFER OF ASSETS REWRITE

14 **SECTION 10.5.(a)** G.S. 108A-58 is repealed.

15 **SECTION 10.5.(b)** Part 6 of Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the General
16 Statutes is amended by adding the following new section to read:

17 **"§ 108A-58.1. Ineligibility for medical assistance based on transferring assets for**
18 **less than fair market value.**

19 (a) General rule. – Except as otherwise provided herein, an individual who is
20 otherwise eligible to receive medical assistance under this Part is ineligible for Medicaid
21 coverage and payment for the services specified in subsection (d) during the period
22 specified in subsection (c) if the individual or the individual's spouse transfers an asset
23 for less than fair market value on or after the "lookback date" specified in subsection
24 (b).

25 (b) Lookback date. –

26 (1) Except as otherwise provided herein, the lookback date is the date
27 specified in 42 U.S.C. § 1396p(c)(1)(B).

28 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1), the lookback date with respect to the
29 medical services specified in subdivision (d)(2) is the date specified in
30 42 U.S.C. § 1396p(c)(1)(B) or February 1, 2003, whichever is later.

31 (c) Penalty period. – The penalty period for the transfer of assets for less than fair
32 market value is the period specified in 42 U.S.C. § 1396p(c)(1)(D), (E), and (H).

33 (d) Medical services. –

34 (1) In the case of an institutionalized individual, the transfer of assets
35 penalty applies with respect to nursing facility services, a level of care
36 in any institution equivalent to that of nursing facility services, and to
37 home or community-based services furnished under the State's
38 Community Alternatives Program waiver pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §
39 1396n(c) or (d).

40 (2) In the case of a noninstitutionalized individual, the transfer of assets
41 penalty applies with respect to home health services and personal care
42 services as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(a)(7) and (24) and, to the
43 extent permitted by federal law, such other long-term care services
44 specified by rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human
45 Services pursuant to subsection (k) of this section.

46 (e) Assets. – Assets are the income and resources of an individual or the
47 individual's spouse (including the individual's or spouse's home) as defined in 42 U.S.C.
48 § 1396p(h) and 42 U.S.C. § 1396p(c)(1)(G), (I), and (J).

49 (f) Fair market value and uncompensated value. –

50 (1) The fair market value of an asset is the value (minus any valid and
51 legally enforceable liens, mortgages, and encumbrances against the
52 asset) that would have been received if the asset had been sold for
53 good and valuable consideration at the prevailing market price at the
54 time the asset was transferred. In the case of real or personal property
55 that is taxable under Subchapter II of Chapter 105 of the General

1 Statutes, there is a rebuttable presumption that the fair market value of
2 the property is its most recent value as ascertained under Subchapter II
3 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes (minus any valid and legally
4 enforceable liens, mortgages, and encumbrances against the property).

5 (2) The uncompensated value of an asset is its fair market value minus the
6 amount of good and valuable consideration received in exchange for
7 the asset's transfer.

8 (g) Individual. – An individual is a person who applies for or is receiving medical
9 assistance under this Part regardless of whether the person was, at the time an asset was
10 transferred, a Medicaid applicant or recipient. The term "individual" also includes an
11 individual's legal representative, anyone acting at the individual's direction or request,
12 and any person, agency, or court acting lawfully on behalf of the individual.

13 (h) Institutionalized and noninstitutionalized individuals. –

14 (1) An institutionalized individual is an individual who meets the criteria
15 set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 1396p(h)(3), regardless of whether the
16 individual was institutionalized at the time an asset was transferred.

17 (2) A noninstitutionalized individual is any individual who (i) is not an
18 institutionalized individual, (ii) is an aged, blind, or disabled person
19 who is categorically or medically needy pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 435. §
20 120 or a qualified Medicare beneficiary as defined in 42 U.S.C. §
21 1396d(p)(1), and (3) is not eligible for medical assistance under this
22 Part based on his or her eligibility for an optional State supplement
23 pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 435.232.

24 (i) Exceptions. –

25 (1) This section does not apply if an individual establishes by the greater
26 weight of the evidence that the transfer was exclusively for some
27 purpose other than establishing or retaining eligibility for medical
28 assistance under this Part.

29 (2) This section does not apply to any transfer specified in 42 U.S.C. §
30 1396p(c)(2)(A), (B), (C)(i), or (C)(iii).

31 (j) Hardship waiver. – The Department of Health and Human Services shall
32 waive a transfer of assets penalty that has been imposed or is imposable under this
33 section if the Department determines that imposition of the penalty would create an
34 undue hardship.

35 (k) Rules and compliance with federal law.–

36 (1) This section shall be interpreted and administered consistently with
37 governing federal law, including 42 U.S.C. § 1396p(c).

38 (2) The Department of Health and Human Services shall determine and
39 publish at least annually the average monthly cost of nursing facility
40 services for private patients that will be used in determining the length
41 of a penalty period under this section.

42 (3) The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide for a
43 hardship waiver process in accordance with 42 U.S.C. §
44 1396p(c)(2)(D).

45 (4) The Department of Health and Human Services may adopt
46 administrative rules that are necessary and appropriate to implement
47 this section or the requirements of 42 U.S.C. § 1396p(c) or other
48 federal laws governing the transfer of assets and Medicaid eligibility."

49 **SECTION 10.5.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law. This
50 section does not affect the validity of any Medicaid transfer of assets penalty that was
51 validly imposed before the date this act becomes law under prior federal or state law or
52 rules.

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54 **MEDICAID DUALY ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN MEDICARE PARTS A,B,C,**
55 **D**

1 **SECTION 10.6.** G.S. 108A-55.1 reads as rewritten:

2 "**§ 108A-55.1. Medicare enrollment required.**

3 The Department shall require State Medical Assistance Program recipients who
4 qualify for Medicare to enroll in Medicare, in accordance with Title XIX of the Social
5 Security Act, in order to pay medical expenditures that qualify for payment under
6 Medicare ~~Part B.~~ Parts A, B, C, and D.

7 Failure to enroll in Medicare shall result in nonpayment of these expenditures under
8 the State Medical Assistance Program. A provider may seek payment for services from
9 Medicaid enrollees who are eligible for but not enrolled in Medicare ~~Part B.~~ Parts A, B,
10 C, and D."

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12 **MEDICAID RESERVE FUND TRANSFER**

13 **SECTION 10.7.(a)** Of the funds transferred to the Department of Health and
14 Human Services for Medicaid programs pursuant to G.S. 143-23.2, the sum of fifty
15 million dollars (\$50,000,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be allocated as
16 prescribed by G.S. 143-23.2(b) for Medicaid programs. Notwithstanding the
17 prescription in G.S. 143-23.2(b) that these funds not reduce State general revenue
18 funding, these funds shall replace the reduction in general revenue funding effected in
19 this act.

20 **SECTION 10.7.(b)** Of the funds transferred to the Department of Health and
21 Human Services for Medicaid programs pursuant to G.S. 143-23.2, the sum of five
22 million four thousand five hundred four dollars (\$5,004,504) for the 2006-2007 fiscal
23 year shall be allocated as prescribed by G.S. 143-23.2(b) for the implementation of the
24 Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).

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26 **REQUIRED DATA SHARING BY PRIVATE HEALTH INSURERS**

27 **SECTION 10.8.** Part 1 of Article 50 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is
28 amended by adding the following new section to read:

29 "**§ 58-50-46. Insurers to provide certain information to Department of Health and**
30 **Human Services.**

31 (a) As used in this section, the terms:

32 (1) 'Department' means the Department of Health and Human Services.

33 (2) 'Division' means the Division of Medical Assistance of the Department
34 of Health and Human Services.

35 (3) 'Health insurer' includes self-insured plans, group health plans (as
36 defined in section 607(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security
37 Act of 1974, [29 USC Section 1167(1)], service benefit plans,
38 managed care organizations, pharmacy benefit managers, or other
39 parties that are, by statute, contract, or agreement, legally responsible
40 for payment of a claim for a health care item or service as a condition
41 of doing business in the State.

42 (4) 'Medical assistance' means medical assistance benefits provided under
43 the State Medical Assistance Plan.

44 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, every insurer issuing a health
45 benefit plan shall provide, in a timely manner and at no cost, to the Department of
46 Health and Human Services, upon its request, information, including automated data
47 matches conducted under the direction of the Department of Health and Human
48 Services, Division of Medical Assistance, as necessary to (i) identify individuals
49 covered under the insurer's health benefit plans who are also recipients of medical
50 assistance; (ii) determine the period during which the individual or the individual's
51 spouses or the individual's dependents may be or may have been covered by the health
52 benefit plan; and (iii) determine the nature of the coverage. To facilitate the Division in
53 obtaining this and other related information, every insurer shall:

54 (1) Cooperate with the Division to determine whether a named individual
55 who is a recipient of medical assistance may be covered under the

- 1 insurer's health benefit plan and eligible to receive benefits under the
2 health benefit plan for services provided under the State Medical
3 Assistance Plan.
- 4 (2) Accept the Division's authorization for the provision of medical
5 services on behalf of the recipient of medical assistance as the insurer's
6 authorization for the provision of the services.
- 7 (3) Respond to the request for information within 30 working days after
8 receipt of written proof of loss or claim for payment for health care
9 services provided to a recipient of medical assistance who is covered
10 by the insurer's health benefit plan.
- 11 (4) Accept the Division's right of recovery and the assignment to the
12 Division of any right of an individual or other entity to payment from
13 the party for an item or service for which payment has been made
14 under the State Medical Assistance Plan.
- 15 (5) Respond to any inquiry by the Division of Medical Assistance
16 regarding a claim for payment for any health care item or service that
17 is submitted not later than three years after the date of the provision of
18 the health care item or service.
- 19 (6) Agree not to deny a claim submitted by the Division of Medical
20 Assistance solely on the basis of the date of submission of the claim,
21 the type of format of the claim form, or a failure to present property
22 documentation at the point-of-sale that is the basis of the claim, if:
- 23 a. The claim is submitted by the Division within the three-year
24 period beginning on the date on which the item or service was
25 furnished; and
- 26 b. Any action by the Division to enforce its rights with respect to
27 such claim is commenced within six years of the Division's
28 submission of the claim.
- 29 (c) An insurer that complies with this section shall not be liable on that account
30 in any civil or criminal actions or proceedings brought by an individual covered under
31 the insurer's health benefit plan or the individual's beneficiaries."

TICKET TO WORK EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGE

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34 **SECTION 10.9.(a)** Section 10.18(c) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

35 **"SECTION 10.18.(c)** Subsection (b) of this section becomes effective July 1, 2006.
36 Subsection (a) of this section becomes effective July 1, 2007, ~~or within 30 days after the~~
37 ~~date on which the MMIS becomes operational, as determined by the Department of~~
38 ~~Health and Human Services, whichever occurs later, 2007.~~ Client enrollment shall begin
39 not later than six months from the date subsection (a) becomes effective. The remainder
40 of this section is effective when it becomes law."

41 **SECTION 10.9.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall
42 study and develop a plan for the implementation of the Ticket to Work Program. The
43 Department shall report to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human
44 Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and
45 Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division not later than March 1, 2007, on the
46 results of its study. The report shall include what system changes need to be made to
47 implement the Ticket to Work Program, how soon the changes can be made, and an
48 analysis of the five-year fiscal impact of the Program.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE LONG TERM CARE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

50 **SECTION 10.10.** Pursuant to authority under Section 1917(b) of the Social
51 Security Act (42 USC 1396p(c)), as amended by Public Law 109-171 effective January
52 1, 2007, there is established in the Department of Health and Human Services the North
53 Carolina Long-Term Care Partnership Program. The purpose of the Program is to
54 reduce future Medicaid costs for long-term care by delaying or eliminating dependence
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1 on Medicaid. The Program shall be administered by the Department of Health and
2 Human Services with the assistance of the Commissioner of Insurance. The
3 Department shall structure and administer the Program in accordance with applicable
4 federal law and guidelines for qualified State long-term care partnerships. The
5 Program, including the treatment of assets for Medicaid eligibility and estate recovery,
6 notwithstanding statutory provisions on treatment of assets and estate recovery to the
7 contrary, shall offer incentives to individuals to insure against the substantial costs of
8 providing for their long-term care needs. The Long-Term Care Partnership Program
9 becomes effective on the effective date of the approved State Plan amendment.

10 11 **STUDY MEDICAID PROVIDER RATE INCREASES**

12 **SECTION 10.11.(a)** The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human
13 Services shall study and develop a proposal for an equitable standard for providing
14 inflationary increases and other cost-related increases to service providers in the
15 Medicaid program. The Department shall seek the assistance of external consultants
16 and other appropriate financial experts and affected parties to validate any
17 methodologies used in the development of the standard.

18 **SECTION 10.11.(b)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department
19 of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of one hundred
20 thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used to support the
21 study. Not later than March 1, 2007, the Department shall report to the Senate
22 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of
23 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the
24 Fiscal Research Division on the findings and recommendations of the study.

25 26 **INCREASE HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR UNINSURED PERSONS**

27 **SECTION 10.12.(a)** The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human
28 Services shall develop a plan to expand health care access for uninsured North
29 Carolinians through the use of public/private partnerships, federal flexibility and
30 resources, and promotion of charity care by health care providers. The goals of the plan
31 are to:

- 32 (1) Aid small businesses that want to provide health care coverage.
- 33 (2) Expand health care coverage for the working uninsured persons.
- 34 (3) Secure all available federal funds to support the program.
- 35 (4) Promote charity care by health care providers.

36 **SECTION 10.12.(b)** In developing the plan, the Secretary shall:

- 37 (1) Consider findings and recommendations of previous studies on
38 increased access to health care and covering the uninsured to
39 determine their feasibility.
- 40 (2) Draw on the experience of other states that have successfully increased
41 access to health care and covered the uninsured.
- 42 (3) Determine waivers necessary to secure federal funding available
43 through 1115 Demonstration Waivers and other federal waivers to
44 cover the uninsured.
- 45 (4) Explore options such as those available through the Deficit Reduction
46 Act of 2005 (DEFRA) to adjust Medicaid eligibility and benefits to
47 cover the uninsured.
- 48 (5) Consider the use of existing funding that might be used to leverage
49 additional federal matching funds including certified public
50 expenditures (CPE), and appropriate federal Disproportionate Share
51 Hospital Program (DSH) funds.
- 52 (6) Pursue an agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
53 Services (CMS) to develop a methodology for investing Medicare
54 savings realized from the expansion of the scope of Community Care
55 of North Carolina Program to help fund the plan; and

- 1 (7) Determine in conjunction with the Office of State Budget and
2 Management the fiscal impact of the plan for a five-year period.

3 **SECTION 10.12.(c)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department
4 of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of two hundred
5 thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used to support the
6 development of the plan. The proposed plan shall be submitted to the 2007 General
7 Assembly not later than March 1, 2007.
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9 **HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS (HIS) FUNDS**

10 **SECTION 10.13.(a)** The sum of nine million eight hundred thirty-five
11 thousand seven hundred ninety-five dollars (\$9,835,795) is appropriated from Budget
12 Code 24430, Fund Code 2117, to the Department of Health and Human Services,
13 Division of Public Health, for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for
14 the development and implementation of the Health Information Systems (HIS), an
15 initiative that will provide an automated means of capturing, monitoring, reporting, and
16 billing services provided in local health departments, CDSAs, and the State Public
17 Health Lab. The HIS will allow for interfaces to local health departments' own vendor
18 systems and is intended to replace the outdated Health Services Information System.
19 Allocation of these funds is contingent upon full compliance with the reporting
20 requirements of Section 10.59A.(b) of S.L. 2005-276 and the identification of total
21 estimated costs and future funding sources.

22 **SECTION 10.13.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services,
23 Division of Public Health, shall report on the use of these funds to the House of
24 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the
25 Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal
26 Research Division not later than March 1, 2007.
27

28 **REPEAL VISION CARE PROGRAM**

29 **SECTION 10.14.** Section 10.59F of S.L. 2005-276 (as amended by Section
30 20 of S.L. 2005-345), G.S. 130A-440.1, and Part 34 of Article 3 of Chapter 143B of the
31 General Statutes are repealed.
32

33 **EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES REPORT**

34 **SECTION 10.15.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division
35 of Public Health, shall report on Early Intervention services. The report shall include
36 the following information for all children, ages birth to three years, entering the Early
37 Intervention system as of July 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006:

- 38 (1) Children served: the number of children referred and the source of
39 referral, the number of children receiving initial evaluations, the
40 number of children determined eligible, the number of children
41 enrolled, and the number of IFS Plans developed.
- 42 (2) Services provided: the number and types of evaluation services,
43 treatment services, and other services provided and whether the service
44 was provided by an employee of a Children's Developmental Services
45 Agency or a private provider.
- 46 (3) Sliding scale participation: the percentage of enrolled children whose
47 family income falls into each of the following categories: at or below
48 200% of the federal poverty level, between 250% and 300% of the
49 federal poverty level, between 350% and 400% of the federal poverty
50 level, and over 400% of the federal poverty level. These percentages
51 shall be reported based on gross income and net income after
52 allowable deductions.

53 The Division of Public Health shall report its findings and recommendations
54 to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of

1 Representative Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the
2 Fiscal Research Division not later than February 1, 2007.

3 4 **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER CHANGES**

5 **SECTION 10.16.** Section 10.9(a) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

6 **"SECTION 10.9.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act for Community Health
7 Grants, the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in recurring funds ~~for the~~
8 ~~2005-2006 fiscal year, and the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in recurring~~
9 funds for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used for federally qualified health centers,
10 for those health centers that meet the criteria for federally qualified health centers, and
11 for State-designated rural health centers and public health departments and other clinics
12 to:

- 13 (1) Increase access to preventative and primary care services by uninsured
14 or medically indigent patients in existing or new health center
15 locations;
- 16 (2) Establish community health center services in counties where no such
17 services exist;
- 18 (3) Create new services or augment existing services provided to
19 uninsured or medically indigent patients, including primary care and
20 preventative medical services, dental services, pharmacy, and
21 behavioral health; and
- 22 (4) Increase capacity necessary to serve the uninsured by enhancing or
23 replacing facilities, equipment, or technologies.

24 Grant funds may not be used to enhance or increase compensation or other benefits
25 of personnel, administrators, directors, consultants, or any other parties. Grant funds
26 may not be used to supplant federal funds traditionally received by federally qualified
27 community health centers and may not be used to finance or satisfy any existing debt.
28 The Department of Health and Human Services shall distribute funds on the basis of the
29 availability of other funds for the agency, and also on the basis of incidence of poverty
30 or percentage of indigent clients served. Grant applicants must provide after-hours
31 access in order to qualify for grant funds. The Department shall give preference to those
32 grant applicants demonstrating collaboration with the applicant's community hospital."
33

34 **EDUCATION ON PREVENTION OF PRETERM BIRTHS**

35 **SECTION 10.17.** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
36 Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one hundred fifty
37 thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used to provide
38 education to women on the benefits of progesterone for those who have had preterm
39 births and to purchase medication for eligible minority and low-income women until the
40 medication becomes readily available through the Medicaid Program. The Division of
41 Public Health shall evaluate the impact of the use of these funds and shall share the
42 outcomes of the evaluation with the Division of Medical Assistance, the Senate
43 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of
44 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the
45 Fiscal Research Division.
46

47 **COMMUNITY-FOCUSED ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES** 48 **INITIATIVE**

49 **SECTION 10.18.** Of funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
50 Health and Human Services for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the sum of two million
51 dollars (\$2,000,000) shall be allocated for the Community-Focused Eliminating Health
52 Disparities Initiative (CFEhDI) to provide grants-in-aid to local public health
53 departments, American Indian tribes, and faith-based and community-based
54 organizations to close the gap in the health status of African-Americans,
55 Hispanics/Latinos, and American Indians as compared to white persons. These grants

1 shall focus on the use of preventive measures to support health lifestyles. The areas of
2 focus on health status shall be infant mortality, HIV-AIDS and sexually transmitted
3 infections, cancer, diabetes, and homicides and motor vehicle deaths. These funds shall
4 also be used to support one FTE in the Department of Health and Human Services to
5 monitor, track, and evaluate grantees' progress in meeting performance-based standards
6 and outcomes established by the Department.

7 8 **CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

9 **SECTION 10.19.** G.S. 143B-139.4.(b) reads as rewritten:

10 "(b) A private, nonprofit organization that receives employee assistance or other
11 appropriate services in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, shall document all
12 contributions received, including employee time, supplies, materials, equipment, and
13 physical space. The documentation shall also provide an estimated value of all
14 contributions received as well as any compensation paid to or bonuses received by State
15 employees. This documentation shall be submitted annually to the Secretary of the
16 Department of Health and Human Services in a format approved by the Secretary.
17 Nonprofit organizations with less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in
18 annual income shall submit an affidavit from the chief officer of the organization
19 providing and attesting to the financial condition of the organization and the expenditure
20 of funds or use of State employee services or other State services. The board of directors
21 of each private, nonprofit organization with an annual income of five hundred thousand
22 dollars (\$500,000) or more shall secure and pay for the services of the State Auditor's
23 Office or employ a certified public accountant to conduct an annual audit of the
24 financial accounts of the organization. The board of directors shall transmit to the
25 Secretary of the Department a copy of the annual financial audit report of the private
26 nonprofit organization. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to relieve the
27 private, nonprofit organization from other applicable reporting requirements established
28 by law."

29 30 **PRIVATE WELL WATER PROTECTION**

31 **SECTION 10.20.(a)** G.S. 130A-5 is amended by adding the following new
32 subdivision to read:

33 "**§ 130A-5. Duties of the Secretary.**

34 The Secretary shall have the authority:

35 ..
36 (16) To charge a fee for analyzing Private Well Water samples sent to the
37 State Laboratory of Public Health by local health departments. The fee
38 shall be computed annually by the Director of the State Laboratory of
39 Public Health by analyzing the previous year's testing at the State
40 Laboratory of Public Health, and applying the amount of the total cost
41 of the Private Well Water testing, minus State appropriations that
42 support this effort. The fee amount shall be effective during the current
43 fiscal year. The fee shall be in addition to the charge for the Private
44 Well Water panel test kit."

45 **SECTION 10.20.(b)** Effective July 1, 2006, the fee for analyzing Private
46 Well Water samples sent to the State Laboratory of Public Health by local health
47 departments shall be as determined by the Director of the State Laboratory pursuant to
48 G.S. 130A-5(16).

49 50 **AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

51 **SECTION 10.21.** Section 10.59(a) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

52 ~~"SECTION 10.59.(a) For the 2005 2006 fiscal year and for the 2006 2007 fiscal~~
53 ~~year, HIV positive individuals with incomes at or below one hundred twenty five~~
54 ~~percent (125%) of the federal poverty level are eligible for participation in ADAP.~~
55 ~~Eligibility for participation in ADAP during the 2005 2007 fiscal biennium shall not be~~

1 ~~extended to individuals with incomes above one hundred twenty five percent (125%) of~~
 2 ~~the federal poverty level. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the Department may adjust the~~
 3 ~~financial eligibility criterion of the ADAP Program up to an amount not exceeding two~~
 4 ~~hundred fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty level in order to serve as many~~
 5 ~~eligible North Carolinians living with HIV disease as possible within existing resources~~
 6 ~~plus any new federal resources. If the Department raises the eligibility limit above one~~
 7 ~~hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the federal poverty level and a waiting list~~
 8 ~~develops as a result, the Department shall give priority on the waiting list to those~~
 9 ~~individuals at or below one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the federal poverty~~
 10 ~~level."~~

11
 12 **TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO LICENSURE FEE LIMITS**

13 **SECTION 10.22.** G.S. 131E-267 reads as rewritten:

14 **"§ 131E-267. Fees for departmental review of health care facility construction**
 15 **projects.**

16 The Department of Health and Human Services shall charge a fee for the review of
 17 each health care facility construction project to ensure that project plans and
 18 construction are in compliance with State law. The fee shall be charged on a one-time,
 19 per-project basis, as follows, and shall not exceed ~~twelve thousand five hundred dollars~~
 20 ~~(\$12,500)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for any single project:

21
 22 **Institutional Project**

Project Fee

23 Hospitals	\$ 300.00 plus \$0.20/square foot of project space
24 Nursing Homes	\$ 250.00 plus \$0.16/square foot of project space
25 Ambulatory Surgical Facility	\$ 200.00 plus \$0.16/square foot of project space
26 Psychiatric Hospital	\$ 200.00 plus \$0.16/square foot of project space
27 Adult Care Home	
28 7 or more beds	\$ 175.00 plus \$0.10/square foot of project space

29
 30 **Residential Project**

Project Fee

31 Family Care Homes	\$ 175.00 flat fee
32 ICF/MR Group Homes	\$ 275.00 flat fee
33 Group Homes: 1-3 beds	\$ 100.00 flat fee
34 Group Homes: 4-6 beds	\$ 175.00 flat fee
35 Group Homes: 7-9 beds	\$ 225.00 flat fee
36 Other residential:	
37 More than 9 beds	\$ 225.00 plus \$0.075/square foot of project space."

38
 39 **CLARIFICATION OF FEES FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL**
 40 **DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE FACILITIES**

41 **SECTION 10.23.** G.S. 122C-23(h) reads as rewritten:

42 "(h) The Department shall charge facilities licensed under this Chapter ~~that have~~
 43 ~~licensed beds~~ a nonrefundable annual base license fee plus a nonrefundable annual
 44 per-bed fee as follows:

45 Type of Facility	Number of Beds	Base Fee	Per-Bed Fee
46 <u>Facilities (non ICF/MR):</u>	<u>0 beds</u>	<u>\$175.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>
47 Facilities (non ICF/MR):	6 or fewer		
	<u>1 to 6 beds</u>	\$250.00	\$0
	More than 6 beds	\$350.00	\$12.50
51 ICF/MR Only:	6 or fewer		
	<u>1 to 6 beds</u>	\$650.00	\$0
	More than 6 beds	\$650.00	\$12.50"

1 **TRANSFER ADVOCACY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE SECTION TO OFFICE**
2 **OF THE SECRETARY**

3 **SECTION 10.24.** The Advocacy and Customer Service Section of the
4 Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services
5 is transferred to the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human
6 Services. The transfer has the elements of a Type I transfer as defined in G.S. 143A-6.
7 In addition to its other responsibilities, the Advocacy and Customer Service Section
8 shall assume and carry out the requirements of the Consumer Advocacy Program as
9 established under Article 1A of Chapter 122C of the General Statutes.

10
11 **AUTHORIZE LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES TO TRANSFER FUNDS**
12 **BETWEEN AGE AND DISABILITY CATEGORIES**

13 **SECTION 10.25.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 143-23, an area authority or a
14 county program may transfer from one age or disability category to a different age or
15 disability category up to fifteen percent (15%) of the funds initially allocated to the age
16 or disability category from which funds are being transferred. Prior to the transfer, the
17 Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services
18 shall verify that the transfer meets applicable federal requirements. Area authorities and
19 county programs shall:

- 20 (1) Publicly document that they have addressed the service needs of the
21 category from which the funds are being transferred before any
22 transfer may occur, and
23 (2) Submit the required documentation to the Division of Mental Health,
24 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and to the
25 Fiscal Research Division within 15 days of making the transfer.

26 **SECTION 10.25.(b)** This section expires July 1, 2007.
27

28 **AREA AUTHORITY AND COUNTY PROGRAM CRISIS REGIONS**

29 **SECTION 10.26.(a)** Using funds appropriated in this act to the Department
30 of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities,
31 and Substance Abuse Services, and allocated to area authorities and county programs
32 for this purpose, area authorities and county programs shall organize themselves into no
33 more than 21 crisis regions based upon the existing Geriatric Specialty team
34 configurations or other approved regions. These funds shall be allocated to each area
35 authority or county programs on a per capita basis. The funds may be used for
36 operational start-up, capital, or subsidies related to developing a continuum of crisis
37 services. No more than three percent (3%) may be spent for administrative costs. The
38 area authorities and county program within a crisis region shall work together to
39 identify gaps in their ability to provide a continuum of crisis services for all consumers
40 and use the funds allocated to them to develop and implement a plan to address those
41 needs. At a minimum, the plan must address the development over time of the following
42 components: 24-hour crisis telephone lines, walk-in crisis services, mobile crisis
43 outreach, crisis respite/residential services, crisis stabilization units, 23-hour beds,
44 facility-based crisis, in-patient crisis and transportation. Options for voluntary
45 admissions to a secured facility must include at least one service appropriate to address
46 the mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse needs of adults, and
47 the mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse needs of children.
48 Options for involuntary commitment to a secured facility must include at least one
49 option in addition to admission to a State facility.

50 If all area authorities and county programs in a crisis region determine that a
51 facility-based crisis center is needed and sustainable on a long-term basis, the crisis
52 region shall attempt to secure those services through a community hospital or other
53 community facility first. If all the area authorities and county programs in the crisis
54 region determine the region's crisis needs are being met, the area authorities and county
55 programs may use the funds to meet local crisis service needs.

1 **SECTION 10.26.(b)** Of the funds appropriated in this act for consultant
2 services to aid local management entities and the Division of Mental Health,
3 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the sum of two hundred
4 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) shall be used for consulting services engaged
5 pursuant to this subsection. Each area authority and county program and each crisis
6 region shall utilize the technical assistance of a consultant under contract with the
7 Division to develop and implement its crisis services plan. The consultant shall assist
8 area authorities and county programs and crisis regions to identify local and regional
9 gaps in crisis services, identify options for providing services, implement new services,
10 and maintain transparency and accountability for the use of funds. The crisis region or
11 area authorities and county programs shall submit their crisis services plan to the
12 consultant and to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
13 Substance Abuse Services (Division) for review and public comment. The crisis regions
14 and area authorities and county programs shall consider the comments prior to
15 submitting a final plan for implementation. Upon submission of a final plan to DHHS,
16 each crisis region, area authority, and county program will receive implementation
17 funds. Funds not expended during the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall not revert.

18 Area authorities and county programs and crisis regions shall report monthly
19 to the consultant and to the Division regarding the use of the funds, whether there has
20 been a reduction in the use of State psychiatric hospitals for acute admissions, and
21 remaining gaps in local and regional crisis services. The consultant shall report
22 regularly to the General Assembly, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Joint
23 Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
24 Substance Abuse Services regarding each crisis region's and area authorities' and county
25 programs' proposed and actual use of the funds.

26 27 **EXTEND SUNSET FOR FIRST COMMITMENT PILOT PROGRAM**

28 **SECTION 10.27.** S.L. 2003-178 reads as rewritten:

29 **"SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Health and Human Services may, upon request of a
30 phase-one local management entity, waive temporarily the requirements of
31 G.S. 122C-261 through G.S. 122C-263 and G.S. 122C-281 through G.S. 122C-283
32 pertaining to initial (first-level) examinations by a physician or eligible psychologist of
33 individuals meeting the criteria of G.S. 122C-261(a) or G.S. 122C-281(a), as applicable,
34 as follows:

- 35 (1) The Secretary has received a request from a phase-one local
36 management entity to substitute for a physician or eligible
37 psychologist, a licensed clinical social worker, a masters level
38 psychiatric nurse, or a masters level certified clinical addictions
39 specialist to conduct the initial (first-level) examinations of individuals
40 meeting the criteria of G.S. 122C-261(a) or G.S. 122C-281(a). The
41 waiver shall be implemented on a pilot-program basis. The request
42 from the local management entity shall be submitted as part of the
43 entity's local business plan and shall specifically describe:
- 44 a. How the purpose of the statutory requirement would be better
45 served by waiving the requirement and substituting the
46 proposed change under the waiver.
 - 47 b. How the waiver will enable the local management entity to
48 improve the delivery or management of mental health,
49 developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services.
 - 50 c. How the services to be provided by the licensed clinical social
51 worker, the masters level psychiatric nurse, or the masters level
52 certified clinical addictions specialist under the waiver are
53 within each of these professional's scope of practice.

- 1 d. How the health, safety, and welfare of individuals will continue
2 to be at least as well protected under the waiver as under the
3 statutory requirement.
- 4 (2) The Secretary shall review the request and may approve it upon
5 finding that:
- 6 a. The request meets the requirements of this section.
7 b. The request furthers the purposes of State policy under
8 G.S. 122C-2 and mental health, developmental disabilities, and
9 substance abuse services reform.
- 10 c. The request improves the delivery of mental health,
11 developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services in the
12 counties affected by the waiver and also protects the health,
13 safety, and welfare of individuals receiving these services.
- 14 d. The duties and responsibilities performed by the licensed
15 clinical social worker, the masters level psychiatric nurse, or the
16 masters level certified clinical addictions specialist are within
17 the individual's scope of practice.
- 18 (3) The Secretary shall evaluate the effectiveness, quality, and efficiency
19 of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse
20 services and protection of health, safety, and welfare under the waiver.
21 The Secretary shall send a report on the evaluation to the Joint
22 Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental
23 Disabilities, and Substances Abuse Services on or before July 1, 2006.
- 24 (4) The waiver granted by the Secretary under this section shall be in
25 effect ~~for a period not to exceed three years, or the period for which~~
26 ~~the requesting local management entity's business plan is approved,~~
27 ~~whichever is shorter, until October 1, 2007.~~
- 28 (5) The Secretary may grant a waiver under this section to up to five local
29 management entities that have been designated as phase-one entities as
30 of July 1, 2003.
- 31 (6) In no event shall the substitution of a licensed clinical social worker,
32 masters level psychiatric nurse, or masters level certified clinical
33 addictions specialist under a waiver granted under this section be
34 construed as authorization to expand the scope of practice of the
35 licensed clinical social worker, the masters level psychiatric nurse, or
36 the masters level certified clinical addictions specialist.
- 37 (7) The Department shall assure that staff performing the duties are
38 trained and privileged to perform the functions identified in the waiver.
39 The Department shall involve stakeholders including, but not limited
40 to, the North Carolina Psychiatric Association, The North Carolina
41 Nurses Association, National Association of Social Workers, The
42 North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Certification Board,
43 North Carolina Psychological Association, The North Carolina Society
44 for Clinical Social Work, and the North Carolina Medical Society in
45 developing required staff competencies.
- 46 (8) The local management entity shall assure that a physician is available
47 at all times to provide backup support to include telephone
48 consultation and face-to-face evaluation, if necessary.

49 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003, and expires ~~July 1,~~
50 ~~2006, October 1, 2007.~~"

51
52 **CHANGES TO THE STATE PLAN FOR MENTAL HEALTH,**
53 **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

54 **SECTION 10.28.(a)** G.S. 122C-102 reads as rewritten:

1 **"§ 122C-102. State Plan for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and**
2 **Substance Abuse Services. ~~Services; system performance measures.~~**

3 (a) Purpose of State Plan. – The Department shall develop and implement a State
4 Plan for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services. The
5 purpose of the State Plan is to provide a strategic template regarding how State and
6 local resources shall be organized and used to provide services. The State Plan shall be
7 issued every three years beginning July 1, 2007. It shall identify specific goals to be
8 achieved by the Department, area authorities, and county programs over a three-year
9 period of time and benchmarks for determining whether progress is being made towards
10 those goals. It shall also identify data that will be used to measure progress towards the
11 specified goals. In order to increase the ability of the State, area authorities, county
12 programs, private providers, and consumers to successfully implement the goals of the
13 State Plan, the Department shall not adopt or implement policies that are inconsistent
14 with the State Plan without first consulting with the Joint Legislative Committee on
15 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services.

16 (b) Content of State Plan. – The State Plan shall include the following:

- 17 (1) Vision and mission of the State Mental Health, Developmental
18 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services system.
- 19 (2) ~~Organizational structure of the Department and the divisions of the~~
20 ~~Department responsible for managing and monitoring mental health,~~
21 ~~developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services.~~
- 22 (3) Protection of client rights and consumer involvement in planning and
23 management of system services.
- 24 (4) Provision of services to targeted populations, including criteria for
25 identifying targeted populations.
- 26 (5) Compliance with federal mandates in establishing service priorities in
27 mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse.
- 28 (6) Description of the core services that are available to all individuals in
29 order to improve consumer access to mental health, developmental
30 disabilities, and substance abuse services at the local level.
- 31 (7) Service standards for the mental health, developmental disabilities, and
32 substance abuse services system.
- 33 (8) Implementation of the uniform portal process.
- 34 (9) Strategies and schedules for implementing the service plan, including
35 consultation on Medicaid policy with area and county programs,
36 qualified providers, and others as designated by the Secretary,
37 intersystem collaboration, promotion of best practices, technical
38 assistance, outcome-based monitoring, and evaluation.
- 39 (10) A plan for coordination of the State Plan for Mental Health,
40 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services with the
41 Medicaid State Plan, and NC Health Choice.
- 42 (11) A business plan to demonstrate efficient and effective resource
43 management of the mental health, developmental disabilities, and
44 substance abuse services system, including strategies for
45 accountability for non-Medicaid and Medicaid services.
- 46 (12) Strategies and schedules for implementing a phased in plan to
47 eliminate disparities in the allocation of State funding across county
48 programs and area authorities by January 1, 2007, including methods
49 to identify service gaps and to ensure equitable use of State funds to
50 fill those gaps among all counties.

51 (c) State Performance Measures. – The State Plan shall also include a mechanism
52 for measuring the State's progress towards increased performance on the following
53 matters: access to services, consumer-focused outcomes, individualized planning and
54 supports, promotion of best practices, quality management systems, system efficiency
55 and effectiveness, and prevention and early intervention. Beginning October 1, 2006,

1 and every six months thereafter, the Secretary shall report to the General Assembly and
2 the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental
3 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services on the State's progress in these performance
4 areas."

5 **SECTION 10.28.(b)** The North Carolina Department of Health and Human
6 Services (DHHS) shall review all State Plans for Mental Health, Developmental
7 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, implemented after July 1, 2001, and before
8 the effective date of this act and produce a single document that contains a cumulative
9 statement of all still applicable provisions of those Plans. This cumulative document
10 shall constitute the State Plan until July 1, 2007.

11 DHHS and the Secretary shall also identify those provisions in
12 G.S. 122C-112.1, prior State Plans, and directives or communications by the Division of
13 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services that must be
14 adopted as administrative rules in order to be enforceable and undertake to adopt those
15 rules.

16 **SECTION 10.28.(c)** Independent consultants hired by the Department from
17 funds appropriated in this act for this purpose shall undertake the following tasks:

- 18 (1) Assist DHHS with the strategic planning necessary to develop the
19 revised State Plan as required under G.S. 122C-102. The State Plan
20 shall be coordinated with local and regional crisis service plans by area
21 authorities and county programs.
- 22 (2) Study and make recommendations to increase the capacity of DHHS to
23 implement system reform successfully and in a manner that maintains
24 strong management functions by area authorities and county programs
25 at the local level.
- 26 (3) Assist the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
27 Substance Abuse Services to work with area authorities and county
28 programs to:
 - 29 a. Develop and implement five to ten critical performance
30 indicators to be used to hold area authorities and county
31 programs accountable for managing the mental health,
32 developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services
33 system. The performance system indicators shall be
34 implemented no later than six months after the consultant's
35 contract is awarded and in no event later than July 1, 2007.
 - 36 b. Standardize the utilization management functions for Medicaid
37 and non-Medicaid services and for the review and approval of
38 person-centered plans.
 - 39 c. Develop area authorities' and county programs' expertise to
40 assume utilization management for Medicaid services. The goal
41 shall be to have a portion of the area authorities and county
42 programs assume that function beginning July 1, 2007, and the
43 remainder to assume the function no later than July 1, 2009.
 - 44 d. Implement other uniform procedures for the management
45 functions of area authorities and county programs.
- 46 (4) Provide technical assistance and oversight to private service providers,
47 area authorities, and county programs to ensure that best practices and
48 new services are being delivered with fidelity to the service definition
49 model.
- 50 (5) Provide ongoing and focused technical assistance to area authorities
51 and county programs in the implementation of their administrative and
52 management functions and the establishment and operation of
53 community-based programs. The Secretary shall include in the State
54 Plan a mechanism for monitoring the Department's success in

- 1 implementing this duty and the progress of area authorities and county
2 programs in achieving these functions.
- 3 (6) Assist the Division with implementing standard forms, contracts,
4 processes, and procedures to be used by all area authorities and county
5 programs with other public and private service providers. These
6 processes and procedures shall include standardized denial codes and a
7 standard policy regarding the coordination of benefits. The
8 independent consultant shall consult with area authorities and county
9 programs regarding the development of these forms, contracts,
10 processes, and procedures. Any document or process developed under
11 this subdivision shall place an obligation upon providers to transmit to
12 area authorities and county programs timely client information and
13 outcome data. The independent consultant shall also recommend
14 language regarding what constitutes a clean claim for purposes of
15 billing. When implementing this subdivision, the independent
16 consultant shall balance the need for area authorities and county
17 programs to exercise discretion in the discharge of their management
18 responsibilities with the need of private service providers for a uniform
19 system of doing business with public entities. The independent
20 consultant shall also (i) identify other areas of standardization that may
21 be implemented without undermining the authority of area authorities
22 and county programs, and (ii) identify and eliminate processes and
23 procedures that are duplicative or result in unnecessary paperwork.
24

25 **FACILITY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTPATIENT SUBSTANCE**
26 **ABUSE SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH FACILITY LICENSURE**
27 **REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH AND**
28 **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES**

29 **SECTION 10.29.** G.S. 122C-3(14) reads as rewritten:

30 **"§ 122C-3. Definitions.**

31 As used in this Chapter, unless another meaning is specified or the context clearly
32 requires otherwise, the following terms have the meanings specified:
33

- 34 (14) "Facility" means any person at one location whose primary purpose is
35 to provide services for the care, treatment, habilitation, or
36 rehabilitation of the mentally ill, the developmentally disabled, or
37 substance abusers, and includes:
- 38 a. An "area facility", which is a facility that is operated by or
39 under contract with the area authority or county program. For
40 the purposes of this subparagraph, a contract is a contract,
41 memorandum of understanding, or other written agreement
42 whereby the facility agrees to provide services to one or more
43 clients of the area authority or county program. Area facilities
44 may also be licensable facilities in accordance with Article 2 of
45 this Chapter. A State facility is not an area facility;
- 46 b. A "licensable facility", which is a facility that provides services
47 to individuals who are mentally ill, developmentally disabled,
48 or substance abusers for one or more minors or for two or more
49 adults. ~~When the services offered are provided to individuals~~
50 ~~who are mentally ill or developmentally disabled, these~~ These
51 services shall be day services offered to the same individual for
52 a period of three hours or more during a 24-hour period, or
53 residential services provided for 24 consecutive hours or more.
54 ~~When the services offered are provided to individuals who are~~
55 ~~substance abusers, these services shall include all outpatient~~

1 ~~services, day services offered to the same individual for a~~
2 ~~period of three hours or more during a 24 hour period, or~~
3 ~~residential services provided for 24 consecutive hours or more.~~
4 Facilities for individuals who are substance abusers include
5 chemical dependency facilities;

- 6 c. A "private facility", which is a facility that is either a licensable
7 facility or a special unit of a general hospital or a part of either
8 in which the specific service provided is not covered under the
9 terms of a contract with an area authority;
- 10 d. The psychiatric service of the University of North Carolina
11 Hospitals at Chapel Hill;
- 12 e. A "residential facility", which is a 24-hour facility that is not a
13 hospital, including a group home;
- 14 f. A "State facility", which is a facility that is operated by the
15 Secretary;
- 16 g. A "24-hour facility", which is a facility that provides a
17 structured living environment and services for a period of 24
18 consecutive hours or more and includes hospitals that are
19 facilities under this Chapter; and
- 20 h. A Veterans Administration facility or part thereof that provides
21 services for the care, treatment, habilitation, or rehabilitation of
22 the mentally ill, the developmentally disabled, or substance
23 abusers."
24

25 **INDEDPENDENT- AND SUPPORTIVE-LIVING APARTMENTS INITIATIVE**

26 **SECTION 10.30.** The independent and supportive living apartments for
27 persons with disabilities constructed from funds appropriated in this act for that purpose
28 shall be affordable to persons with incomes at the Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
29 level. If the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency is able to finance the apartments
30 for less than the amount appropriated under this section, any remaining funds, as well as
31 any interest earned on the amount appropriated, may be used to finance additional
32 apartments, group homes, and transitional housing for individuals with disabilities.
33

34 **LME FINANCIAL REPORTS TO COUNTY REVIEWED BY COUNTY** 35 **FINANCE OFFICERS**

36 **SECTION 10.31.(a)** G.S. 122C-117(c) reads as rewritten:

37 "(c) Within 30 days of the end of each quarter of the fiscal year, the area director
38 and finance officer of the area authority shall provide to each member of the board of
39 county commissioners the quarterly report of the area authority. The quarterly report
40 shall also be presented to the county finance officer for review and comment. The clerk
41 to the board of commissioners shall notify the area director and finance officer if it has
42 not received the quarterly report required by this subsection. This information shall be
43 presented in a format prescribed by the county. At least twice a year, this information
44 shall be presented in person and shall be read into the minutes of the meeting at which it
45 is presented. In addition, the area director or finance officer of the area authority shall
46 provide to the board of county commissioners ad hoc reports as requested by the board
47 of county commissioners."

48 **SECTION 10.31.(b)** Article 23 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is
49 amended by adding the following new section to read:

50 **"§ 153A-453. Quarterly reports of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and**
51 **Substance Abuse Services area authority or county program.**

52 Quarterly reports by the area director and finance officer of Mental Health,
53 Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services area authorities or county
54 programs shall be submitted to the county finance officer as provided under
55 G.S. 122C-117(c)."

LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITY ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

SECTION 10.32. The Department of Health and Human Services shall recalculate local management entity (LME) systems management allocations for fiscal year 2006-2007 to include funds for each LME to implement 24-hour, seven days a week screening, triage, and referral, and the review and approval of all person-centered plans. The Department shall allocate funds appropriated in this act for this purpose to LMEs to implement the functions described in this section.

PORTION OF PROCEEDS FROM ALCOHOL EXCISE TAX DEPOSITED TO TRUST FUND FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AND BRIDGE FUNDING NEEDS

SECTION 10.33.(a) Part 4 of Article 2C of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 105-113.82A. Distribution to the Trust Fund for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and Bridge Funding Needs.

After setting aside funds for the distributions required by G.S. 105-113.81A and G.S. 105-113.82, the Secretary shall on a monthly basis distribute to the Trust Fund for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and Bridge Funding Needs, established under G.S. 143-15.3D, five percent (5%) of the net proceeds of the amount of excise taxes collected under this Article on malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, and spirituous liquor."

SECTION 10.33.(b) This section becomes effective July 1, 2006, and applies to taxes collected on or after that date.

CHILD CARE ALLOCATION FORMULA

SECTION 10.34. Section 10.61(c) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 10.61.(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the Department of Health and Human Services shall allocate up to twenty-two million dollars (\$22,000,000) in federal block grant funds and State funds appropriated for fiscal years ~~2004-2005~~2005-2006 and ~~2005-2006~~2006-2007 for child care services. These funds shall be allocated to prevent termination of child care services."

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES

SECTION 10.35. Section 10.62(e) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 10.62.(e) A market rate shall be calculated for child care centers and homes at each rated license level for each county and for each age group or age category of enrollees and shall be representative of fees charged to ~~unsubsidized privately paying~~ parents for each age group of enrollees within the county. The Division of Child Development shall also calculate a statewide rate and regional market rates for each rated license level for each age category."

PART XI. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

SECTION 11.1. Funds appropriated to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the 2006-2007 fiscal year for the Division of Soil and Water Conservation for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program for acquiring conservation easements and leases or for contracts under the Program shall not revert, but shall remain available for these purposes.

AQUARIUM FUNDS

SECTION 11.2. Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the sum of two million five hundred thousand

dollars (\$2,500,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be for the Division of Aquariums for the operations of the Division of Aquariums of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. These funds are in addition to the funding the Division of Aquariums receives from departmental receipts, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources may use these funds to shift funding for operations of the Division from receipt-support to General Fund support.

GRASSROOTS SCIENCE PROGRAM

SECTION 11.3. Section 12.5 of S.L. 2005-276, as amended by Section 23 of S.L. 2005-345, reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 12.5.(a) Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the Grassroots Science Program, the sum of three million one hundred ninety-seven thousand seven hundred sixty-two dollars (\$3,197,762) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of three million eight hundred sixty-three thousand seven hundred dollars (\$3,863,700) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year is allocated as grants-in-aid for each fiscal year as follows:

	2005-2006	<u>2006-2007</u>
Aurora Fossil Museum	\$59,057	<u>\$62,593</u>
Cape Fear Museum	\$161,007	<u>\$195,926</u>
Carolina Raptor Center	\$112,174	<u>\$126,878</u>
Catawba Science Center	\$133,429	<u>\$181,452</u>
<u>The Children's Museum of Iredell County</u>		<u>\$65,424</u>
Colburn Gem and Mineral Museum, Inc. <u>Earth Science</u>		
<u>Museum, Inc.</u>	\$74,545	<u>\$82,856</u>
Discovery Place	\$662,865	<u>\$845,882</u>
Eastern NC Regional Science Center	\$50,000	<u>\$51,094</u>
Port Discover: Northeastern North Carolina's	\$50,000	
Center for Hands-On Science, Inc.		
Fascinate-U	\$80,742	<u>\$92,389</u>
Granville County Museum Commission,		
Inc.—Harris Gallery	\$56,422	<u>\$58,079</u>
Greensboro Children's Museum	\$135,076	<u>\$142,558</u>
The Health Adventure Museum of Pack		
Place Education, Arts and		
Science Center, Inc.	\$134,499	<u>\$194,079</u>
Highlands Nature Center	\$79,268	<u>\$83,826</u>
Imagination Station	\$86,034	<u>\$95,505</u>
Kidsenses	\$50,000	<u>\$92,676</u>
Museum of Coastal Carolina	\$74,192	<u>\$80,207</u>
<u>The Natural Science Center of</u>		
Greensboro <u>Greensboro, Inc.</u>	\$186,354	<u>\$218,069</u>
North Carolina Museum of Life		
and Science	\$379,826	<u>\$432,752</u>
<u>Port Discover: Northeastern North Carolina's</u>		
<u>Center for Hands-On Science, Inc.</u>	\$50,000	<u>\$50,117</u>
Rocky Mount Children's Museum	\$72,254	<u>\$74,928</u>
Schiele Museum of Natural History		
<u>and Planetarium, Inc.</u>	\$229,547	<u>\$264,353</u>
Sci Works Science Center and		
Environmental Park of Forsyth County	\$146,499	<u>\$177,886</u>
Western North Carolina Nature Center	\$112,879	<u>\$123,079</u>
Wilmington Children's Museum	\$71,093	<u>\$71,093</u>
Total	\$3,197,762	<u>\$3,863,700</u>

1 **SECTION 12.5.(b)** No later than March 1, 2006, the Department of Environment
2 and Natural Resources shall report to the Fiscal Research Division all of the following
3 information for each museum that receives funds under this section:

- 4 (1) The operating budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.
- 5 (2) The operating budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.
- 6 (3) The total attendance at the museum during the 2005 calendar year.

7 **SECTION 12.5.(c)** No later than March 1, 2007, the Department of Environment
8 and Natural Resources shall report to the Fiscal Research Division all of the following
9 information for each museum that receives funds under this section:

- 10 (1) The operating budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.
- 11 (2) The operating budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.
- 12 (3) The total attendance at the museum during the 2006 calendar year."

13 14 **MORATORIUM IMPOSED ON NEW LANDFILLS**

15 **SECTION 11.4.(a)** Definitions. – The definitions set forth in G.S. 130A-290
16 apply throughout this section.

17 **SECTION 11.4.(b)** Moratorium Established. – There is hereby established a
18 moratorium on consideration of applications for a permit and on the issuance of permits
19 for new landfills in the State. The purposes of this moratorium are to allow the State to
20 study solid waste disposal issues in order to protect public health and the environment.
21 The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall not consider a permit
22 application nor issue a permit for a new landfill for the disposal of construction or
23 demolition waste, municipal solid waste, or industrial solid waste for a period beginning
24 on 1 July 2006 and ending on 1 January 2008.

25 **SECTION 11.4.(c)** Exceptions. – The moratorium established by subsection
26 (b) of this section shall not prohibit consideration of an application for or issuance of:

- 27 (1) A modification of a permit for an existing permitted landfill.
- 28 (2) A permit to expand an existing permitted landfill if the proposed
29 facility boundary will provide no more than five years of disposal
30 capacity.
- 31 (3) A modification of a permit to reflect a transfer of ownership of an
32 existing permitted landfill.
- 33 (4) A modification of a permit to provide for a substantial change to the
34 waste stream described in a permit in effect as of 1 May 2006 for an
35 existing landfill.
- 36 (5) A permit for a sanitary landfill used only to dispose of waste generated
37 by a coal-fired generating unit that is owned or operated by an
38 investor-owned utility subject to the requirements of
39 G.S. 143-215.107D.
- 40 (6) A permit for a sanitary landfill determined to be necessary by the
41 Secretary in order to respond to an imminent hazard to public health or
42 a natural disaster.

43 **SECTION 11.4.(d)** Study. – The Environmental Review Commission, with
44 the assistance of the Division of Waste Management of the Department of Environment
45 and Natural Resources, shall study issues related to solid waste. The Commission shall
46 specifically study measures concerning:

- 47 (1) Financial responsibility requirements for solid waste landfills,
48 including the application of requirements to limited liability companies
49 and other business entity structures of applicants seeking solid waste
50 landfill permits.
- 51 (2) Application of franchise requirements and local government approval
52 for solid waste landfill permits, including adequacy of public notice
53 and comment, community studies, and site designations prior to local
54 government approval.

- 1 (3) Siting, design, and operational requirements for landfills for the
2 disposal of construction or demolition waste, municipal solid waste, or
3 industrial solid waste that are proposed in areas susceptible to flooding
4 from natural disasters, areas with high water tables, and other
5 environmentally sensitive areas.
6 (4) Traffic considerations for proposed landfills.
7 (5) Regulatory oversight and staffing for permitting and compliance of
8 solid waste landfills, and inspection of waste containers on barges,
9 railways, and trucks.
10 (6) Compliance with statutory prohibitions on disposal of certain types of
11 solid waste and measures to prevent disposal of hazardous waste in
12 solid waste and construction and demolition landfills.
13 (7) Ways to reduce the amount of solid waste disposed of within North
14 Carolina landfills, including statewide tipping fees, bans on the
15 disposal of certain types of waste in landfills, more aggressive
16 recycling requirements, and enhanced regulatory requirements for
17 landfills and other solid waste management facilities.

18 **SECTION 11.4.(e)** Subcommittee. – In order to facilitate the conduct of this
19 study, the Cochairs of the Environmental Review Commission may establish a
20 subcommittee of the Commission. The subcommittee of the Commission may include
21 nonlegislative members who have special knowledge, interest, or expertise in various
22 aspects of solid waste management, appointed in consultation with the President Pro
23 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

24 **SECTION 11.4.(f)** Report. – The Commission shall report its findings,
25 together with any recommended legislation, to the 2007 Regular Session of the 2007
26 General Assembly upon its convening.

27 **SECTION 11.4.(g)** This section is effective when this act becomes law.
28

29 **PART XII. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

30 **EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FUNDS**

31 **SECTION 12.1.** Section 13.4 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

32 **"SECTION 13.4.(a)** Funds from the Employment Security Commission Reserve
33 Fund shall be available to the Employment Security Commission to use as collateral to
34 secure federal funds and to pay the administrative costs associated with the collection of
35 the Employment Security Commission Reserve Fund surcharge. The total
36 administrative costs paid with funds from the Reserve shall not exceed the total
37 administrative costs paid in fiscal year ~~2004-2005-2005-2006~~.
38

39 **SECTION 13.4.(b)** There is appropriated from the Employment Security
40 Commission Reserve Fund to the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
41 the sum of six million three hundred thousand dollars (\$6,300,000) for the
42 ~~2005-2006~~2006-2007 fiscal year to be used for the following purposes:

- 43 (1) Six million dollars (\$6,000,000) for the operation and support of local
44 offices.
45 (2) Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the State Occupational
46 Information Coordinating Committee to develop and operate an
47 interagency system to track former participants in State education and
48 training programs.
49 (3) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to maintain compliance with
50 Chapter 96 of the General Statutes, which directs the Commission to
51 employ the Common Follow-Up Management Information System to
52 evaluate the effectiveness of the State's job training, education, and
53 placement programs."
54

55 **ONE NORTH CAROLINA FUND**

1 **SECTION 12.2.** Section 13.6(a) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

2 **"SECTION 13.6.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the One North Carolina
3 Fund, the Department of Commerce may use up to three hundred thousand dollars
4 (\$300,000) to cover its expenses in administering the One North Carolina Fund and
5 other economic development incentive grant programs in the ~~2005-2006~~2006-2007
6 fiscal year."
7

8 **EXTEND E-NC AUTHORITY SUNSET/E-NC AUTHORITY FUNDS AND**
9 **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

10 **SECTION 12.3.(a)** Section 4 of S.L. 2003-425 reads as rewritten:

11 **"SECTION 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective December 31, 2003,
12 with the e-NC Authority hereby designated as the successor entity of the Rural Internet
13 Access Authority that will dissolve on that date, as provided by Section 5 of S.L.
14 2000-149. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law. The e-NC
15 Authority created in this act is dissolved effective ~~December 31, 2006.~~ December 31,
16 2008. This act is repealed effective ~~December 31, 2006.~~ December 31, 2008. Part 2F of
17 Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes and G.S. 120-123(77), as enacted by
18 this act, are repealed effective ~~December 31, 2006.~~ December 31, 2008."

19 **SECTION 12.3.(b)** Section 13.12 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

20 **"SECTION 13.12.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Rural Economic
21 Development Center, Inc., the sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) for the
22 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of ~~twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000)~~nineteen
23 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$19,500,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall
24 be allocated as follows:

- 25 (1) To continue the North Carolina Infrastructure Program. The purpose of
26 the Program is to provide grants to local governments to construct
27 critical water and wastewater facilities and to provide other
28 infrastructure needs, including technology needs, to sites where these
29 facilities will generate private job-creating investment. At least fifteen
30 million dollars (\$15,000,000) of the funds appropriated in this act for
31 each year of the biennium must be used to provide grants under this
32 Program.
33 (2) To provide matching grants to local governments in distressed areas
34 and equity investments in public-private ventures that will
35 productively reuse vacant buildings and properties, with priority given
36 to towns or communities with populations of less than 5,000.
37 (3) To provide economic development research and demonstration grants.
38

39 **SECTION 13.12.(f)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Rural Economic
40 Development Center, Inc., and allocated in subsection (a) of this section, the sum of five
41 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year ~~and the sum of five~~
42 ~~hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year~~ shall be allocated to
43 the e-NC Authority.

44 The e-NC Authority may contract with other State agencies, The University of North
45 Carolina, the North Carolina Community College System, and nonprofit organizations
46 to assist with program development and the evaluation of program activities.

47 The e-NC Authority shall report to the 2006 General Assembly on the following:

- 48 (1) The activities necessary to be undertaken in distressed urban areas of
49 the State to enhance the capability of citizens and businesses residing
50 in these areas to access the high-speed Internet.
51 (2) An implementation plan for the training of citizens and businesses in
52 distressed urban areas.
53 (3) The technology and digital literacy training necessary to assist citizens
54 and existing businesses to create new technology-based enterprises in

1 these communities and to use the Internet to enhance the productivity
2 of their businesses.

3 The e-NC Authority shall, by January 31, 2006, and quarterly thereafter, report to
4 the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on program
5 development and the evaluation of program activities."

6 **SECTION 12.3.(c)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department
7 of Commerce, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) shall be allocated to
8 the e-NC Authority.

9 The e-NC Authority may contract with other State agencies, The University
10 of North Carolina, the North Carolina Community College System, and nonprofit
11 organizations to assist with program development and the evaluation of program
12 activities.

13 The e-NC Authority shall report to the 2007 General Assembly on the
14 following:

- 15 (1) The activities necessary to be undertaken in distressed urban areas of
16 the State to enhance the capability of citizens and businesses residing
17 in these areas to access high-speed Internet.
- 18 (2) An implementation plan for the training of citizens and businesses in
19 distressed urban areas.
- 20 (3) The technology and digital literacy training necessary to assist citizens
21 and existing businesses to create new technology-based enterprises in
22 these communities and to use the Internet to enhance the productivity
23 of their businesses.

24 The e-NC Authority shall, by September 30, 2006, and quarterly thereafter,
25 report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on program
26 development and the evaluation of program activities.

27 28 **COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS/ELECTRONIC TRANSFER**

29 **SECTION 12.4.** Section 13.2(c) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

30 "**SECTION 13.2.(c)** Funds appropriated by this section shall be paid by electronic
31 transfer in two equal installments, the first no later than ~~September 1, 2005~~, September
32 1, 2006, and the second subsequent to acceptable submission of the annual report due to
33 the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research
34 Division by ~~January 15, 2006~~, January 15, 2007, as specified in subdivision (e)(2) of this
35 section."

36 37 **ADVANCED VEHICLE RESEARCH CENTER REPORTING** 38 **REQUIREMENTS/FUNDS SHALL NOT REVERT**

39 **SECTION 12.5.(a)** Section 13.8A(d) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

40 "**SECTION 13.8A.(d)** By ~~December 31, 2005~~, December 31, 2006, and ~~April 30,~~
41 ~~2006~~, April 30, 2007, the Center shall report to the Governor, the Joint Legislative
42 Commission on Governmental Operations, and the Fiscal Research Division the
43 following information: (i) fiscal year ~~2005-2006~~ 2006-2007 projects, objectives, and
44 accomplishments; and (ii) fiscal year ~~2005-2006~~ 2006-2007 itemized expenditures and
45 fund sources. The ~~April 30, 2006~~, April 30, 2007, report shall also contain the following:
46 (i) fiscal year ~~2006-2007~~ 2007-2008 planned projects, objectives, and accomplishments;
47 and (ii) fiscal year ~~2006-2007~~ 2007-2008 estimated expenditures and fund sources."

48 **SECTION 12.5.(b)** Funds appropriated to the Advanced Vehicle Research
49 Center Reserve for the 2005-2006 fiscal year for the Advanced Vehicle Research Center
50 of North Carolina, Inc., that are unexpended and unencumbered as of June 30, 2006,
51 shall not revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2006, but shall remain available in the
52 Reserve.

53 **SECTION 12.5.(c)** Subsection (b) of this section becomes effective June 30,
54 2006.

1 WANCHESE SEAFOOD INDUSTRIAL PARK/OREGON INLET FUNDS

2 **SECTION 12.6.** Section 13.1 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

3 "**SECTION 13.1.(a)** Funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce for the
4 ~~2004-2005~~2005-2006 fiscal year for the Wanchese Seafood Industrial Park that are
5 unexpended and unencumbered as of ~~June 30, 2005~~,June 30, 2006, shall not revert to
6 the General Fund on ~~June 30, 2005~~,June 30, 2006, but shall remain available to the
7 Department to be expended by the Wanchese Seafood Industrial Park for operations,
8 maintenance, repair, and capital improvements in accordance with Article 23C of
9 Chapter 113 of the General Statutes.

10 **SECTION 13.1.(b)** Funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce for the
11 ~~2004-2005~~2005-2006 fiscal year for the Oregon Inlet Project that are unexpended and
12 unencumbered as of ~~June 30, 2005~~,June 30, 2006, shall not revert to the General Fund
13 on ~~June 30, 2005~~,June 30, 2006.

14 **SECTION 13.1.(c)** This section becomes effective ~~June 30, 2005~~,June 30, 2006."

15 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE/REPORT ON AGRIBUSINESS FUNDS

16 **SECTION 12.7.(a)** The Department of Commerce (Department) shall report
17 on all funds available for companies or organizations designed to promote agribusiness
18 in North Carolina. The report shall include the following: (i) information on all
19 Department economic incentive funds, including Commerce State Aid funds; and (ii)
20 information on the number of agribusinesses and organizations that applied for State
21 funds through the Department or other organizations, including the number of requests
22 for funds, the amount of funds requested, and whether the requests were awarded or
23 denied.
24

25 **SECTION 12.7.(b)** In the report, the Department shall make
26 recommendations for the development of economic incentive programs designed
27 specifically for agribusinesses. The report shall include a plan to implement the
28 programs recommended and the estimated cost of the programs. In determining the
29 estimated cost of the programs, the Department shall consider and include all sources of
30 funding, including federal, State, local, and grant funds.

31 **SECTION 12.7.(c)** The Department shall collaborate with the Department of
32 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Rural Economic Development Center, Inc., and
33 the University System, in preparing the report.

34 **SECTION 12.7.(d)** The Department shall submit the report to the House
35 Appropriations Committee on Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, the Senate
36 Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources, and the Fiscal
37 Research Division no later than May 1, 2007.
38

39 PART XIII. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**40 REPEAL FEE FOR MINE SAFETY EDUCATION/TRAINING PROGRAMS**

41 **SECTION 13.1.** G.S. 74-24.16(d) is repealed.
42
43

44 PART XIV. JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**45 COLLECTION OF WORTHLESS CHECK FUNDS**

46 **SECTION 14.1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 7A-308(c), the
47 Judicial Department may use any balance remaining in the Collection of Worthless
48 Checks Fund on June 30, 2006, for the purchase or repair of office or information
49 technology equipment during the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Prior to using any funds under
50 this section, the Judicial Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on
51 Governmental Operations and the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives
52 Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on the equipment to be
53 purchased or repaired and the reasons for the purchases.
54
55

GRANT FUNDS

SECTION 14.2. The Judicial Department may use up to the sum of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) from funds available to the Department to provide the State match needed in order to receive grant funds. Prior to using funds for this purpose, the Department shall report to the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the grants to be matched using these funds.

PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

SECTION 14.3.(a) G.S. 7A-60(a1) reads as rewritten:

"(a1) The counties of the State are organized into prosecutorial districts, and each district has the counties and the number of full-time assistant district attorneys set forth in the following table:

Prosecutorial District	Counties	No. of Full-Time Asst. District Attorneys
1	Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans	10 <u>11</u>
2	Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell, Washington	6 <u>7</u>
3A	Pitt	9 <u>11</u>
3B	Carteret, Craven, Pamlico	10 <u>11</u>
4	Duplin, Jones, Onslow, Sampson	14 <u>16</u>
5	New Hanover, Pender	14 <u>16</u>
6A	Halifax	4 <u>5</u>
6B	Bertie, Hertford, Northampton	4 <u>5</u>
7	Edgecombe, Nash, Wilson	16 <u>18</u>
8	Greene, Lenoir, Wayne	11 <u>13</u>
9	Franklin, Granville, Vance, Warren	11 <u>12</u>
9A	Person, Caswell	4 <u>5</u>
10	Wake	31 <u>38</u>
11	Harnett, Johnston, Lee	14 <u>16</u>
12	Cumberland	18 <u>21</u>
13	Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus	11 <u>12</u>
14	Durham	13 <u>15</u>
15A	Alamance	8 <u>10</u>
15B	Orange, Chatham	7 <u>9</u>
16A	Scotland, Hoke	5 <u>6</u>
16B	Robeson	10 <u>13</u>
17A	Rockingham	5 <u>6</u>
17B	Stokes, Surry	5 <u>7</u>
18	Guilford	27 <u>30</u>
19A	Cabarrus	6 <u>8</u>
19B	Montgomery, Moore, Randolph	11 <u>12</u>
19C	Rowan	5 <u>7</u>
20A	Anson, Richmond, Stanly	8 <u>10</u>
20B	Union	7 <u>8</u>
21	Forsyth	17 <u>20</u>
22	Alexander, Davidson, Davie,	16 <u>20</u>

1		Iredell	
2	23	Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes,	5 <u>7</u>
3		Yadkin	
4	24	Avery, Madison, Mitchell,	4 <u>6</u>
5		Watauga, Yancey	
6	25	Burke, Caldwell, Catawba	15 <u>18</u>
7	26	Mecklenburg	36 <u>49</u>
8	27A	Gaston	12 <u>14</u>
9	27B	Cleveland,	9 <u>10</u>
10		Lincoln	
11	28	Buncombe	11 <u>13</u>
12	29A	McDowell, Rutherford	5 <u>6</u>
13	29B	Henderson, Polk, Transylvania	6 <u>7</u>
14	30	Cherokee, Clay, Graham,	9 <u>11</u>
15		Haywood, Jackson, Macon,	
16		Swain."	

SECTION 14.3.(b) This section becomes effective January 1, 2007.

ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGESHIPS

SECTION 14.4.(a) G.S. 7A-133(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Each district court district shall have the numbers of judges as set forth in the following table:

District	Judges	County
1	5	Camden Chowan Currituck Dare Gates Pasquotank Perquimans
2	4	Martin Beaufort Tyrrell Hyde Washington
3A	5 <u>6</u>	Pitt
3B	5 <u>6</u>	Craven Pamlico Carteret
4	8	Sampson Duplin Jones Onslow
5	8	New Hanover Pender
6A	2 <u>3</u>	Halifax
6B	3	Northampton Bertie Hertford
7	7	Nash Edgecombe Wilson
8	6	Wayne Greene Lenoir

1	9	4	Granville
2			(part of Vance
3			see subsection (b))
4			Franklin
5	9A	2	Person
6			Caswell
7	9B	2	Warren
8			(part of Vance
9			see subsection (b))
10	10	15 <u>17</u>	Wake
11	11	8	Harnett
12			Johnston
13			Lee
14	12	9	Cumberland
15	13	6	Bladen
16			Brunswick
17			Columbus
18	14	6 <u>7</u>	Durham
19	15A	4	Alamance
20	15B	4 <u>5</u>	Orange
21			Chatham
22	16A	3	Scotland
23			Hoke
24	16B	5	Robeson
25	17A	2	Rockingham
26	17B	4	Stokes
27			Surry
28	18	12 <u>13</u>	Guilford
29	19A	4	Cabarrus
30	19B	6 <u>7</u>	Montgomery
31			Moore
32			Randolph
33	19C	4 <u>5</u>	Rowan
34	20A	4	Stanly
35			Anson
36			Richmond
37	20B	3	Union
38	21	9	Forsyth
39	22	9	Alexander
40			Davidson
41			Davie
42			Iredell
43	23	4	Alleghany
44			Ashe
45			Wilkes
46			Yadkin
47	24	4	Avery
48			Madison
49			Mitchell
50			Watauga
51			Yancey
52	25	8 <u>9</u>	Burke
53			Caldwell
54			Catawba
55	26	17 <u>18</u>	Mecklenburg

1	27A	6 <u>7</u>	Gaston
2	27B	4 <u>5</u>	Cleveland
3			Lincoln
4	28	6 <u>7</u>	Buncombe
5	29A	3	McDowell
6			Rutherford
7	29B	4	Henderson
8			Polk
9			Transylvania
10	30	5 <u>6</u>	Cherokee
11			Clay
12			Graham
13			Haywood
14			Jackson
15			Macon
16			Swain."

SECTION 14.4.(b) The Governor shall appoint the additional district court judges for Districts 3A, 3B, 6A, 10, 14, 15B, 18, 19B, 19C, 25, 26, 27A, 27B, 28, and 30 authorized by this act, and those judges' successors shall be elected in the 2008 election for four-year terms commencing on January 1, 2009.

SECTION 14.4.(c) This section becomes effective January 15, 2007, except as to any district court district subject to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, it becomes effective January 15, 2007 or the date upon which subsection (a) of this section is approved under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, whichever is later.

PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MAGISTRATES/ELIMINATE MAXIMUM ALLOCATION OF MAGISTRATES

SECTION 14.5. G.S. 7A-133(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Each county shall have the numbers of magistrates and additional seats of district court, as set forth in the following table:

County	Magistrates Min.—Max.	Additional Seats of Court
Camden	1 — 3	
Chowan	2 — 3	
Currituck	1 — 4	
Dare	3 — 8	
Gates	2 — 3	
Pasquotank	3 — 5	
Perquimans	2 — 4	
Martin	4 — 8	
Beaufort	4 — 8	
Tyrrell	1 — 3	
Hyde	2 — 4	
Washington	3 — 4	
Pitt	10 — 12	Farmville Ayden Havelock
Craven	7 — 10	
Pamlico	2 — 4	
Carteret	5 <u>6</u> — 8	
Sampson	6 — 8	
Duplin	8 — 11	
Jones	2 — 3	
Onslow	8 — 14	

1	New Hanover	6	11	
2	Pender	4	6	
3	Halifax	9	14	Roanoke
4				Rapids,
5				Scotland Neck
6	Northampton	5	7	
7	Bertie	4	6	
8	Hertford	5	7	
9	Nash	7	10	Rocky Mount
10	Edgecombe	4	7	Rocky Mount
11	Wilson	4	7	
12	Wayne	5	12	Mount Olive
13	Greene	2 <u>3</u>	4	
14	Lenoir	4	10	La Grange
15	Granville	3	7	
16	Vance	3	6	
17	Warren	3	5	
18	Franklin	3	7	
19	Person	3	4	
20	Caswell	2	5	
21	Wake	12	21	Apex,
22				Wendell,
23				Fuquay-
24				Varina,
25				Wake Forest
26	Harnett	7	11	Dunn
27	Johnston	10	12	Benson,
28				Clayton,
29				Selma
30	Lee	4	6	
31	Cumberland	10	19	
32	Bladen	4	6	
33	Brunswick	4	9	
34	Columbus	6	10	Tabor City
35	Durham	8	13	
36	Alamance	7 <u>8</u>	11	Burlington
37	Orange	4	11	Chapel Hill
38	Chatham	3	9	Siler City
39	Scotland	3	5	
40	Hoke	4	5	
41	Robeson	8 <u>9</u>	16	Fairmont,
42				Maxton,
43				Pembroke,
44				Red Springs,
45				Rowland,
46				St. Pauls
47	Rockingham	4	9	Reidsville,
48				Eden,
49				Madison
50	Stokes	2	5	
51	Surry	5	9	Mt. Airy
52	Guilford	20	27	High Point
53	Cabarrus	5	9	Kannapolis
54	Montgomery	2 <u>3</u>	4	
55	Randolph	5	10	Liberty

1	Rowan	5	10	
2	Stanly	5	6	
3	Union	4	7	
4	Anson	4	6	
5	Richmond	5	6	Hamlet
6	Moore	5	8	Southern
7				Pines
8	Forsyth	3	15	Kernersville
9	Alexander	2	4	
10	Davidson	7	10	Thomasville
11	Davie	2	4	
12	Iredell	4	9	Mooresville
13	Alleghany	1	2	
14	Ashe	3	4	
15	Wilkes	4	6	
16	Yadkin	3	5	
17	Avery	3	5	
18	Madison	4	5	
19	Mitchell	3	4	
20	Watauga	4	6	
21	Yancey	2	4	
22	Burke	4	7	
23	Caldwell	4	7	
24	Catawba	6	10	Hickory
25	Mecklenburg	15	28	
26	Gaston	11 12	22	
27	Cleveland	5	8	
28	Lincoln	4	7	
29	Buncombe	6	15	
30	Henderson	4	7	
31	McDowell	3	6	
32	Polk	3	4	
33	Rutherford	6	8	
34	Transylvania	2	4	
35	Cherokee	3	4	
36	Clay	1	2	
37	Graham	2	3	
38	Haywood	5	7	Canton
39	Jackson	3	5	
40	Macon	3	5	
41	Swain	2	4."	

INCREASE THE PORTION OF THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE COURT FEE USED FOR LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

SECTION 14.6.(a) G.S. 7A-304(a)(4) reads as rewritten:

"(4) For support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of eighty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$85.50) in the district court, including cases before a magistrate, and the sum of ninety-two dollars and fifty cents (\$92.50) in the superior court, to be remitted to the State Treasurer. For a person convicted of a felony in superior court who has made a first appearance in district court, both the district court and superior court fees shall be assessed. The State Treasurer shall remit the sum of ~~one dollar and five cents (\$1.05)~~ two dollars and five cents (\$2.05) of each fee collected under this subdivision to the North Carolina State Bar for the provision of services described in G.S. 7A-474.4, and ninety-five

1 cents (\$.95) of each fee collected under this subdivision to the North
2 Carolina State Bar for the provision of services described in
3 G.S. 7A-474.19."

4 **SECTION 14.6.(b)** G.S. 7A-305(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

5 "(2) For support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of seventy-nine
6 dollars (\$79.00) in the superior court, except that if a case is assigned
7 to a special superior court judge as a complex business case under
8 G.S. 7A-45.3, an additional two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be
9 paid upon its assignment, and the sum of sixty-four dollars (\$64.00) in
10 the district court except that if the case is assigned to a magistrate the
11 sum shall be fifty-three dollars (\$53.00). Sums collected under this
12 subdivision shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. The State
13 Treasurer shall remit the sum of ~~one dollar and five cents (\$1.05)~~ two
14 dollars and five cents (\$2.05) of each fee collected under this
15 subdivision to the North Carolina State Bar for the provision of
16 services described in G.S. 7A-474.4, and ninety-five cents (\$.95) of
17 each fee collected under this subdivision to the North Carolina State
18 Bar for the provision of services described in G.S. 7A-474.19."

19 **SECTION 14.6.(c)** G.S. 7A-306(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

20 "(2) For support of the General Court of Justice the sum of forty dollars
21 (\$40.00). In addition, in proceedings involving land, except boundary
22 disputes, if the fair market value of the land involved is over one
23 hundred dollars (\$100.00), there shall be an additional sum of thirty
24 cents (30¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of value, or major
25 fraction thereof, not to exceed a maximum additional sum of two
26 hundred dollars (\$200.00). Fair market value is determined by the sale
27 price if there is a sale, the appraiser's valuation if there is no sale, or
28 the appraised value from the property tax records if there is neither a
29 sale nor an appraiser's valuation. Sums collected under this subdivision
30 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall remit
31 the sum of ~~one dollar and five cents (\$1.05)~~ two dollars and five cents
32 (\$2.05) of each forty-dollar (\$40.00) General Court of Justice fee
33 collected under this subdivision to the North Carolina State Bar for the
34 provision of services described in G.S. 7A-474.4."

35 **SECTION 14.6.(d)** G.S. 7A-307(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

36 "(2) For support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of forty dollars
37 (\$40.00), plus an additional forty cents (40¢) per one hundred dollars
38 (\$100.00), or major fraction thereof, of the gross estate, not to exceed
39 six thousand dollars (\$6,000). Gross estate shall include the fair market
40 value of all personalty when received, and all proceeds from the sale of
41 realty coming into the hands of the fiduciary, but shall not include the
42 value of realty. In collections of personal property by affidavit, the fee
43 based on the gross estate shall be computed from the information in
44 the final affidavit of collection made pursuant to G.S. 28A-25-3 and
45 shall be paid when that affidavit is filed. In all other cases, this fee
46 shall be computed from the information reported in the inventory and
47 shall be paid when the inventory is filed with the clerk. If additional
48 gross estate, including income, comes into the hands of the fiduciary
49 after the filing of the inventory, the fee for such additional value shall
50 be assessed and paid upon the filing of any account or report
51 disclosing such additional value. For each filing the minimum fee shall
52 be fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Sums collected under this subdivision shall
53 be remitted to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall remit the
54 sum of ~~one dollar and five cents (\$1.05)~~ two dollars and five cents
55 (\$2.05) of each forty-dollar (\$40.00) General Court of Justice fee

1 collected under this subdivision to the North Carolina State Bar for the
2 provision of services described in G.S. 7A-474.4."

3 **SECTION 14.6.(e)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2006, and applies
4 to fees assessed or collected on or after that date.

5
6 **COLLECTION OF OFFENDER FINES AND FEES ASSESSED BY THE**
7 **GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**

8 **SECTION 14.7.** Article 28 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes is
9 amended by adding a new section to read:

10 "**§ 7A-321. Collection of offender fines and fees assessed by the court.**

11 (a) The Judicial Department may, in lieu of payment by cash or check, accept
12 payment by credit card, charge card, or debit card for the fines and fees owed to the
13 Court by offenders. The Department may pay any negotiated discount, processing fee,
14 transaction fee, or other charge imposed by a credit card, charge card, or debit card
15 company, or by a third-party merchant bank, as a condition of contracting for the
16 Department's acceptance of electronic payment. The Department may impose the fee or
17 charge as a surcharge on the amount paid by the offender using electronic payment.

18 (b) In attempting to collect the fines and fees owed by offenders to the Judicial
19 Department, the Department may:

- 20 (1) Refer an offender who owes the court for fines and fees to a reputable
21 credit counseling agency for the purpose of assisting the offender in
22 restructuring the debt, with the Department designated as the lead or
23 primary creditor.
24 (2) Assess additional collection fees if an amount due remains unpaid after
25 the time period allotted by the Department.
26 (3) Assign debt, in the form of fines and fees owed to the Department, to a
27 collection agency after internal collection efforts have failed.
28 (4) Report the delinquency to agencies that assemble or evaluate credit
29 information.
30 (5) Intercept tax refunds under Chapter 105A of the General Statutes, the
31 Setoff Debt Collection Act."
32

33 **JURY FEE WAIVER PROGRAM**

34 **SECTION 14.8.(a)** G.S. 7A-312 reads as rewritten:

35 "**§ 7A-312. Uniform fees for jurors; meals.**

36 (a) A juror in the General Court of Justice including a petit juror, or a coroner's
37 juror, but excluding a grand juror, shall receive twelve dollars (\$12.00) per day, except
38 that if any person serves as a juror for more than five days in any 24-month period, the
39 juror shall receive thirty dollars (\$30.00) per day for each day of service in excess of
40 five days. A grand juror shall receive twelve dollars (\$12.00) per day. However, any
41 juror may waive payment of the per diem fees provided for in this section. A juror
42 waiving the fee may designate that the fee be used for any of various services provided
43 in that district, as designated by the senior resident superior court judge in accordance
44 with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. A juror required to remain
45 overnight at the site of the trial shall be furnished adequate accommodations and
46 subsistence. If required by the presiding judge to remain in a body during the trial of a
47 case, meals shall be furnished the jurors during the period of sequestration. Jurors from
48 out of the county summoned to sit on a special venire shall receive mileage at the same
49 rate as State employees.

50 (b) The senior resident superior court judge in each district may provide jurors
51 with a choice of various services in that district to which they may designate their
52 waived juror fees. The services designated by the senior resident superior court judge
53 shall be human services provided either by a government agency or a charitable
54 nonprofit corporation and may include drug treatment court client services, courthouse
55 self-help centers, and courthouse child care centers. The choice may also include the

1 Crime Victims Compensation Fund and designation to a fund for the establishment of a
2 service not yet available in that district to be provided by a governmental agency or a
3 charitable nonprofit corporation. If the senior resident superior court judge elects not to
4 provide jurors with a choice of human services to designate their waived fees to, or if
5 jurors elect not to designate the fees to a particular service, the waived fees shall
6 represent cost savings to the Judicial Department."

7 **SECTION 14.8.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2006, and applies
8 to jury service that begins on or after that date.

9
10 **ESTABLISH INTERMEDIATE DEFERRED PROSECUTION FOR THE DRUG**
11 **TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM**

12 **SECTION 14.9.(a)** Section 14.22 of S.L. 2005-276 is repealed.

13 **SECTION 14.9.(b)** G.S. 15A-1341(a2) reads as rewritten:

14 "(a2) Deferred Prosecution for Purpose of Drug Treatment Court Program. – A
15 defendant eligible for a Drug Treatment Court Program pursuant to Article 62 of
16 Chapter 7A of the General Statutes may be placed on probation if the court finds that
17 prosecution has been deferred by the prosecutor, with the approval of the court,
18 pursuant to a written agreement with the defendant, for the purpose of allowing the
19 defendant to participate in and successfully complete the Drug Treatment Court
20 Program. A defendant who would be eligible for deferred prosecution but for a prior
21 criminal conviction may participate in the Drug Treatment Court Program by executing
22 a local drug treatment court contract, by being placed on supervised probation, and by
23 submitting to any of the following additional conditions the court may require:

- 24 (1) Special probation as defined in G.S. 15A-1351(a);
25 (2) Assignment to a residential program;
26 (3) House arrest with electronic monitoring;
27 (4) Intensive probation; or
28 (5) Assignment to a day-reporting center."

29 **SECTION 14.9.(c)** G.S. 7A-796 reads as rewritten:

30 **"§ 7A-796. Local drug treatment court management committee.**

31 Each judicial district choosing to establish a drug treatment court shall form a local
32 drug treatment court management committee, which shall be comprised to assure
33 representation appropriate to the type or types of drug treatment court operations to be
34 conducted in the district and shall consist of persons appointed by the senior resident
35 superior court judge with the concurrence of the chief district court judge and the
36 district attorney for that district, chosen from the following list:

- 37 (1) A judge of the superior court;
38 (2) A judge of the district court;
39 (3) A district attorney or assistant district attorney;
40 (4) A public defender or assistant public defender in judicial districts
41 served by a public defender;
42 (5) An attorney representing a county department of social services within
43 the district;
44 (6) A representative of the guardian ad litem;
45 (7) A member of the private criminal defense bar;
46 (8) A member of the private bar who represents respondents in department
47 of social services juvenile matters;
48 (9) A clerk of superior court;
49 (10) The trial court administrator in judicial districts served by a trial court
50 administrator;
51 (11) The director or member of the child welfare services division of a
52 county department of social services within the district;
53 (12) The chief juvenile court counselor for the district;
54 (13) A probation officer;
55 (14) A local law enforcement officer;

- 1 (15) A representative of the local school administrative unit;
- 2 (16) A representative of the local community college;
- 3 (17) A representative of the treatment providers;
- 4 (18) A representative of the area mental health program;
- 5 (19) The local program director provided for in G.S. 7A-798; and
- 6 (20) Any other persons selected by the local management committee.

7 The local drug treatment court management committee shall develop local
8 guidelines and ~~procedures, not inconsistent with the State guidelines, procedures~~ that
9 are necessary for the operation and evaluation of the local drug treatment ~~court, courts~~
10 in accordance with the National Drug Court Institute's "Ten Key Components" for drug
11 treatment courts and in consultation with the Director of the Administrative Office of
12 the Courts and the Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee.

13 The senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge shall have
14 hiring and appointment authority over drug treatment court personnel and over policy
15 issues, and they shall consult with the local management committee concerning the
16 local drug treatment court policies and procedures."

17 **SECTION 14.9.(d)** G.S. 7A-797 reads as rewritten:

18 **"§ 7A-797. Eligible population; drug treatment court ~~procedures.~~ procedures;**
19 **funding.**

20 (a) The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, in conjunction with
21 the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory ~~Committee,~~ Committee and local drug
22 treatment court management committees, shall develop criteria for eligibility and other
23 procedural and substantive guidelines for drug treatment court ~~operation-operation in~~
24 accordance with the National Drug Court Institute's "Ten Key Components" for drug
25 treatment courts.

26 (b) The amount of the allocation received in each judicial district for
27 administration, case management, and treatment shall be proportionate to the percentage
28 of clients served throughout the State unless agreement can be otherwise reached. The
29 senior resident superior court judge, chief district court judge, and district attorney in
30 consultation with the local management committee shall determine the appropriate
31 distribution of the allocation received. Limitations imposed by the Division of Mental
32 Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services on other public
33 funds spent for substance abuse treatment shall not apply to treatment provided for Drug
34 Treatment Court Programs."

35 PERMANENCY MEDIATION

36 **SECTION 14.10.(a)** Article 2 of Chapter 7B of the General Statutes is
37 amended by adding a new section to read:

38 **"§ 7B-202. Permanency Mediation.**

39 (a) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall establish a Permanency
40 Mediation Program to provide statewide and uniform services to resolve issues in cases
41 under this Subchapter in which a juvenile is alleged or has been adjudicated to be
42 abused, neglected, or dependent, or in which a petition or motion to terminate a parent's
43 rights has been filed. Participants in the mediation shall include the parties and their
44 attorneys, including the guardian ad litem and attorney advocate for the child; provided,
45 the court may allow mediation to proceed without the participation of a parent whose
46 identity is unknown, a party who was served and has not made an appearance, or a
47 parent, guardian, or custodian who has not been served despite a diligent attempt to
48 serve the person. Upon a finding of good cause, the court may allow mediation to
49 proceed without the participation of a parent who is unable to participate due to
50 incarceration, illness, or some other cause. Others may participate by agreement of the
51 parties, their attorneys, and the mediator, or by order of the court.

52 (b) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall establish in phases a statewide
53 Permanency Mediation Program consisting of local district programs to be established
54 in all judicial districts of the State. The Director of the Administrative Office of the
55

1 Courts is authorized to approve contractual agreements for such services as executed by
2 order of the Chief District Court Judge of a district court district, such contracts to be
3 exempt from competitive bidding procedures under Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.
4 The Administrative Office of the Courts shall promulgate policies and regulations
5 necessary and appropriate for the administration of the program. Any funds
6 appropriated by the General Assembly for the establishment and maintenance of
7 permanency mediation programs under this Article shall be administered by the
8 Administrative Office of the Courts.

9 (c) Mediation proceedings shall be held in private and shall be confidential.
10 Except as provided otherwise in this section, all verbal or written communications from
11 participants in the mediation to the mediator or between or among the participants in the
12 presence of the mediator are absolutely privileged and inadmissible in court.

13 (d) Neither the mediator nor any party or other person involved in mediation
14 sessions under this section shall be competent to testify to communications made during
15 or in furtherance of such mediation sessions; provided, there is no confidentiality or
16 privilege as to communications made in furtherance of a crime or fraud. Nothing in this
17 subsection shall be construed as permitting an individual to obtain immunity from
18 prosecution for criminal conduct or as excusing an individual from the reporting
19 requirements of Article 3 of Chapter 7B of the General Statutes or G.S. 108A-102.

20 (e) Any agreement reached by the parties as a result of the mediation, whether
21 referred to as a "placement agreement," "case plan," or some similar name, shall be
22 reduced to writing, signed by each party, and submitted to the court as soon as
23 practicable. Unless the court finds good reason not to, the court shall incorporate the
24 agreement in a court order, and the agreement shall become enforceable as a court
25 order. If some or all of the issues referred to mediation are not resolved by mediation,
26 the mediator shall report that fact to the court."

27 **SECTION 14.10.(b)** The Administrative Office of the Courts may use funds
28 available in the 2006-2007 fiscal year to implement the provisions of this section.
29

30 COURT INTERPRETERS

31 **SECTION 14.11.(a)** G.S. 7A-314(f) reads as rewritten:

32 "(f) In a ~~criminal case when a person who~~ any case in which the Judicial
33 Department is bearing the costs of representation for a party and that party or a witness
34 for that party does not speak or understand the English language ~~is an indigent~~
35 ~~defendant, a witness for an indigent defendant, or a witness for the State~~ language, and
36 the court appoints a foreign language interpreter to assist that ~~defendant or witness in~~
37 ~~the case, party or witness,~~ the reasonable fee for the interpreter's services, ~~as set by the~~
38 court, ~~are~~ is payable from funds appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts.
39 Judicial Department. The appointment and payment shall be made in accordance with
40 G.S. 7A-343(9b)."

41 **SECTION 14.11.(b)** G.S. 7A-343 is amended by adding a new subdivision
42 to read:

43 "(9b) Prescribe, in consultation with the Office of Indigent Defense
44 Services, policies and procedures for the appointment and payment of foreign language
45 interpreters in those cases specified in G.S. 7A-314(f). These policies and procedures
46 shall be applied uniformly throughout the General Court of Justice. After consultation
47 with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Director may
48 also convert contractual foreign language interpreter positions to permanent State
49 positions when the Director determines that it is more cost-effective to do so."

50 **SECTION 14.11.(c)** G.S. 7A-450(a) reads as rewritten:

51 "(a) An indigent person is a person who is financially unable to secure legal
52 representation and to provide all other necessary expenses of representation in an action
53 or proceeding enumerated in this Subchapter. ~~An~~ A sign language interpreter is a
54 necessary expense as defined in Chapter 8B of the General Statutes for a deaf person
55 who is entitled to counsel under this subsection. A foreign language interpreter is a

1 necessary expense for a party entitled to counsel under this subsection who does not
2 speak or understand the English language."

3 **SECTION 14.11.(d)** G.S. 8C-1, Evidence Rule 604, reads as rewritten:

4 **"Rule 604. Interpreters.**

5 An interpreter is subject to the provisions of these rules relating to qualification as an
6 expert and the administration of an oath or affirmation that he will make a true
7 translation-interpretation. Interpreters provided under G.S. 7A-314(f) shall be appointed
8 and compensated in accordance with G.S. 7A-343(9b)."
9

10 **MONITORING OF COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTERS**

11 **SECTION 14.12.** G.S. 7A-38.6(a) reads as rewritten:

12 "(a) All community mediation centers currently receiving State funds shall report
13 annually to the Mediation Network of North Carolina on the program's funding and
14 activities, including:

- 15 (1) Types of dispute settlement services provided;
- 16 (2) Clients receiving each type of dispute settlement service;
- 17 (3) Number and type of referrals received, cases actually mediated
18 (identified by docket number), cases resolved in mediation, and total
19 clients served in the cases mediated;
- 20 (4) Total program funding and funding sources;
- 21 (5) Itemization of the use of funds, including operating expenses and
22 personnel;
- 23 (6) Itemization of the use of State funds appropriated to the center;
- 24 (7) Level of volunteer activity; and
- 25 (8) Identification of future service demands and budget requirements.

26 The Mediation Network of North Carolina shall compile and summarize the
27 information provided pursuant to this subsection and shall provide the information to
28 the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees and
29 the Chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees
30 on Justice and Public Safety by February 1 of each year.

31 The Mediation Network of North Carolina shall also submit a copy of its report to
32 the Administrative Office of the Courts. The receipt and review of this report by the
33 Administrative Office of the Courts shall satisfy any program monitoring, evaluation,
34 and contracting requirements imposed on the Administrative Office of the Courts by
35 G.S. 143-6.2 and any rules adopted under that section."
36

37 **COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTER FUNDING**

38 **SECTION 14.13.** G.S. 7A-38.6(e) reads as rewritten:

39 "(e) Each community mediation center receiving State funds for six or more years
40 shall document that at least ~~fifty percent (50%)~~ twenty-five percent (25%) of total
41 funding comes from non-State sources."
42

43 **INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES/STATE MATCH FOR GRANTS**

44 **SECTION 14.14.** The Office of Indigent Defense Services may use a sum
45 up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from funds available to provide the State
46 matching funds needed to receive grant funds. Prior to using funds for this purpose, the
47 Office shall report to the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives
48 Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Legislative
49 Commission on Governmental Operations on the grants to be matched using these
50 funds.
51

52 **OFFICE OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES EXPANSION FUNDS**

53 **SECTION 14.15.** Section 14.11 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

54 **"SECTION 14.11.** The Judicial Department, Office of Indigent Defense Services,
55 may use ~~up to the sum of one million sixty nine thousand six hundred forty five dollars~~

1 (~~\$1,069,645~~) in appropriated funds during the 2005-2006 fiscal year and up to the sum
2 of ~~one million twenty three thousand one hundred thirty five dollars (\$1,023,135)~~ two
3 million one hundred eighteen thousand five hundred eighty dollars (\$2,118,580) in
4 appropriated funds during the 2006-2007 fiscal year for the expansion of existing
5 offices currently providing legal services to the indigent population under the oversight
6 of the Office of Indigent Defense Services by creating up to ~~40~~20 new attorney
7 positions and ~~five~~10 new support staff positions. These funds may be used for salaries,
8 benefits, equipment, and related expenses. Prior to using funds for this purpose, the
9 Office of Indigent Defense Services shall report to the Chairs of the House and the
10 Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on the proposed
11 expansion."
12

13 **PART XV. DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY** 14 **PREVENTION**

15 **REPORTS ON CERTAIN PROGRAMS**

16 **SECTION 15.1.** Section 16.3 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

17 **"SECTION 16.3.(a)** Project Challenge North Carolina, Inc., shall report to the
18 Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittees on
19 Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and
20 Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee by April 1 each year on the operation and the
21 effectiveness of its program in providing alternative dispositions and services to
22 juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent or undisciplined. The report shall
23 include information on:
24

- 25 (1) The source of referrals for juveniles.
- 26 (2) The types of offenses committed by juveniles participating in the
27 program.
- 28 (3) The amount of time those juveniles spend in the program.
- 29 (4) The number of juveniles who successfully complete the program.
- 30 (5) The number of juveniles who commit additional offenses after
31 completing the program.
- 32 (6) The program's budget and expenditures, including all funding sources.

33 **SECTION 16.3.(b)** The Juvenile Assessment Center shall report to the Chairs of
34 the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and
35 Public Safety and the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice
36 Oversight Committee on the effectiveness of the Center by April 1 each year. The report
37 shall include information on the number of juveniles served and an evaluation of the
38 effectiveness of juvenile assessment plans and services provided as a result of these
39 plans. In addition, the report shall include information on the Center's budget and
40 expenditures, including all funding sources.

41 **SECTION 16.3.(c)** Communities in Schools shall report to the Chairs of the Senate
42 and House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public
43 Safety, ~~the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations,~~ the Joint
44 Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, and
45 the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by April 1 each year on the
46 operation and effectiveness of its program. The report shall include information on:

- 47 (1) The number of children served.
- 48 (2) The number of volunteers used.
- 49 (3) The impact on children who have received services from Communities
50 in Schools.
- 51 (4) The program's budget and expenditures, including all funding
52 sources."
53

54 **STATE FUNDS MAY BE USED AS FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS**

55 **SECTION 15.2.** Section 16.5 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

1 **"SECTION 16.5.** Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Juvenile
2 Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the ~~2005-2006-2006-2007~~ fiscal year may be
3 used as matching funds for the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants. If North
4 Carolina receives Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants, or a notice of funds
5 to be awarded, the Office of State Budget and Management and the Governor's Crime
6 Commission shall consult with the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
7 Prevention regarding the criteria for awarding federal funds. The Office of State Budget
8 and Management, the Governor's Crime Commission, and the Department of Juvenile
9 Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall report to the Appropriations Committees of
10 the Senate and House of Representatives and the Joint Legislative Commission on
11 Governmental Operations prior to allocation of the federal funds. The report shall
12 identify the amount of funds to be received for the ~~2005-2006- 2006-2007~~ fiscal year,
13 the amount of funds anticipated for the ~~2006-2007-2007-2008~~ fiscal year, and the
14 allocation of funds by program and purpose."
15

16 **WAIVER OF REVISED LICENSING STANDARDS FOR JUVENILE** 17 **FACILITIES**

18 **SECTION 15.3.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
19 Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall operate the seven
20 wilderness camping programs in conjunction with Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc.,
21 pursuant to the mental health licensing standards of the Department of Health and
22 Human Services, Division of Social Services, effective on July 1, 2006, until January 1,
23 2008. Revisions or amendments to the State mental health licensing standards that
24 become effective after July 1, 2006, shall not apply to the seven Eckerd wilderness
25 camping programs from July 1, 2006, to July 1, 2008.
26

27 **ANNUAL EVALUATION OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

28 **SECTION 15.4.** Section 16.4 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

29 **"SECTION 16.4.** The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
30 shall conduct an evaluation of the Eckerd and Camp Woodson wilderness camp
31 programs, the teen court programs, the program that grants funds to the local
32 organizations of the Boys and Girls Clubs established pursuant to Section 21.10 of S.L.
33 1999-237, the Save Our Students program, the Governor's One-on-One Programs, and
34 multipurpose group homes. The teen court report shall include statistical information on
35 the number of juveniles served, the number and type of offenses considered by teen
36 courts, referral sources for teen courts, and the number of juveniles that become
37 court-involved after participation in teen courts. The report on the Boys and Girls Clubs
38 program shall include information on:

- 39 (1) The expenditure of State appropriations on the program;
- 40 (2) The operations and the effectiveness of the program; and
- 41 (3) The number of juveniles served under the program.

42 In conducting the evaluation of each of these programs, the Department shall
43 consider whether participation in each program results in a reduction of court
44 involvement among juveniles. The Department shall also identify whether the programs
45 are achieving the goals and objectives of the Juvenile Justice Act, S.L. 1998-202. The
46 Department shall report the results of the evaluation to the Joint Corrections, Crime
47 Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, the Chairs of the House of
48 Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees-Committees, and the Chairs of
49 the Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety of the House of Representatives and
50 Senate Appropriations Committees by March 1 of each year."
51

52 **ALTERNATIVES TO JUVENILE COMMITMENT/JUVENILE CRIME** 53 **PREVENTION COUNCILS**

54 **SECTION 15.5.** Section 16.11 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

1 **"SECTION 16.11.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
2 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the sum of two hundred fifty thousand
3 dollars (\$250,000) shall be used to expand Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils
4 demonstration projects designed to reduce commitments to youth development centers.
5 Specifically, the funds shall be awarded to Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils to
6 provide residential and/or community-based intensive services to juveniles who have
7 been adjudicated delinquent with a level 2 or 3 disposition or who are reentering the
8 community after serving time in a youth development center. The Department shall
9 develop a competitive grant award process to allocate the funds to county Juvenile
10 Crime Prevention Councils. The programs must initiate services to the targeted
11 population no later than March 1, 2006. On June 30, 2006, any funds not awarded for
12 demonstration projects pursuant to this section by the Department shall revert to the
13 General Fund. The Department may award up to four grants to Juvenile Crime
14 Prevention Councils, and no individual grant may exceed one hundred thousand dollars
15 (\$100,000).

16 **SECTION 16.11.(b)** The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
17 Prevention shall report to the Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile
18 Justice Oversight Committee no later than March 1, 2006, on the implementation and
19 award process. The report shall provide a detailed description of the services to be
20 provided by each program, the number and types of juveniles to be served, and the
21 amount awarded to each program.

22 **SECTION 16.11.(c)** The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
23 Prevention shall report to the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations
24 Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety no later than March 1, 2006, and annually
25 thereafter, on the results of the alternatives to commitment demonstration programs
26 funded by Section 16.7 of S.L. 2004-124. The 2007 report and all annual reports
27 thereafter shall also include projects funded by this section for the 2005-2006 fiscal
28 year. Specifically, the report shall provide a detailed description of each of the
29 demonstration programs, including the numbers of juveniles served, their adjudication
30 status at the time of service, the services/treatments provided, the length of service, the
31 total cost per juvenile, and the six- and 12-month recidivism rates for the juveniles after
32 the termination of program services.

33 **SECTION 16.11.(d)** The requirements of this section apply to all future allocations
34 by the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the funds
35 appropriated to the Department by Section 16.11 of S.L. 2005-276 and Section 16.7 of
36 S.L. 2004-124."

37 38 **REPORTS ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**

39 **SECTION 15.6.(a)** Section 16.6 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

40 **"SECTION 16.6.(a)** The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
41 Prevention shall report December 31, 2005, and quarterly thereafter during the
42 2005-2007 biennium to the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives
43 Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety and to the Joint
44 Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee on the treatment
45 staffing model being piloted at Samarkand and Stonewall Jackson Youth Development
46 Centers. The report shall include a list of total positions at each facility by job class,
47 whether the position is vacant or filled, whether positions were filled from internal
48 employees or new employees, and the training and certification status of each position.
49 The report shall also describe the nature of the treatment program, the criteria for
50 evaluating the program, and how the program is performing in comparison to these
51 criteria. The report shall also describe the training approach to be used to train staff in
52 using treatment methods in youth development centers and provide information on
53 current staff training and staff training planned for the next quarter. The Department
54 shall also develop indicators for evaluating staff performance once the model has been
55 implemented.

1 **SECTION 16.6.(b)** The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
2 Prevention shall report December 31, 2005, and quarterly thereafter during the
3 2005-2007 biennium to the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives
4 Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Corrections,
5 Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee on the implementation of the
6 treatment staffing model at Dobbs, Dillon, and Juvenile Evaluation Center Youth
7 Development Centers. The Department shall identify the number of positions
8 reallocated to the new treatment job classes and the source of funding for those
9 positions.

10 **SECTION 16.6.(c)** The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
11 Prevention shall report to the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives
12 Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Corrections,
13 Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee by November 10, 2006, on
14 the final recommended staffing plan for youth development centers for the 2007-2008
15 fiscal year. The report shall include:

- 16 (1) The latest results of the evaluation of the pilot treatment staffing
17 models at the Samarkand and Stonewall Jackson Youth Development
18 Centers and the progress in implementing the model at other youth
19 development centers.
- 20 (2) The total recommended staffing by position classification for each
21 youth development center. Staffing by shift shall be provided for each
22 housing unit as well as justification for the level and type of staff on
23 each shift.
- 24 (3) The total cost and cost per bed for each youth development center to
25 implement the staffing model.
- 26 (4) The primary basis for the number of staff at each youth development
27 center by classification.
- 28 (5) An identification of other states that have implemented a treatment
29 based staffing model, how the staffing patterns compare to the
30 Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention proposal,
31 and any research on the benefits and outcomes of using the treatment
32 based approach in these states."

33 **SECTION 15.6.(b)** It is the intent of the General Assembly to consider
34 appropriating funds for new treatment positions at youth development centers only
35 when the report required by subsection (a) of this section is received by the Chairs of
36 the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and
37 Public Safety.

38

39 PART XVI. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

40

41 INMATE COSTS/MEDICAL BUDGET FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND

42 INMATE LAUNDRY SERVICES

43 **SECTION 16.1.** Section 17.6 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

44 **"SECTION 17.6.(a)** If the cost of providing ~~food and~~ health care to inmates housed
45 in the Division of Prisons is anticipated to exceed the continuation budget amounts
46 provided for that purpose in this act, the Department of Correction shall report the
47 reasons for the anticipated cost increase and the source of funds the Department intends
48 to use to cover those additional needs to the Joint Legislative Commission on
49 Governmental Operations, the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives
50 Appropriations Committees, and the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives
51 Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety.

52 **SECTION 17.6.(b)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143-23(a2), the
53 Department of Correction may use funds available during the ~~2005-2006 fiscal year~~
54 2005-2007 biennium for the purchase of prescription drugs for inmates if expenditures
55 are projected to exceed the Department's inmate medical continuation budget for

1 prescription drugs. The Department shall consult with the Joint Legislative Commission
2 on Governmental Operations prior to exceeding the continuation budget amount.

3 **SECTION 17.6.(c)** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143-23(a2), the
4 Department of Correction may use funds available during the ~~2005-2006 fiscal year~~
5 2005-2007 biennium for the purchase of ~~clothing and~~ laundry services for inmates if
6 expenditures are projected to exceed the Department's budget for clothing and laundry
7 services. The Department shall consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on
8 Governmental Operations prior to exceeding the continuation budget amount."
9

10 **CONVERSION OF CONTRACTED MEDICAL POSITIONS**

11 **SECTION 16.2.** Section 17.7 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

12 **"SECTION 17.7.(a)** The Department of Correction may convert contract medical
13 positions to permanent State medical positions if the Department can document that the
14 total savings generated will exceed the total cost of the new positions for each facility.
15 Where practical, the Department shall convert contract positions to permanent positions
16 by using existing vacancies in medical positions.

17 **SECTION 17.7.(b)** The Department of Correction shall report by ~~April 1, 2006,~~
18 April of each year to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
19 and the Chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives Appropriations
20 Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety on all conversions made pursuant to this
21 section, by type of position and location, and on the savings generated at each
22 correctional facility."
23

24 **COMPUTER/DATA PROCESSING SERVICES FUNDS**

25 **SECTION 16.3.** Section 17.10. of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

26 **"SECTION 17.10.** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143-23(a2), the
27 Department of Correction may use funds available during the ~~2005-2006 fiscal year~~
28 2005-2007 biennium for expenses for computer/data processing services if expenditures
29 exceed the Department's continuation budget amount for those services. The
30 Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
31 Operations prior to exceeding the continuation budget amount."
32

33 **REPORTS ON NONPROFIT PROGRAMS**

34 **SECTION 16.4.** Section 17.22 of Session Laws 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

35 **"SECTION 17.22.(a)** Funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
36 Correction to support the programs of Harriet's House may be used for program
37 operating costs, the purchase of equipment, and the rental of real property to serve
38 women released from prison with children in their custody. Harriet's House shall report
39 by February 1 of each year to the ~~Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental~~
40 Operations Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight
41 Committee on the expenditure of State appropriations and on the effectiveness of the
42 program, including information on the number of clients served, the number of clients
43 who successfully complete the Harriet's House program, and the number of clients who
44 have been rearrested within three years of successfully completing the program. The
45 report shall provide financial and program data for the complete fiscal year prior to the
46 year in which the report is submitted. The financial report shall identify all funding
47 sources and amounts.

48 **SECTION 17.22.(b)** Summit House shall report by February 1 of each year to the
49 ~~Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations~~ Joint Legislative
50 Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee on the
51 expenditure of State appropriations and on the effectiveness of the program, including
52 information on the number of clients served, the number of clients who have had their
53 probation revoked, the number of clients who successfully complete the program while
54 housed at Summit House, Inc., and the number of clients who have been rearrested
55 within three years of successfully completing the program. The report shall provide

1 financial and program data for the complete fiscal year prior to the year in which the
2 report is submitted. The financial report shall identify all funding sources and amounts.

3 **SECTION 17.22.(c)** ~~Women at Risk shall report by February 1 of each year to the~~
4 ~~Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations~~ Joint Legislative
5 Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee on the
6 expenditure of State funds and on the effectiveness of the program, including
7 information on the number of clients served, the number of clients who have had their
8 probation revoked, the number of clients who have successfully completed the program,
9 and the number of clients who have been rearrested within three years of successfully
10 completing the program. The report shall provide financial and program data for the
11 complete fiscal year prior to the year in which the report is submitted. The financial
12 report shall identify all funding sources and amounts."
13

14 **PAROLE ELIGIBILITY REPORT**

15 **SECTION 16.5.** Section 17.28 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

16 **"SECTION 17.28.(a)** The Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission shall,
17 with the assistance of the North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission
18 and the Department of Correction, analyze the amount of time each parole-eligible
19 inmate has served compared to the time served by offenders under Structured
20 Sentencing for comparable crimes. The Commission shall determine if the person has
21 served more time in custody than the person would have served if sentenced to the
22 maximum sentence under the provisions of Article 81B of Chapter 15A of the General
23 Statutes. The "maximum sentence", for the purposes of this section, shall be calculated
24 as set forth in subsection (b) of this section.

25 **SECTION 17.28.(b)** For the purposes of this section, the following rules apply for
26 the calculation of the maximum sentence:

- 27 (1) The offense upon which the person was convicted shall be classified as
28 the same felony class as the offense would have been classified if
29 committed after the effective date of Article 81B of Chapter 15A of
30 the General Statutes.
- 31 (2) The minimum sentence shall be the maximum number of months in
32 the presumptive range of minimum durations in Prior Record Level VI
33 of G.S. 15A-1340.17(c) for the felony class determined under
34 subdivision (1) of this subsection. The maximum sentence shall be
35 calculated using G.S. 15A-1340.17(d), (e), or (e1).
- 36 (3) If a person is serving sentences for two or more offenses that are
37 concurrent in any respect, then the offense with the greater
38 classification shall be used to determine a single maximum sentence
39 for the concurrent offenses. The fact that the person has been
40 convicted of multiple offenses may be considered by the Commission
41 in making its determinations under subsection (a) of this section.

42 **SECTION 17.28.(c)** The Commission shall report to the Joint Legislative
43 Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee ~~on the results of~~
44 ~~its analysis by October 1, 2005.~~ and to the Chairs of the Senate and House of
45 Representatives Appropriations Committees, and the Chairs of the Senate and House of
46 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety by April 1,
47 2007. The report shall include the following: the class of the offense for which each
48 parole-eligible inmate was convicted and whether an inmate had multiple criminal
49 convictions. The Commission shall reinstate the parole review process for each
50 offender who has served more time than that person would have under Structured
51 Sentencing as provided by subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

52 The Commission shall also report by February 1, 2006, regarding on the number of
53 parole-eligible inmates reconsidered in compliance with this section and the number
54 who were actually paroled."
55

PRETRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM

SECTION 16.6. Of funds appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Correction the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year shall be used for the Pretrial Services Program. These funds will be managed by the Criminal Justice Partnership Program and will be allocated on a matching basis according to the following priorities:

- (1) Counties that received State funds through the Criminal Justice Partnership Program to operate pretrial services programs in the 2005-2006 fiscal year.
- (2) Counties that do not currently have a pretrial services program, but would like to start one.
- (3) Counties that currently operate pretrial services programs but did not receive State funds to operate during the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

GPS MONITORING OF MOST SERIOUS SEX OFFENDERS

SECTION 16.7.(a) Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Part to read:

"Part 5. Sex Offender Monitoring.

"§ 14-208.33. Establishment of program; creation of guidelines; duties.

(a) The Department of Correction shall establish a sex offender monitoring program that uses a continuous satellite-based monitoring system and shall create guidelines to govern the program. The program shall be designed to monitor two categories of offenders as follows:

- (1) Any offender who is convicted of a reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4) and who is required to register under Part 3 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes because the defendant is classified as a sexually violent predator, is a recidivist, or was convicted of an aggravated offense as those terms are defined in G.S. 14-208.6. An offender in this category who is ordered by the court to submit to satellite-based monitoring is subject to that requirement for the person's natural life, unless the requirement is terminated pursuant to G.S. 14-208.36.
- (2) Any offender who satisfies all of the following criteria: (i) is convicted of a reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4), (ii) is required to register under Part 2 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, (iii) has committed an offense involving the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor, and (iv) based on the Department's risk assessment program requires the highest possible level of supervision and monitoring. An offender in this category who is ordered by the court to submit to satellite-based monitoring is subject to that requirement only for the period of time ordered by the court and is not subject to a requirement of lifetime satellite-based monitoring.

(b) In developing the guidelines for the program, the Department shall require that any offender who is enrolled in the satellite-based program submit to an active continuous satellite-based monitoring program, unless an active program will not work as provided by this section. If the Department determines that an active program will not work as provided by this section, then the Department shall require that the defendant submit to a passive continuous satellite-based program that works within the technological or geographical limitations.

(c) The satellite-based monitoring program shall use a system that provides all of the following:

- (1) Time-correlated and continuous tracking of the geographic location of the subject using a global positioning system based on satellite and other location tracking technology.

1 (2) Reporting of subject's violations of prescriptive and proscriptive
2 schedule or location requirements. Frequency of reporting may range
3 from once a day (passive) to near real-time (active).

4 (d) The Department may contract with a single vendor for the hardware services
5 needed to monitor subject offenders and correlate their movements to reported crime
6 incidents. The contract may provide for services necessary to implement or facilitate
7 any of the provisions of this Part.

8 **"§ 14-208.34. Enrollment in satellite-based monitoring programs mandatory;**
9 **length of enrollment.**

10 (a) Any person described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1) shall enroll in a satellite-based
11 monitoring program with the Division of Community Corrections office in the county
12 where the person resides. The person shall remain enrolled in the satellite-based
13 monitoring program for the registration period imposed under G.S. 14-208.23 which is
14 the person's life, unless the requirement to enroll in the satellite-based monitoring
15 program is terminated pursuant to G.S. 14-208.35.

16 (b) Any person described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(2) who is ordered by the court to
17 enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program shall do so with the Division of
18 Community Corrections office in the county where the person resides. The person shall
19 remain enrolled in the satellite-based monitoring program for the period of time ordered
20 by the court.

21 **"§ 14-208.35. Lifetime registration offenders required to submit to satellite-based**
22 **monitoring for life and to continue on unsupervised probation upon**
23 **completion of sentence.**

24 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when the court sentences an offender
25 who is in the category described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1) for a reportable conviction as
26 defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4), and orders the offender to enroll in a satellite-based
27 monitoring program, the court shall also order that the offender, upon completion of the
28 offender's sentence and any term of parole, post-release supervision, intermediate
29 punishment, or supervised probation that follows the sentence, continue to be enrolled
30 in the satellite-based monitoring program for the offender's life and be placed on
31 unsupervised probation unless the requirement that the person enroll in a satellite-based
32 monitoring program is terminated pursuant to G.S. 14-208.36.

33 **"§ 14-208.36. Request for termination of satellite-based monitoring requirement.**

34 (a) An offender described by G.S. 14-308.33(a)(1) who is required to submit to
35 satellite-based monitoring for the offender's life may file a request for termination of
36 monitoring requirement with the Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission. The
37 request to terminate the satellite-based monitoring requirement and to terminate the
38 accompanying requirement of unsupervised probation may not be submitted until at
39 least one year after the offender: (i) has served his or her sentence for the offense for
40 which the satellite-based monitoring requirement was imposed, and (ii) has also
41 completed any period of probation, parole, or post-release supervision imposed as part
42 of the sentence.

43 (b) Upon receipt of the request for termination, the Commission shall review
44 documentation contained in the offender's file and the statewide registry to determine
45 whether the person has complied with the provisions of this Article. In addition, the
46 Commission shall conduct fingerprint-based state and federal criminal history record
47 checks to determine whether the person has been convicted of any additional reportable
48 convictions.

49 (c) If it is determined that the person has not received any additional reportable
50 convictions during the period of satellite-based monitoring and the person has
51 substantially complied with the provisions of this Article, the Commission may
52 terminate the monitoring requirement if the Commission finds that the person is not
53 likely to pose a threat to the safety of others.

54 (d) If it is determined that the person has received any additional reportable
55 convictions during the period of satellite-based monitoring or has not substantially

1 complied with the provisions of this Article, the Commission shall not order the
2 termination of the monitoring requirement.

3 (e) The Commission shall not consider any request to terminate a monitoring
4 requirement except as provided by this section. The Commission has no authority to
5 consider or terminate a monitoring requirement for an offender described in
6 G.S. 14-208.33(a)(2).

7 **"§ 14-208.37. Failure to enroll; tampering with device.**

8 (a) Any person required to enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program who
9 fails to enroll shall be guilty of a Class E felony.

10 (b) Any person who intentionally tampers with, removes, or vandalizes a device
11 issued pursuant to a satellite-based monitoring program to a person duly enrolled in the
12 program shall be guilty of a Class C felony.

13 **"§ 14-208.38. Fees.**

14 (a) There shall be a onetime fee of ninety dollars (\$90.00) assessed to each
15 person required to enroll pursuant to this Part. The court may exempt a person from
16 paying the fee only for good cause and upon motion of the person placed on
17 satellite-based monitoring. The court may require that the fee be paid in advance or in a
18 lump sum or sums, and a probation officer may require payment by those methods if the
19 officer is authorized by subsection (c) of this section to determine the payment schedule.
20 This fee is intended to offset only the costs associated with the time-correlated tracking
21 of the geographic location of subjects using the location tracking crime correlation
22 system.

23 (b) The fee shall be payable to the clerk of superior court, and the fees shall be
24 remitted quarterly to the Department.

25 (c) If a person placed on supervised probation, parole, or post-release supervision
26 is required as a condition of that probation, parole, or post-release supervision to pay
27 any moneys to the clerk of superior court, the court may delegate to a probation officer
28 the responsibility to determine the payment schedule."

29 **SECTION 16.7.(b)** G.S. 15A-1343(b2) reads as rewritten:

30 "(b2) Special Conditions of Probation for Sex Offenders and Persons Convicted of
31 Offenses Involving Physical, Mental, or Sexual Abuse of a Minor. – As special
32 conditions of probation, a defendant who has been convicted of an offense which is a
33 reportable conviction as defined in G.S. 14-208.6(4), or which involves the physical,
34 mental, or sexual abuse of a minor, must:

- 35 (1) Register as required by G.S. 14-208.7 if the offense is a reportable
36 conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4).
- 37 (2) Participate in such evaluation and treatment as is necessary to
38 complete a prescribed course of psychiatric, psychological, or other
39 rehabilitative treatment as ordered by the court.
- 40 (3) Not communicate with, be in the presence of, or found in or on the
41 premises of the victim of the offense.
- 42 (4) Not reside in a household with any minor child if the offense is one in
43 which there is evidence of sexual abuse of a minor.
- 44 (5) Not reside in a household with any minor child if the offense is one in
45 which there is evidence of physical or mental abuse of a minor, unless
46 the court expressly finds that it is unlikely that the defendant's harmful
47 or abusive conduct will recur and that it would be in the minor child's
48 best interest to allow the probationer to reside in the same household
49 with a minor child.
- 50 (6) Satisfy any other conditions determined by the court to be reasonably
51 related to his rehabilitation.
- 52 (7) Submit to satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A
53 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, if the defendant is described by
54 G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1).

1 (8) Submit to electronic monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of
2 Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, if the defendant is in the category
3 described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(2), and the Department of Correction,
4 based on the Department's risk assessment program, recommends that
5 the defendant submit to the highest possible level of supervision and
6 monitoring.

7 Defendants subject to the provisions of this subsection shall not be placed on
8 unsupervised probation."

9 **SECTION 16.7.(c)** G.S. 15A-1343.2 is amended by adding a new subsection
10 to read:

11 "(f1) Mandatory Condition of Satellite-Based Monitoring For Some Sex Offenders.
12 – Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the court shall impose
13 satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the
14 General Statutes as a condition of probation on any offender who is described by
15 G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1)."

16 **SECTION 16.7.(d)** G.S. 15A-1343.2(f) is amended by adding a new
17 subdivision to read:

18 "(5) Submit to electronic monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of
19 Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, if the defendant is described by
20 G.S. 14-208.33(a)(2)."

21 **SECTION 16.7.(e)** G.S. 15A-1344 is amended by adding a new subsection
22 to read:

23 "(e2) Mandatory Satellite-Based Monitoring Required for Extension of Probation
24 in Response to Violation by Certain Sex Offenders. – If a defendant who is in the
25 category described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1) violates probation and if the court extends
26 the probation as a result of the violation, then the court shall order satellite-based
27 monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes as a
28 condition of the extended probation."

29 **SECTION 16.7.(f)** G.S. 15A-1368.2 is amended by adding a new subsection
30 to read:

31 "(c1) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, a person required to submit to
32 satellite-based monitoring pursuant to G.S. 15A-1368.4(b1)(6) shall continue to
33 participate in satellite-based monitoring beyond the period of post-release supervision
34 until the Commission releases the person from that requirement pursuant to
35 G.S. 15A-1368.4A."

36 **SECTION 16.7.(g)** G.S. 15A-1368.4 (b1) reads as rewritten:

37 "(b1) Additional Required Conditions for Sex Offenders and Persons Convicted of
38 Offenses Involving Physical, Mental, or Sexual Abuse of a Minor. –

39 In addition to the required condition set forth in subsection (b) of this section, for a
40 supervisee who has been convicted of an offense which is a reportable conviction as
41 defined in G.S. 14-208.6(4), or which involves the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a
42 minor, controlling conditions, violations of which may result in revocation of
43 post-release supervision, are:

- 44 (1) Register as required by G.S. 14-208.7 if the offense is a reportable
45 conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4).
- 46 (2) Participate in such evaluation and treatment as is necessary to
47 complete a prescribed course of psychiatric, psychological, or other
48 rehabilitative treatment as ordered by the Commission.
- 49 (3) Not communicate with, be in the presence of, or found in or on the
50 premises of the victim of the offense.
- 51 (4) Not reside in a household with any minor child if the offense is one in
52 which there is evidence of sexual abuse of a minor.
- 53 (5) Not reside in a household with any minor child if the offense is one in
54 which there is evidence of physical or mental abuse of a minor, unless
55 a court of competent jurisdiction expressly finds that it is unlikely that

1 the defendant's harmful or abusive conduct will recur and that it would
2 be in the child's best interest to allow the supervisee to reside in the
3 same household with a minor child.

4 (6) Failure to submit to satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of
5 Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, if the offense is a
6 reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4) and the
7 supervisee is in the category described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1).

8 (7) Failure to submit to satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of
9 Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, if the offense is a
10 reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4) and the
11 supervisee is in the category described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(2)."

12 **SECTION 16.7.(h)** G.S. 15A-1374 is amended by adding a new subsection

13 to read:

14 "**(b1) Mandatory Satellite-Based Monitoring Required as Condition of Parole for**
15 **Certain Offenders. – If a parolee is in a category described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(1), the**
16 **Commission must require as a condition of parole that the parolee submit to**
17 **satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the**
18 **General Statutes. If a parolee is in a category described by G.S. 14-208.33(a)(2), the**
19 **Commission may require as a condition of parole that the parolee submit to**
20 **satellite-based monitoring pursuant to Part 5 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the**
21 **General Statutes."**

22 **SECTION 16.7.(i)** G.S. 143B-266 is amended by adding a new subsection

23 to read:

24 "**(e) The Commission may accept and review requests from persons placed on**
25 **probation, parole, or post-release supervision to terminate a mandatory condition of**
26 **satellite-based monitoring as provided by G.S. 14-208.35. The Commission may grant**
27 **or deny those requests in compliance with G.S.14-208.35."**

28 **SECTION 16.7.(j)** The Department of Correction shall have the program
29 enacted by subsection (a) of this section established by January 1, 2007.

30 **SECTION 16.7.(k)** This section is effective when it becomes law and
31 applies to offenses committed on or after that date. This section also applies to any
32 person sentenced to intermediate punishment on or after that date and to any person
33 released from prison by parole or post-release supervision on or after that date. This
34 section also applies to any person who completes his or her sentence on or after the
35 effective date of this section who is not on post-release supervision or parole. However,
36 the requirement to enroll in a satellite-based program is not mandatory until January 1,
37 2007, when the program is established.

38 39 **PART XVII. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

40 41 **EXAMINE FEASIBILITY OF COMBINING FUNDING SOURCES/NC** 42 **COUNCIL FOR WOMEN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION**

43 **SECTION 17.1.** The North Carolina Council for Women and the Domestic
44 Violence Commission, within the Department of Administration, shall examine the
45 feasibility of combining the funding sources to distribute domestic violence grants and
46 sexual assault grants. The North Carolina Council for Women and the Domestic
47 Violence Commission shall report their findings to the Joint Legislative Commission on
48 Governmental Operations by February 1, 2007.

49 50 **PART XVIII. OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

51 52 **CODIFIER'S AUTHORITY OVER THE REGISTER**

53 **SECTION 18.1.** G.S. 150B-21.17 reads as rewritten:
54 **"§ 150B-21.17. North Carolina Register.**

1 (a) Content. – The Codifier of Rules must publish the North Carolina Register.
2 The North Carolina Register must be published at least two times a month and must
3 contain the following:

- 4 (1) Temporary rules entered in the North Carolina Administrative Code.
- 5 (1a) The text of proposed rules and the text of permanent rules approved by
6 the Commission.
- 7 (1b) Emergency rules entered into the North Carolina Administrative Code.
- 8 (2) Notices of receipt of a petition for municipal incorporation, as required
9 by G.S. 120-165.
- 10 (3) Executive orders of the Governor.
- 11 (4) Final decision letters from the United States Attorney General
12 concerning changes in laws that affect voting in a jurisdiction subject
13 to section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as required by
14 G.S. 120-30.9H.
- 15 (5) Orders of the Tax Review Board issued under G.S. 105-241.2.
- 16 (6) Other information the Codifier determines to be helpful to the public.

17 (b) Form. – When an agency publishes notice in the North Carolina Register of
18 the proposed text of a new rule, the Codifier of Rules must publish the complete text of
19 the proposed new rule. In publishing the text of a proposed new rule, the Codifier must
20 indicate the rule is new by underlining the proposed text of the rule.

21 When an agency publishes notice in the North Carolina Register of the proposed text
22 of an amendment to an existing rule, the Codifier must publish the complete text of the
23 rule that is being amended unless the Codifier determines that publication of the
24 complete text of the rule being amended is not necessary to enable the reader to
25 understand the proposed amendment. In publishing the text of a proposed amendment to
26 a rule, the Codifier must indicate deleted text with overstrikes and added text with
27 underlines.

28 When an agency publishes notice in the North Carolina Register of the proposed
29 repeal of an existing rule, the Codifier must publish the complete text of the rule the
30 agency proposes to repeal unless the Codifier determines that publication of the
31 complete text is impractical. In publishing the text of a rule the agency proposes to
32 repeal, the Codifier must indicate the rule is to be repealed.

33 (c) The Codifier may authorize and license the private indexing, marketing,
34 sales, reproduction, and distribution of the Register."
35

36 PART XIX. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

37 38 EXTENDED DOR CALL CENTER FEE USE

39 SECTION 19.1. Section 22.6(a) of S.L. 2002-126, as amended by Section
40 23.1 of S.L. 2003-284, as amended by Section 23.1 of S.L. 2004-124, reads as rewritten:

41 "SECTION 22.6.(a) There is appropriated from the collection assistance fee
42 account created in G.S. 105-243.1 to the Department of Revenue the sum of one million
43 six hundred twenty-two thousand eight hundred ninety-six dollars (\$1,622,896) for the
44 2003-2004 fiscal year and the sum of two million one hundred fifty-four thousand five
45 hundred ninety-three dollars (\$2,154,593) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year to pay for the
46 costs of establishing and equipping a central taxpayer telecommunications service
47 center for collections and assistance and for the costs associated with aligning local field
48 offices with the new center. Of the funds appropriated in this subsection, the sum of
49 three million dollars (\$3,000,000) that was designated for the 2003-2005 biennium to
50 pay for the costs of establishing and equipping a central taxpayer telecommunications
51 service center does not revert at the end of the 2004-2005 fiscal year but remains
52 available until June 30, ~~2006~~, 2007, for operating costs of the service center."
53

54 REVISED MAXIMUMS FOR COLLECTION ASSISTANCE FEES

55 SECTION 19.2. G.S. 105-243.1(e) reads as rewritten:

1 "(e) Use. – The fee is a receipt of the Department and must be applied to the costs
2 of collecting overdue tax debts. The proceeds of the fee must be credited to a special
3 account within the Department and may be expended only as provided in this
4 subsection. The proceeds of the fee may not be used for any purpose that is not directly
5 and primarily related to collecting overdue tax debts. The Department may apply the
6 proceeds of the fee for the purposes listed in this subsection. The remaining proceeds of
7 the fee may be spent only pursuant to appropriation by the General Assembly. The fee
8 proceeds do not revert but remain in the special account until spent for the costs of
9 collecting overdue tax debts. The Department and the Office of State Budget and
10 Management must account for all expenditures using accounting procedures that clearly
11 distinguish costs allocable to collecting overdue tax debts from costs allocable to other
12 purposes and must demonstrate that none of the fee proceeds are used for any purpose
13 other than collecting overdue tax debts.

14 The Department may apply the fee proceeds for the following purposes:

- 15 (1) To pay contractors for collecting overdue tax debts under subsection
16 (b) of this section.
- 17 (2) To pay the fee the United States Department of the Treasury charges
18 for setoff to recover tax owed to North Carolina.
- 19 (3) To pay for taxpayer locator services, not to exceed ~~one hundred~~
20 ~~thousand dollars (\$100,000)~~ one hundred forty-one thousand dollars
21 (\$141,000) a year.
- 22 (4) To pay for postage or other delivery charges for correspondence
23 directly and primarily relating to collecting overdue tax ~~debts.~~debts,
24 not to exceed three hundred fifty-three thousand dollars (\$353,000) a
25 year.
- 26 (5) To pay for operating expenses for Project Collection Tax and the
27 Taxpayer Assistance Call Center.
- 28 (6) To pay for expenses of the Examination and Collection Division
29 directly and primarily relating to collecting overdue tax debts."
- 30

31 **CONSOLIDATE TAX PROJECTS REPORTS**

32 **SECTION 19.3.(a)** G.S. 105-243.1(f) reads as rewritten:

33 "(f) Reports. – The report of Department activities required by G.S. 105-256
34 contains information on the Department's efforts to collect tax debts and its use of the
35 proceeds of the collection assistance fee.~~Department must report semiannually to the~~
36 ~~Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and to the Revenue Laws~~
37 ~~Study Committee on its efforts to collect tax debts. Each report must include a~~
38 ~~breakdown of the amount and age of tax debts collected by collection agencies on~~
39 ~~contract, the amount and age of tax debts collected by the Department through warning~~
40 ~~letters, and the amount and age of tax debts otherwise collected by Department~~
41 ~~personnel. The report must itemize collections by type of tax. Each report must also~~
42 ~~include a long term collection plan, a timeline for implementing each step of the plan, a~~
43 ~~summary of steps taken since the last report and their results, and any other data~~
44 ~~requested by the Commission or the Committee.~~

45 ~~The Department must report by April 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, to the~~
46 ~~Revenue Laws Study Committee and the Fiscal Research Division of the General~~
47 ~~Assembly on the use of the fee proceeds for collecting overdue tax debts."~~

48 **SECTION 19.3.(b)** G.S. 105-256(a) reads as rewritten:

49 "(a) Reports. – The Secretary shall prepare and publish the following:

- 50 ...
- 51 (6) On an annual basis, a report on the quality of services provided to
52 ~~taxpayers, including telephone and~~taxpayers through the Taxpayer
53 Assistance Call Center, walk-in assistance~~assistance,~~ and taxpayer
54 education. The report must be submitted to the Joint Legislative
55 Commission on Governmental Operations.

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2 (8) By January 1 and July 1 of each year, a semiannual report on the
3 Department's activities listed in this subdivision. The report must be
4 submitted to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
5 Operations and to the Revenue Laws Study Committee.
6 a. Its efforts to increase compliance with the tax laws. The report
7 must describe the Department's existing initiatives in this area
8 as of July 1, 2006, and must estimate, by tax type and amount,
9 the revenue expected in the fiscal year by the initiative. The
10 report must describe any new initiative implemented since July
11 1, 2006, and estimate, by tax type and amount, the revenue
12 expected in the fiscal year by the initiative.
13 b. Its efforts to identify and address fraud and other abuses of the
14 voluntary tax compliance system that result in unreported and
15 underreported tax. The report must describe the Department's
16 long-term plan for achieving greater voluntary compliance and
17 must summarize the steps taken since the last report and their
18 results.
19 c. Its efforts to collect tax debts. The report must include a
20 breakdown of the amount and age of tax debts collected through
21 warning letters and by other means, must itemize collections by
22 type of tax, must describe the Department's long-term collection
23 plan, and must summarize the steps taken since the last report
24 and their results.
25 d. Its use of the proceeds of the collection assistance fee imposed
26 by G.S. 105-243.1.

27 **SECTION 19.3.(c)** The first report required under G.S. 105-256(a)(8), as
28 enacted by this section, is due by January 1, 2007.

29
30 **PAYMENT OF USUB PENALTIES TO CIVIL PENALTY AND FORFEITURE**
31 **FUND**

32 **SECTION 19.4.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143-18, the Department of Revenue
33 shall be allowed to expend up to two million four hundred thirty-four thousand two
34 hundred seventy dollars and seventy-one cents (\$2,434,270.71) of unencumbered
35 maintenance appropriations as of June 30, 2006, for the purpose of paying the Civil
36 Penalty and Forfeiture Fund. The amount to be expended represents Unauthorized
37 Substance Tax penalty collections that were paid to local law enforcement agencies for
38 the period of July 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005. The source of the
39 unencumbered funds shall come entirely from the Department of Revenue. If
40 unencumbered funds are not sufficient at June 30, 2006, the Department shall use
41 anticipated unencumbered funds as of July 1, 2006. The Department shall reduce
42 succeeding distributions to a law enforcement agency under G.S. 105-113.113 by the
43 amount that was improperly distributed to that agency.
44

45 **PART XX. DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE TREASURER**

46
47 **CONSOLIDATE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAMS IN**
48 **SINGLE AGENCY**

49 **SECTION 20.1.** G.S. 143B-426.24 reads as rewritten:

50 **"§ 143B-426.24. Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Public Employee**
51 **Deferred Compensation Plan.**

52 (a) The Governor may, by Executive Order, establish a Board of Trustees of the
53 North Carolina Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan, which when established
54 shall be constituted an agency of the State of North Carolina within the Department of
55 ~~Administration~~ State Treasurer. The Board shall create, establish, implement, coordinate

1 and administer a Deferred Compensation Plan for employees of the State, any county or
2 municipality, the North Carolina Community College System, and any political
3 subdivision of the State. Until so established, the Board heretofore established pursuant
4 to Executive Order XII dated November 12, 1974, shall continue in effect. Likewise, the
5 Plan heretofore established shall continue until a new plan is established.

6 (b) The Board shall consist of seven voting members, as follows:

7 (1) Three persons shall be appointed by the Governor who shall have
8 experience with taxation, finance and investments, one of whom shall
9 be a State employee;

10 (2) One member shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon
11 recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives under
12 G.S. 120-121;

13 (3) One member shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon
14 recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate under
15 G.S. 120-121;

16 (4) ~~The State Treasurer, Secretary of Administration,~~ ex officio; and

17 (5) ~~The Secretary of Administration, State Treasurer,~~ ex officio, chairman.

18 (c) General Assembly appointments shall serve two year terms. A member shall
19 continue to serve until his successor is duly appointed but a holdover under this
20 provision does not affect the expiration date of the succeeding term. No member of the
21 Board may serve more than three consecutive two year terms.

22 (d) In case of a vacancy on the Board before the expiration of a member's term, a
23 successor shall be appointed within 30 days of the vacancy for the remainder of the
24 unexpired term by the appropriate official pursuant to subsection (b). Vacancies in
25 legislative appointments shall be filled under G.S. 120-122.

26 (e) Other than ex officio members, members appointed by the Governor shall
27 serve at his pleasure.

28 (f) Any ex officio member may designate in writing, filed with the Board, any
29 employee of his department to act at any meeting of the Board from which the member
30 is absent, to the same extent that the member could act if present in person at such
31 meeting.

32 (g) It shall be the duty of the Board when established to review all contracts,
33 agreements or arrangements then in force relating to G.S. 147-9.2 and Executive Order
34 XII to include, but not be limited to, such contracts, agreements or arrangements
35 pertaining to the administrative services and the investment of deferred funds under the
36 Plan for the purpose of recommending continuation of or changes to such contracts,
37 agreements or arrangements.

38 (h) It shall be the duty of the Board to devise a uniform Deferred Compensation
39 Plan for teachers and employees, which shall include a reasonable number of options to
40 the teacher or employee, for the investment of deferred funds, among which may be life
41 insurance, fixed or variable annuities and retirement income contracts, regulated
42 investment trusts, pooled investment funds managed by the Board or its designee, or
43 other forms of investment approved by the Board, always in such form as will assure the
44 desired tax treatment of such funds. The Board may alter, revise and modify the Plan
45 from time to time to improve the Plan or to conform to and comply with requirements of
46 State and federal laws and regulations relating to the deferral of compensation of
47 teachers and public employees generally.

48 (h1) Notwithstanding any other law, an employee of any county or municipality,
49 an employee of the North Carolina Community College System, or an employee of any
50 political subdivision of the State may participate in any 457 Plan adopted by the State,
51 with the consent of the Board and with the consent of the proper governing authority of
52 such county, municipality, community college, or political subdivision of the State
53 where such employee is employed.

54 (i) The Board is authorized to delegate the performance of such of its
55 administrative duties as it deems appropriate including coordination, administration, and

1 marketing of the Plan to teachers and employees. Prior to entering into any contract
 2 with respect to such administrative duties, it shall seek bids, hold public hearings and in
 3 general take such steps as are calculated by the Board to obtain competent, efficient and
 4 worthy services for the performance of such administrative duties.

5 (j) The Board may acquire investment vehicles from any company duly
 6 authorized to conduct such business in this State or may establish, alter, amend and
 7 modify, to the extent it deems necessary or desirable, a trust for the purpose of
 8 facilitating the administration, investment and maintenance of assets acquired by the
 9 investment of deferred funds. All assets of the Plan, including all deferred amounts,
 10 property and rights purchased with deferred amounts, and all income attributed thereto
 11 shall be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the Plan participants and their
 12 beneficiaries.

13 (k) Members of the Board, who are not officers or employees of the State, shall
 14 receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence in accordance with the provisions
 15 of G.S. 138-5, funded as provided in subsection (m) hereof.

16 (l) All clerical and other services and personnel required by the Board shall be
 17 supplied by the ~~Secretary of Administration, Department of State Treasurer,~~ funded as
 18 provided in subsection (m) hereof.

19 (m) Investment of deferred funds shall not be unreasonably delayed, and in no
 20 case shall the investment of deferred funds be delayed more than 30 days. The Board
 21 may accumulate such funds pending investment, and the interest earned on such funds
 22 pending investment shall be available to and may be spent in the discretion of the Board
 23 only for the reasonable and necessary expenses of the Board. The ~~Secretary of~~
 24 ~~Administration, State Treasurer~~ is authorized to prescribe guidelines for the expenditure
 25 of such funds by the Board. From time to time as the Board may direct, funds not
 26 required for such expenses may be used to defray administrative expenses and fees
 27 which would otherwise be required to be borne by teachers and employees who are then
 28 participating in the Plan.

29 (n) A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
 30 business.

31 (o) It is intended that the provisions of this Part shall be liberally construed to
 32 accomplish the purposes provided for herein."
 33

34 **PART XXI. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

35
 36 **TRANSPORTATION OF WOOD RESIDUALS**

37 **SECTION 21.1.** G.S. 20-118(c)(15) reads as rewritten:

38 "(c) Exceptions. – The following exceptions apply to G.S. 20-118(b) and
 39 20-118(e).
 40

41 (15) Subsections (b) and (e) of this section do not apply to a vehicle or
 42 vehicle combination that meets all of the conditions below, but all
 43 other enforcement provisions of this Article remain applicable:

- 44 a. Is hauling wood residuals, including wood chips, sawdust,
 45 mulch, or tree bark, ~~bark from any site~~; or is transporting bulk
 46 soil, bulk rock, sand, sand rock, or asphalt millings from a site
 47 that does not have a certified scale for weighing the vehicle.
- 48 b. Does not operate on an interstate highway, a posted light-traffic
 49 road, or a posted bridge.
- 50 c. Does not exceed a maximum gross weight 4,000 pounds in
 51 excess of what is allowed in subsection (b) of this section.
- 52 d. Does not exceed a single-axle weight of more than 22,000
 53 pounds and a tandem-axle weight of more than 42,000 pounds.

54 ..."
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ONLINE DEALER REGISTRATION FUNDS

SECTION 21.2.(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 28.22(b) of S.L. 2005-276, for fiscal year 2006-2007, the Division of Motor Vehicles is prohibited from spending any funds appropriated to it for Online Dealer Registration enhancements.

SECTION 21.2.(b) This section becomes effective June 30, 2006.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN PILOT

SECTION 21.3. The Department of Transportation may enter into agreements with units of local government for the purpose of expediting transportation projects currently programmed in the Transportation Improvement Plan.

The agreements affected by this section shall be between the Department of Transportation and units of local government. The agreements may authorize units of local government to construct projects scheduled in the Transportation Improvement Plan more than two years from the date of the agreement. The units of local government shall fund one hundred percent (100%) of the project at current prices. In a future year, when the project is funded from State and federal sources, the units of local government shall be reimbursed an appropriate share of the funds, at the future programmed project funding amount, as identified and scheduled in the Transportation Improvement Plan.

The Department of Transportation shall report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by December 1, 2006, on any agreements executed with units of local government pursuant to this section.

CASH FLOW HIGHWAY FUNDS AND HIGHWAY TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS

SECTION 21.4.(a) The General Assembly authorizes and certifies anticipated revenues of the Highway Fund as follows:

For Fiscal Year 2007-2008	\$1,798.0 million
For Fiscal Year 2008-2009	\$1,836.2 million
For Fiscal Year 2009-2010	\$1,859.2 million
For Fiscal Year 2010-2011	\$1,872.6 million

SECTION 21.4.(b) The General Assembly authorizes and certifies anticipated revenues of the Highway Trust Fund as follows:

For Fiscal Year 2007-2008	\$1,128.9 million
For Fiscal Year 2008-2009	\$1,167.8 million
For Fiscal Year 2009-2010	\$1,203.0 million
For Fiscal Year 2010-2011	\$1,235.0 million

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE REAL-TIME ACCESS TO ALL WEIGH-IN-MOTION DATA PRODUCED AND TRANSMITTED FROM WEIGH-IN-MOTION SITES THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND PROVIDE PERIODIC SUMMARIES OF DATA COLLECTED AT EXISTING DOT WEIGH-IN-MOTION SITES

SECTION 21.5.(a) The Department of Transportation shall provide the State Highway Patrol real-time access to all real-time data collection efforts at all existing weigh-in-motion sites by October 1, 2006, to include but not limited to:

- (1) Install wireless access points at each site to allow the State Highway Patrol to station troopers at or near the weigh-in-motion site, capture data on a computer with software and technology capable of receiving the real-time data as it is captured by the weigh-in-motion site, and then take appropriate enforcement action.
- (2) Provide periodic summaries of collected data to assist in monitoring overweight vehicle travel volumes, habits, routes, and date and time information.

- 1 (3) Acquire any necessary software to allow the State Highway Patrol to
2 interface with the existing systems at all weigh-in-motion sites
3 throughout the State.
4 (4) Provide access to any new facilities constructed on DOT rights-of-way
5 that collect, monitor, seize, or capture any data related to violations of
6 weight, length, or height restrictions.

7 **SECTION 21.5.(b)** The State Highway Patrol shall report the effectiveness
8 of the access to weigh-in-motion sites, the collected data, and use of these sites as a
9 vehicle weight screening technology to increase the effectiveness of Motor Carrier
10 Enforcement activities to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by
11 October 1, 2006.
12

13 **FUNDS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SPOT SAFETY, AND** 14 **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS**

15 **SECTION 21.6.** Of the funds appropriated by this act to the Department of
16 Transportation in fiscal year 2006-2007, twenty-eight million dollars (\$28,000,000)
17 shall be allocated equally among the 14 Highway Divisions for economic development
18 transportation projects recommended by the member of the Board of Transportation
19 representing the Division in which the project is to be constructed in consultation with
20 the Division Engineer and approved by the Board of Transportation. Funds in each
21 Division not needed for economic development projects shall be used on spot safety
22 needs to enhance safety, reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, reduce accidents, and
23 for system preservation. Any remaining funds in each Division shall be used on
24 Transportation Improvement Program projects. The Secretary of Transportation shall
25 not prevent or delay the implementation of any projects approved by the Board of
26 Transportation pursuant to this section.
27

28 **CHANGE SUNSET OF OPEN CONTAINER LAW**

29 **SECTION 21.7.** Section 21 of S.L. 2000-155, as amended by Section 1 of
30 S.L. 2002-25, reads as rewritten:

31 "**SECTION 21.** Section 4 of this act is effective September 1, 2000, and expires
32 September 30, ~~2006~~2010. Sections 19 and 20 of this act are effective when those
33 sections become law. The remainder of this act becomes effective September 1, 2000,
34 and applies to offenses committed on or after that date."
35

36 **MAINTENANCE OF PERMANENT WEIGH STATIONS**

37 **SECTION 21.8.** G.S. 20-183.9 reads as rewritten:

38 "**§ 20-183.9. Establishment and maintenance of permanent weigh stations.**

39 The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety is hereby authorized,
40 empowered and directed to ~~equip, operate, and maintain equip and operate~~ permanent
41 weigh stations equipped to weigh vehicles using the streets and highways of this State to
42 determine whether such vehicles are being operated in accordance with legislative
43 enactments relating to weights of vehicles and their loads. The permanent weigh
44 stations shall be established at such locations on the streets and highways in this State as
45 will enable them to be used most advantageously in determining the weight of vehicles
46 and their loads. The Department of Transportation shall be responsible for the
47 maintenance and upkeep of all permanent weigh stations established pursuant to this
48 section."
49

50 **VIPER RADIO PROGRAM**

51 **SECTION 21.9.** The State Highway Patrol shall issue a request for a
52 proposal for the maintenance of the Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency
53 Responders (VIPER). The bid shall be for the current system in place and shall not
54 include installation of the system.

1 The Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) shall prepare a cost
2 allocation plan for the continued building and operation of the VIPER system that shall
3 include proposed shared costs for installation and use by all State government users,
4 including, but not limited to the Department of Health and Human Services, the State
5 Emergency Management Division, the Wildlife Resources Commission, the State
6 Bureau of Investigation, the State Highway Patrol, and Alcohol Law Enforcement.

7 The CJIN shall report to the Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee,
8 the Chairs of both the Appropriations Subcommittees for Transportation and Justice and
9 Public Safety, and the Fiscal Research Division by October 1, 2006.

10 11 **ACCESS ROADS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

12 **SECTION 21.10.** Of funds appropriated to the Department of
13 Transportation, the Department shall use up to the sum of one million seven hundred
14 thousand dollars (\$1,700,000) from the maintenance funds account for construction of
15 access roads in municipalities that have populations greater than 500,000 persons,
16 according to the most recent decennial federal census, to encourage economic
17 development of undeveloped lands. The Department of Transportation may contract
18 with an approved developer to construct an access road and reimburse the developer
19 from the appropriate funds.

20 21 **CONFORM SEAT BELT LAW TO FEDERAL LAW TO PREVENT A LOSS OF 22 FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS**

23 **SECTION 21.11.** G.S. 20-135.2A.(c) reads as rewritten:

24 "(c) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

- 25 (1) A driver or occupant of a noncommercial motor vehicle with a medical
26 or physical condition that prevents appropriate restraint by a safety belt
27 or with a professionally certified mental phobia against the wearing of
28 vehicle restraints;
- 29 (2) A motor vehicle operated by a rural letter carrier of the United States
30 Postal Service while performing duties as a rural letter carrier and a
31 motor vehicle operated by a newspaper delivery person while actually
32 engaged in delivery of newspapers along the person's specified route;
- 33 (3) A driver or passenger frequently stopping and leaving the vehicle or
34 delivering property from the vehicle if the speed of the vehicle
35 between stops does not exceed 20 miles per hour;
- 36 (4) Any vehicle registered and licensed as a property-carrying vehicle in
37 accordance with G.S. 20-88, while being used for agricultural ~~or~~
38 ~~commercial purposes; purposes in intrastate commerce; or~~
- 39 (5) A motor vehicle not required to be equipped with seat safety belts
40 under federal law."

41 42 **UTILIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN DEPARTMENT 43 PROJECTS OR THE USE OF FULLY OPERATED RENTAL EQUIPMENT**

44 **SECTION 21.12.** From funds available to the Department of Transportation,
45 a goal of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) per year is established for the utilization of
46 small business enterprises through contracts or the use of fully operated rental
47 equipment.

48 49 **CONSOLIDATION OF RURAL FUNDING PROGRAMS BY THE 50 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION 51 DIVISION**

52 **SECTION 21.13.** The Department of Transportation, Public Transportation
53 Division, may consolidate its rural funding programs into one large rural capital and
54 operating program for funding of rural and small urban public transportation systems.
55 The Division shall have flexibility to realign funding based on actual needs of

1 transportation systems and for leveraging additional federal funds. The programs
2 affected by the consolidation include: Rural Capital Program, Rural Intercity Program,
3 Rural General Public, Rural Facility Program, Elderly and Disabled Transportation
4 Assistance Program, Rural Technology Program, and Work First/Employment
5 Transportation Program.

6 The Division shall submit a report on its funding allocation no later than
7 October 31, 2006, to the Chairs of the Appropriations Subcommittee for Transportation
8 and the Fiscal Research Division.
9

10 FUNDS FOR STORMWATER PROJECTS

11 **SECTION 21.14.** Of funds available to the Department of Transportation,
12 fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be transferred during the 2006-2007 fiscal
13 year to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for a stormwater pilot
14 project to clean up State-maintained ocean outfalls and associated outlets through new
15 and innovative technologies and filtering mechanisms.
16

17 ALLOWABLE LOADS IN AGRICULTURAL TRANSPORTING

18 **SECTION 21.15.** G.S. 20-51(6) reads as rewritten:

19 "(6) Any trailer or semitrailer attached to and drawn by a properly licensed
20 motor vehicle when used by a farmer, his tenant, agent, or employee in
21 transporting unginning cotton, peanuts, soybeans, corn, hay, tobacco,
22 silage, cucumbers, ~~potatoes, potatoes,~~ all vegetables, fruits, greenhouse
23 and nursery plants and flowers, Christmas trees, fertilizers or
24 chemicals purchased or owned by the farmer or tenant for personal use
25 in implementing husbandry, irrigation pipes, loaders, or equipment
26 owned by the farmer or tenant from place to place on the same farm,
27 from one farm to another, from farm to gin, from farm to dryer, or
28 from farm to market, and when not operated on a for-hire basis. The
29 term "transporting" as used herein shall include the actual hauling of
30 said products and all unloaded travel in connection therewith."
31

32 AN ACT TO PROMOTE PRESERVATION OF THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 33 SYSTEM

34 **SECTION 21.16.** In order to promote the preservation of the Interstate
35 Highway System and to more effectively utilize existing Federal Highway Funds for
36 Interstate Maintenance and Preservation, the Department of Transportation shall
37 annually allocate, of the funds available from the Interstate Maintenance Federal Funds
38 authorization, thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to the 14 Highway Divisions for
39 Interstate resurfacing and preventive maintenance activities specifically for the purposes
40 of pavement preservation, improving ride quality, and extending the life of the Interstate
41 System.

42 These funds shall be distributed to each Highway Division according to the
43 percentage of lane-miles of Interstate Highways within that division and deducting from
44 that lane-mileage, projects awarded the previous fiscal year for pavement rehabilitation,
45 not including Division awarded projects for preventive maintenance.

46 If during any fiscal year, the Board of Transportation authorizes the transfer
47 of Interstate Maintenance Funds to other federal funding types, the amount of funds
48 distributed to the 14 Highway Divisions by this act shall be concurrently increased by
49 an amount equal to the transfer of Interstate Maintenance Funds.
50

51 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO PLANT TREES AND OTHER 52 VEGETATION ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAYS OF THE STATE'S ROADS AND 53 HIGHWAYS AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THAT PLAN.

54 **SECTION 21.17.(a)** The Department of Environment and Natural
55 Resources, in collaboration with the Departments of Transportation and Correction shall

1 develop and implement a plan to plant the maximum number of trees and other natural
 2 and native vegetation feasible along State roads and highways in the right-of-way of the
 3 Department of Transportation. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources
 4 shall report to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Governmental Operations and
 5 the Fiscal Research Division by January 1, 2007, on the number of trees and the amount
 6 of native vegetation planted pursuant to this section.

7 **SECTION 21.17.(b)** Of the funds available to the Department of
 8 Transportation, the Department shall transfer twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to
 9 the Department of Environment and Natural Resources during the 2006-2007 fiscal year
 10 to implement this section.

11
 12 **PART XXII. SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

13
 14 **GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF STATE/SALARY INCREASES**

15 **SECTION 22.1.(a)** Effective July 1, 2006, G.S. 147-11(a) reads as
 16 rewritten:

17 "(a) The salary of the Governor shall be ~~one hundred twenty three thousand eight~~
 18 ~~hundred nineteen dollars (\$123,819)~~ one hundred thirty thousand ten dollars (\$130,010)
 19 annually, payable monthly."

20 **SECTION 22.1.(b)** Section 29.1(b) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

21 **"SECTION 29.1.(b)** Effective ~~July 1, 2005,~~ July 1, 2006, the annual salaries for the
 22 members of the Council of State, payable monthly, for the ~~2005-2006 and 2006-2007~~
 23 fiscal years-year are:

<u>Council of State</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Lieutenant Governor	\$109,279 <u>114,743</u>
Attorney General	109,279 <u>114,743</u>
Secretary of State	109,279 <u>114,743</u>
State Treasurer	109,279 <u>114,743</u>
State Auditor	109,279 <u>114,743</u>
Superintendent of Public Instruction	109,279 <u>114,743</u>
Agriculture Commissioner	109,279 <u>114,743</u>
Insurance Commissioner	109,279 <u>114,743</u>
Labor Commissioner	109,279 <u>114,743</u> "

35
 36 **NONELECTED DEPARTMENT HEADS/SALARY INCREASES**

37 **SECTION 22.2.** Section 29.2 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

38 **"SECTION 29.2.** In accordance with G.S. 143B-9, the maximum annual salaries,
 39 payable monthly, for the nonelected heads of the principal State departments for the
 40 ~~2005-2006 and 2006-2007~~ fiscal years-year are:

<u>Nonelected Department Heads</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Secretary of Administration	\$106,765 <u>112,103</u>
Secretary of Correction	106,765 <u>112,103</u>
Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety	106,765 <u>112,103</u>
Secretary of Cultural Resources	106,765 <u>112,103</u>
Secretary of Commerce	106,765 <u>112,103</u>
Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources	106,765 <u>112,103</u>
Secretary of Health and Human Services	106,765 <u>112,103</u>
Secretary of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency	106,765 <u>112,103</u>
Secretary of Revenue	106,765 <u>112,103</u>
Secretary of Transportation	106,765 <u>112,103</u> "

53
 54 **CERTAIN EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS/SALARY INCREASES**

55 **SECTION 22.3.** Section 29.3 of Section of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 29.3. The annual salaries, payable monthly, for the ~~2005-2006 and 2006-2007~~ fiscal ~~years-year~~ for the following executive branch officials are:

<u>Executive Branch Officials</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Chairman, Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission	\$97,175 <u>102,034</u>
State Controller	135,997 <u>142,797</u>
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles	97,175 <u>102,034</u>
Commissioner of Banks	109,279 <u>114,743</u>
Chairman, Employment Security Commission	133,161
State Personnel Director	106,765 <u>112,103</u>
Chairman, Parole Commission	88,733 <u>93,170</u>
Members of the Parole Commission	40,960 <u>43,008</u>
Chairman, Utilities Commission	121,701 <u>127,786</u>
Members of the Utilities Commission	109,279 <u>114,743</u>
Executive Director, Agency for Public Telecommunications	81,921 <u>86,017</u>
Director, Museum of Art	99,573 <u>104,552</u>
Executive Director, North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority	94,587 <u>99,316</u>
State Chief Information Officer	135,915 <u>142,711</u> "

JUDICIAL BRANCH OFFICIALS/SALARY INCREASES

SECTION 22.4. Section 29.4 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 29.4.(a) The annual salaries, payable monthly, for specified Judicial Branch officials for the ~~2005-2006 and 2006-2007~~ fiscal ~~years-year~~ are:

<u>Judicial Branch Officials</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Chief Justice, Supreme Court	\$123,819 <u>130,010</u>
Associate Justice, Supreme Court	120,583 <u>126,612</u>
Chief Judge, Court of Appeals	117,568 <u>123,446</u>
Judge, Court of Appeals	115,559 <u>121,337</u>
Judge, Senior Regular Resident Superior Court	112,419 <u>118,040</u>
Judge, Superior Court	109,279 <u>114,743</u>
Chief Judge, District Court	99,231 <u>104,193</u>
Judge, District Court	96,091 <u>100,896</u>
Administrative Officer of the Courts	112,419 <u>118,040</u>
Assistant Administrative Officer of the Courts	102,684 <u>107,818</u> "

SECTION 29.4.(b) The district attorney or public defender of a judicial district, with the approval of the Administrative Officer of the Courts or the Commission on Indigent Defense Services, respectively, shall set the salaries of assistant district attorneys or assistant public defenders, respectively, in that district such that the average salaries of assistant district attorneys or assistant public defenders in that district do not exceed ~~sixty-two thousand nine hundred thirty dollars (\$62,930)~~, sixty-six thousand seventy-seven dollars (\$66,077), and the minimum salary of any assistant district attorney or assistant public defender is at least ~~thirty-two thousand eight hundred eighty-five dollars (\$32,885)~~, thirty-four thousand five hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$34,529) effective ~~July 1, 2005~~. July 1, 2006.

SECTION 29.4.(c) Effective July 1, 2005, the annual salaries of permanent, full-time employees of the Judicial Department whose salaries are not itemized in this act shall be increased by the greater of eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) or two percent (2%). Effective July 1, 2006, the annual salaries of permanent full-time employees of the Judicial Department whose salaries are not itemized in this act shall be increased by five percent (5%).

SECTION 29.4.(d) Effective July 1, 2005, the annual salaries of permanent, part-time employees of the Judicial Department whose salaries are not itemized in this

act shall be increased by pro rata amounts of eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) or two percent (2%), whichever is greater. Effective July 1, 2006 the annual salaries of permanent, part-time employees of the Judicial Department whose salaries are not itemized in this act shall be increased by five percent (5%)."

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT/SALARY INCREASES

SECTION 22.5. Effective July 1, 2006, G.S. 7A-101(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The clerk of superior court is a full-time employee of the State and shall receive an annual salary, payable in equal monthly installments, based on the population of the county as determined in subsection (a1) of this section, according to the following schedule:

Population	Annual Salary
Less than 100,000	\$73,092 <u>\$76,747</u>
100,000 to 149,999	82,021 <u>86,122</u>
150,000 to 249,999	90,952 <u>95,500</u>
250,000 and above	99,884 <u>104,878</u>

The salary schedule in this subsection is intended to represent the following approximate percentage of the salary of a chief district court judge:

Population	Annual Salary
Less than 100,000	73%
100,000 to 149,999	82%
150,000 to 249,999	91%
250,000 and above	100%.

When a county changes from one population group to another, the salary of the clerk shall be changed, on July 1 of the fiscal year for which the change is reported, to the salary appropriate for the new population group, except that the salary of an incumbent clerk shall not be decreased by any change in population group during his continuance in office."

ASSISTANT AND DEPUTY CLERKS OF COURT/SALARY INCREASES

SECTION 22.6. Effective July 1, 2006, G.S. 7A-102(c1) reads as rewritten:

"(c1) A full-time assistant clerk or a full-time deputy clerk, and up to one full-time deputy clerk serving as head bookkeeper per county, shall be paid an annual salary subject to the following minimum and maximum rates:

Assistant Clerks and Head Bookkeeper	Annual Salary
Minimum	\$28,365 <u>\$29,783</u>
Maximum	48,579 <u>51,008</u>
Deputy Clerks	Annual Salary
Minimum	\$24,415 <u>\$25,636</u>
Maximum	37,784 <u>39,673</u> ."

MAGISTRATES' SALARY INCREASES

SECTION 22.7.(a) Effective July 1, 2006, G.S. 7A-171.1(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Administrative Officer of the Courts, after consultation with the chief district judge and pursuant to the following provisions, shall set an annual salary for each magistrate.

- (1) A full-time magistrate shall be paid the annual salary indicated in the table set out in this subdivision. A full-time magistrate is a magistrate who is assigned to work an average of not less than 40 hours a week during the term of office. The Administrative Officer of the Courts shall designate whether a magistrate is full-time. Initial appointment shall be at the entry rate. A magistrate's salary shall increase to the next step every two years on the anniversary of the date the magistrate

was originally appointed for increases to Steps 1 through 3, and every four years on the anniversary of the date the magistrate was originally appointed for increases to Steps 4 through 6.

Table of Salaries of Full-Time Magistrates

Step Level	Annual Salary
Entry Rate	\$28,739 \$30,176
Step 1	31,375 32,944
Step 2	34,243 35,955
Step 3	37,373 39,242
Step 4	40,802 42,842
Step 5	44,665 46,898
Step 6	48,997 51,447.

- (2) A part-time magistrate is a magistrate who is assigned to work an average of less than 40 hours of work a week during the term, except that no magistrate shall be assigned an average of less than 10 hours of work a week during the term. A part-time magistrate is included, in accordance with G.S. 7A-170, under the provisions of G.S. 135-1(10) and G.S. 135-40.2(a). The Administrative Officer of the Courts designates whether a magistrate is a part-time magistrate. A part-time magistrate shall receive an annual salary based on the following formula: The average number of hours a week that a part-time magistrate is assigned work during the term shall be multiplied by the annual salary payable to a full-time magistrate who has the same number of years of service prior to the beginning of that term as does the part-time magistrate and the product of that multiplication shall be divided by the number 40. The quotient shall be the annual salary payable to that part-time magistrate.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a magistrate who is licensed to practice law in North Carolina or any other state shall receive the annual salary provided in the Table in subdivision (1) of this subsection for Step 4."

SECTION 22.7.(b) Effective July 1, 2006, G.S. 7A-171.1(a1) reads as

rewritten:

"(a1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the following salary provisions apply to individuals who were serving as magistrates on June 30, 1994:

- (1) The salaries of magistrates who on June 30, 1994, were paid at a salary level of less than five years of service under the table in effect that date shall be as follows:

Less than 1 year of service	\$23,175 \$24,334
1 or more but less than 3 years of service	24,239 25,451
3 or more but less than 5 years of service	26,380 27,699.

Upon completion of five years of service, those magistrates shall receive the salary set as the Entry Rate in the table in subsection (a).

- (2) The salaries of magistrates who on June 30, 1994, were paid at a salary level of five or more years of service shall be based on the rates set out in subsection (a) as follows:

Salary Level on June 30, 1994	Salary Level on July 1, 1994
5 or more but less than 7 years of service	Entry Rate
7 or more but less than 9 years of service	Step 1
9 or more but less than 11 years of service	Step 2
11 or more years of service	Step 3

1 Thereafter, their salaries shall be set in accordance with the
2 provisions in subsection (a).

3 (3) The salaries of magistrates who are licensed to practice law in North
4 Carolina shall be adjusted to the annual salary provided in the table in
5 subsection (a) as Step 4, and, thereafter, their salaries shall be set in
6 accordance with the provisions in subsection (a).

7 (4) The salaries of "part-time magistrates" shall be set under the formula
8 set out in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) but according to the rates
9 set out in this subsection."
10

11 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRINCIPAL CLERKS/SALARY INCREASES**

12 **SECTION 22.8.** Effective July 1, 2006, G.S. 120-37(c) reads as rewritten:

13 "(c) The principal clerks shall be full-time officers. Each principal clerk shall be
14 entitled to other benefits available to permanent legislative employees and shall be paid
15 an annual salary of ~~ninety two thousand three hundred twenty four dollars (\$92,324)~~
16 ninety-six thousand nine hundred forty dollars (\$96,940) payable monthly. Each
17 principal clerk shall also receive such additional compensation as approved by the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
19 respectively, for additional employment duties beyond those provided by the rules of
20 their House. The Legislative Services Commission shall review the salary of the
21 principal clerks prior to submission of the proposed operating budget of the General
22 Assembly to the Governor and Advisory Budget Commission and shall make
23 appropriate recommendations for changes in those salaries. Any changes enacted by the
24 General Assembly shall be by amendment to this paragraph."
25

26 **SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS AND READING CLERKS**

27 **SECTION 22.9.** Effective July 1, 2006, G.S. 120-37(b) reads as rewritten:

28 "(b) The sergeant-at-arms and the reading clerk in each house shall be paid a
29 salary of ~~three hundred twenty seven dollars (\$327.00)~~ three hundred forty-three dollars
30 (\$343.00) per week plus subsistence at the same daily rate provided for members of the
31 General Assembly, plus mileage at the rate provided for members of the General
32 Assembly for one round trip only from their homes to Raleigh and return. The
33 sergeants-at-arms shall serve during sessions of the General Assembly and at such time
34 prior to the convening of, and subsequent to adjournment or recess of, sessions as may
35 be authorized by the Legislative Services Commission. The reading clerks shall serve
36 during sessions only."
37

38 **LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES**

39 **SECTION 22.10.** Effective July 1, 2006, the Legislative Services Officer
40 shall increase the salaries of nonelected employees of the General Assembly in effect
41 for fiscal year 2005-2006 by five percent (5%). Nothing in this act limits any of the
42 provisions of G.S. 120-32.
43

44 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERSONNEL/SALARY INCREASES**

45 **SECTION 22.11.** Section 29.11 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

46 **"SECTION 29.11.** The Director of the Budget shall transfer from the Reserve for
47 Compensation Increases, created in this act for fiscal years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007,
48 funds to the North Carolina Community Colleges System Office necessary to provide an
49 annual salary increase of the greater of eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) or two
50 percent (2%), including funds for the employer's retirement and social security
51 contributions, commencing July 1, 2005, for all community college employees
52 supported by State funds. The Director of the Budget shall transfer from the Reserve for
53 Compensation Increases, created in this act for fiscal year 2006-2007, funds to the
54 North Carolina Community Colleges System Office necessary to provide:

- 1 (1) An annual salary increase for faculty and professional staff of six
2 percent (6%), plus a one-time two percent (2%) bonus, including funds
3 for the employer's retirement and social security contributions,
4 commencing July 1, 2006, for all community college employees
5 supported by State funds. The one-time two percent (2%) bonus
6 authorized by this section shall be made in accordance with rules
7 adopted by the State Board of Community Colleges.
8 (2) An annual increase of five percent (5%), including funds for
9 employer's retirement and social security contributions, commencing
10 July 1, 2006, for all other community college employees supported by
11 State funds."
12

13 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM/EPA COMPENSATION

14 **SECTION 22.12.** Section 29.12 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

15 **"SECTION 29.12.(a)** ~~The~~ For the 2005-2006 fiscal year, the Director of the Budget
16 shall transfer to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina sufficient
17 funds from the Reserve for Compensation Increases, created in this act for fiscal years
18 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, to provide an annual salary increase of the greater of eight
19 hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) or two percent (2%), including funds for the employer's
20 retirement and social security contributions, commencing July 1, 2005, for all
21 employees of The University of North Carolina, as well as employees other than
22 teachers of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, supported by State
23 funds and whose salaries are exempt from the State Personnel Act (EPA). The flat
24 dollar increase of eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) shall be made to all employees
25 whose annual salary is less than or equal to forty-two thousand five hundred dollars
26 (\$42,500). The percentage annual salary increase of two percent (2%) authorized by this
27 section shall be made on an aggregated average basis, and these funds shall be allocated
28 to individuals whose annual salary is greater than forty-two thousand five hundred
29 dollars (\$42,500), according to the rules adopted by the Board of Governors of The
30 University of North Carolina or the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina School of
31 Science and Mathematics, as appropriate, and may not be used for any purpose other
32 than for salary increases and necessary employer contributions provided by this section.

33 **SECTION 29.12(a1)** For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the Director of the Budget
34 shall transfer to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina sufficient
35 funds from the Reserve for Compensation Increases, created in this act for fiscal year
36 2006-2007, to provide an annual salary increase of six percent (6%), plus a one-time
37 two percent bonus (2%), including funds for the employer's retirement and social
38 security contributions, commencing July 1, 2006, for all employees of The University of
39 North Carolina, as well as employees other than teachers of the North Carolina School
40 of Science and Mathematics, supported by State funds and whose salaries are exempt
41 from the State Personnel Act (EPA). The percentage annual salary increase of six
42 percent (6%), plus the one-time two percent (2%) bonus, authorized by this section shall
43 be made on an aggregated average basis, according to the rules adopted by the Board of
44 Governors of The University of North Carolina or the Board of Trustees of the North
45 Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, as appropriate, and may not be used for
46 any purpose other than for salary increases and necessary employer contributions
47 provided by this section.

48 **SECTION 29.12.(b)** The Director of the Budget shall transfer to the Board of
49 Governors of The University of North Carolina sufficient funds from the Reserve for
50 Compensation Increases, created in this act for fiscal years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007,
51 to provide an average annual salary increase of two and twenty-four hundredths percent
52 (2.24%), including funds for the employer's retirement and social security contributions,
53 commencing July 1, 2005, for all teaching employees of the North Carolina School of
54 Science and Mathematics, supported by State funds and whose salaries are exempt from
55 the State Personnel Act (EPA). These funds shall be allocated to individuals according

1 to the rules adopted by the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina School of Science
2 and Mathematics and may not be used for any purpose other than for salary increases
3 and necessary employer contributions provided by this section.

4 **SECTION 29.12.(b1)** The Director of the Budget shall transfer to the Board of
5 Governors of The University of North Carolina sufficient funds from the Reserve for
6 Compensation Increases, created in this act for fiscal year 2006-2007, to provide an
7 average annual salary increase of eight percent (8%), but at least an annual increase of
8 two thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$2,250) including funds for the employer's
9 retirement and social security contributions, commencing July 1, 2006, for all teaching
10 employees of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, supported by
11 State funds and whose salaries are exempt from the State Personnel Act (EPA). These
12 funds shall be allocated to individuals according to the rules adopted by the Board of
13 Trustees of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics and may not be used
14 for any purpose other than for salary increases and necessary employer contributions
15 provided by this section."

16 17 **MOST STATE EMPLOYEES/SALARY INCREASES**

18 **SECTION 22.13.** Section 29.13 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

19 **"SECTION 29.13.(a)** The salaries in effect June 30, 2005, of all permanent
20 full-time State employees whose salaries are set in accordance with the State Personnel
21 Act and who are paid from the General Fund or the Highway Fund shall be increased,
22 effective July 1, 2005, by the greater of eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) or two
23 percent (2%), unless otherwise provided by this act. Effective July 1, 2006, the salaries
24 in effect June 30, 2006, of all permanent full-time State employees whose salaries are
25 set in accordance with the State Personnel Act, and who are paid from the General Fund
26 or Highway Funds shall be increased by five percent (5%).

27 **SECTION 29.13.(b)** Except as otherwise provided in this act, the fiscal year
28 2005-2006 salaries for permanent full-time State officials and persons in exempt
29 positions that are recommended by the Governor or the Governor and the Advisory
30 Budget Commission and set by the General Assembly shall be increased by the greater
31 of eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) or two percent (2%), effective July 1, 2005,
32 unless otherwise provided by this act. Effective July 1, 2006, the compensation of
33 permanent full-time State officials and persons in exempt positions that are
34 recommended by the Governor or the Governor and the Advisory Budget Commission
35 and set by the General Assembly shall be increased by five percent (5%).

36 **SECTION 29.13.(c)** The salaries in effect for fiscal year 2005-2006 for all
37 permanent part-time State employees shall be increased, effective July 1, 2005, by pro
38 rata amounts of eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) or two percent (2%), whichever is
39 greater. Effective July 1, 2006, the salaries of all permanent part-time State employees
40 shall be increased by five percent (5%).

41 **SECTION 29.13.(d)** The Director of the Budget may allocate out of special
42 operating funds or from other sources of the employing agency, except tax revenues,
43 sufficient funds to allow ~~a salary increase, effective July 1, 2005, salary increases,~~ in
44 accordance with subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section, including funds for the
45 employer's retirement and social security contributions, for the permanent full-time and
46 part-time employees of the agency, provided the employing agency elects to make
47 available the necessary funds.

48 **SECTION 29.13.(e)** ~~Within~~ For the 2005-2006 fiscal year, within regular
49 Executive Budget Act procedures as limited by this act, all State agencies and
50 departments may increase on an equitable basis the rate of pay of temporary and
51 permanent hourly State employees, subject to availability of funds in the particular
52 agency or department, by pro rata amounts of the greater of the eight hundred fifty
53 dollar (\$850.00) or two percent (2%) increase provided for permanent full-time
54 employees covered by the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, commencing July
55 1, 2005. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, within regular Executive Budget Act procedures

1 as limited by this act, all State agencies and departments may increase on an equitable
2 basis the rate of pay of temporary and permanent hourly State employees, subject to
3 availability of funds in the particular agency or department, by the five percent (5%)
4 increase provided for permanent full-time employees covered by the provisions of
5 subsection (a) of this section, commencing July 1, 2006."
6

7 **ALL STATE-SUPPORTED PERSONNEL/SALARY INCREASES**

8 **SECTION 22.14.** Section 29.14 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

9 **"SECTION 29.14.(a)** Salaries and related benefits for positions that are funded
10 partially from the General Fund or Highway Fund and partially from sources other than
11 the General Fund or Highway Fund shall be increased from the General Fund or
12 Highway Fund appropriation only to the extent of the proportionate part of the salaries
13 paid from the General Fund or Highway Fund.

14 **SECTION 29.14.(b)** The granting of the salary increases under this act does not
15 affect the status of eligibility for salary increments for which employees may be eligible
16 unless otherwise required by this act.

17 **SECTION 29.14.(c)** The fiscal year 2005-2006 salary increases provided in this act
18 are to be effective July 1, 2005, and do not apply to persons separated from State service
19 due to resignation, dismissal, reduction in force, death, or retirement, or whose last
20 workday is prior to July 1, 2005. The fiscal year 2006-2007 salary increases provided in
21 this act are to be effective July 1, 2006, and do not apply to persons separated from
22 State service due to resignation, dismissal, reduction in force, death, or retirement, or
23 whose last workday is prior to July 1, 2006.

24 Payroll checks issued to employees ~~after July 1, 2005,~~ which represent payment of
25 services provided prior to ~~July 1, 2005,~~ these increases shall not be eligible for salary
26 increases provided for in this act. This subsection shall apply to all employees, subject
27 to or exempt from the State Personnel Act, paid from State funds, including public
28 schools, community colleges, and The University of North Carolina.

29 **SECTION 29.14.(d)** The Director of the Budget shall transfer from the Reserve for
30 Compensation Increases in this act for fiscal year 2005-2006 and fiscal year 2006-2007
31 all funds necessary for the salary increases provided by this act, including funds for the
32 employer's retirement and social security contributions.

33 **SECTION 29.14.(e)** Nothing in this act authorizes the transfer of funds between the
34 General Fund and the Highway Fund for salary increases.

35 **SECTION 29.14.(f)** ~~Permanent~~ For the 2005-2006 fiscal year, permanent full-time
36 employees who work a nine-, ten-, or eleven-month work year schedule shall receive
37 the eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00) or two percent (2%) annual increase provided
38 by this act, whichever is greater. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, permanent full-time
39 employees who work a nine-, ten-, or eleven-month work year schedule shall receive
40 the five percent (5%) annual increase provided by this act."
41

42 **SALARY ADJUSTMENT FUND**

43 **SECTION 22.15.** Section 29.15(b) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

44 **"SECTION 29.15.(b)** Funds appropriated or otherwise transferred to the Salary
45 Adjustment Fund by this act or any other provision of law shall be used to fund agency
46 requests for the following purposes:

- 47 (1) Salary range revisions—revisions, including special minimum rate
48 adjustments, to provide competitive salary rates for affected job
49 classifications in response to changes in labor market salary rates as
50 documented through data collection and analysis according to accepted
51 human resource professional practices and standards.
- 52 (2) Reallocation of positions to higher-level job classifications to
53 compensate employees for more difficult duties at competitive salary
54 rates as documented through data collection and analysis according to
55 accepted human resource professional practices and standards.

1 The terms 'salary range revision' and 'reallocation' as used in this section shall
2 conform to the definitions of those terms as previously contained in the State Personnel
3 Manual and adopted by the State Personnel Commission effective immediately prior to
4 November 1, 2005. ~~Priority funding~~ Funding shall be given only to those salary range
5 revisions previously approved by the State Personnel Commission and reallocations
6 previously approved by the Office of State Personnel or ~~designee~~, designee prior to
7 January 1, 2006, and shall not be used for other purposes including, but not limited to,
8 in-range adjustments, career banding adjustments (whether by grade to band transfer
9 adjustments, career progression adjustments, or other similar methods), geographic
10 differentials, or other adjustments as these terms may be defined by State Personnel
11 Policy."

12

13 **DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY SALARY INCREASES**

14 **SECTION 22.16.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is
15 authorized to, and shall, provide to the employees of the Division of Water Quality an
16 increase in annual salary of ten percent (10%). This increase shall be calculated and
17 awarded after any across-the-board salary increases authorized by this act.

18

19 **SALARY-RELATED CONTRIBUTIONS/EMPLOYER**

20 **SECTION 22.17.** Section 29.24(c) of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:
21 "**SECTION 29.24.(c)** Effective July 1, 2006, the State's employer contribution rates
22 budgeted for retirement and related benefits as percentage of covered salaries for the
23 2006-2007 fiscal year are: (i) ~~six and eighty two hundredths percent (6.82%)~~ seven and
24 fourteen hundredths percent (7.14%) – Teachers and State Employees; (ii) ~~eleven and~~
25 ~~eighty two hundredths percent (11.82%)~~ twelve and fourteen hundredths percent
26 (12.14%) – State Law Enforcement Officers; (iii) eleven and sixteen hundredths percent
27 (11.16%) – University Employees' Optional Retirement System; (iv) eleven and sixteen
28 hundredths percent (11.16%) – Community College Optional Retirement Program; (v)
29 sixteen and thirty-nine hundredths percent (16.39%) – Consolidated Judicial Retirement
30 System; and (vi) three and eight-tenths percent (3.8%) – Legislative Retirement System.
31 Each of the foregoing contribution rates includes three and eight-tenths percent (3.8%)
32 for hospital and medical benefits. The rate for Teachers and State Employees, State Law
33 Enforcement Officers, Community College Optional Retirement Program, and for the
34 University Employees' Optional Retirement Program includes fifty-two hundredths
35 percent (0.52%) for the Disability Income Plan. The rates for Teachers and State
36 Employees and State Law Enforcement Officers include sixteen hundredths percent
37 (0.16%) for the Death Benefits Plan. The rate for State Law Enforcement Officers
38 includes five percent (5%) for Supplemental Retirement Income."

39

40 **PROVIDE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR RETIREES OF THE**

41 **TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE**

42 **JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE**

43 **RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

44 **SECTION 22.18.(a).** G.S. 135-5 is amended by adding a new subsection to
45 read:

46 "(ooo) From and after July 1, 2006, the retirement allowance to or on account of
47 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2005, shall be increased
48 by three percent (3%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2006, in accordance with
49 G.S. 135-5(o). Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2006, the retirement allowance to or
50 on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after July 1, 2005, but before
51 June 30, 2006, shall be increased by a prorated amount of three percent (3%) of the
52 allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based upon the number of
53 months that a retirement allowance was paid between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006."

54 **SECTION 22.18.(b)** G.S. 120-4.22A is amended by adding a new
55 subsection to read:

1 "(u) In accordance with subsection (a) of this section, from and after July 1, 2006,
2 the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced
3 on or before January 1, 2006, shall be increased by three percent (3%) of the allowance
4 payable on June 1, 2006. Furthermore, from and after July 1, 2006, the retirement
5 allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose retirement commenced after January
6 1, 2006, but before June 30, 2006, shall be increased by a prorated amount of three
7 percent (3%) of the allowance payable as determined by the Board of Trustees based
8 upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was paid between January 1,
9 2006, and June 30, 2006."

10 **SECTION 22.18.(c)** G.S. 135-65 is amended by adding a new subsection to
11 read:

12 "(aa) From and after July 1, 2006, the retirement allowance to or on account of
13 beneficiaries whose retirement commenced on or before July 1, 2005, shall be increased
14 by three percent (3%) of the allowance payable on June 1, 2006. Furthermore, from and
15 after July 1, 2006, the retirement allowance to or on account of beneficiaries whose
16 retirement commenced after July 1, 2005, but before June 30, 2006, shall be increased
17 by a prorated amount of three percent (3%) of the allowance payable as determined by
18 the Board of Trustees based upon the number of months that a retirement allowance was
19 paid between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006."

20
21 **INCREASE THE MONTHLY PENSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE FIREMEN'S**
22 **AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND**

23 **SECTION 22.19.** G.S. 58-86-55 reads as rewritten:

24 **"§ 58-86-55. Monthly pensions upon retirement.**

25 Any member who has served 20 years as an "eligible fireman" or "eligible rescue
26 squad worker" in the State of North Carolina, as provided in G.S. 58-86-25 and
27 G.S. 58-86-30, and who has attained the age of 55 years is entitled to be paid a monthly
28 pension from this fund. The monthly pension shall be in the amount of ~~one hundred~~
29 ~~sixty three dollars (\$163.00)~~ one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$165.00) per month. Any
30 retired fireman receiving a pension shall, effective ~~July 1, 2005,~~ July 1, 2006, receive a
31 pension of ~~one hundred sixty three dollars (\$163.00)~~ one hundred sixty-five dollars
32 (\$165.00) per month.

33 Members shall pay ten dollars (\$10.00) per month as required by G.S. 58-86-35 and
34 G.S. 58-86-40 for a period of no longer than 20 years. No "eligible rescue squad
35 member" shall receive a pension prior to July 1, 1983. No member shall be entitled to a
36 pension hereunder until the member's official duties as a fireman or rescue squad
37 worker for which the member is paid compensation shall have been terminated and the
38 member shall have retired as such according to standards or rules fixed by the board of
39 trustees.

40 A member who is totally and permanently disabled while in the discharge of the
41 member's official duties as a result of bodily injuries sustained or as a result of extreme
42 exercise or extreme activity experienced in the course and scope of those official duties
43 and who leaves the fire or rescue squad service because of this disability shall be
44 entitled to be paid from the fund a monthly benefit in an amount of ~~one hundred~~
45 ~~sixty three dollars (\$163.00)~~ one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$165.00) per month
46 beginning the first month after the member's fifty-fifth birthday. All applications for
47 disability are subject to the approval of the board who may appoint physicians to
48 examine and evaluate the disabled member prior to approval of the application, and
49 annually thereafter. Any disabled member shall not be required to make the monthly
50 payment of ten dollars (\$10.00) as required by G.S. 58-86-35 and G.S. 58-86-40.

51 A member who is totally and permanently disabled for any cause, other than line of
52 duty, who leaves the fire or rescue squad service because of this disability and who has
53 at least 10 years of service with the pension fund, may be permitted to continue making
54 a monthly contribution of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the fund until the member has made
55 contributions for a total of 240 months. The member shall upon attaining the age of 55

1 years be entitled to receive a pension as provided by this section. All applications for
 2 disability are subject to the approval of the board who may appoint physicians to
 3 examine and evaluate the disabled member prior to approval of the application and
 4 annually thereafter.

5 A member who, because his residence is annexed by a city under Part 2 or Part 3 of
 6 Article 4 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or whose department is closed
 7 because of an annexation by a city under Part 2 or Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 160A
 8 of the General Statutes, or whose volunteer department is taken over by a city or county,
 9 and because of such annexation or takeover is unable to perform as a fireman or rescue
 10 squad worker of any status, and if the member has at least 10 years of service with the
 11 pension fund, may be permitted to continue making a monthly contribution of ten
 12 dollars (\$10.00) to the fund until the member has made contributions for a total of 240
 13 months. The member upon attaining the age of 55 years and completion of such
 14 contributions shall be entitled to receive a pension as provided by this section. Any
 15 application to make monthly contributions under this section shall be subject to a
 16 finding of eligibility by the Board of Trustees upon application of the member.

17 The pensions provided shall be in addition to all other pensions or benefits under any
 18 other statutes of the State of North Carolina or the United States, notwithstanding any
 19 exclusionary provisions of other pensions or retirement systems provided by law."
 20

21 **INCREASE THE MAXIMUM MONTHLY PENSION BENEFITS FOR**
 22 **RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD**

23 **SECTION 22.20.** G.S. 127A-40(a) reads as rewritten:

24 "(a) Every member and former member of the North Carolina national guard who
 25 meets the requirements hereinafter set forth shall receive, commencing at age 60, a
 26 pension of ~~seventy five dollars (\$75.00)~~ eighty dollars (\$80.00) per month for 20 years'
 27 creditable military service with an additional ~~seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)~~ eight
 28 dollars (\$8.00) per month for each additional year of such service; provided, however,
 29 that the total pension shall not exceed ~~one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)~~ one hundred
 30 sixty dollars (\$160.00) per month. The requirements for such pension are that each
 31 member shall:

- 32 (1) Have served and qualified for at least 20 years' creditable military
 33 service, including national guard, reserve and active duty, under the
 34 same requirement specified for entitlement to retired pay for
 35 nonregular service under Chapter 67, Title 10, United States Code.
- 36 (2) Have at least 15 years of the aforementioned service as a member of
 37 the North Carolina national guard.
- 38 (3) Have received an honorable discharge from the North Carolina
 39 national guard."
 40

41 **PART XXIII. CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS.**

42 **CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS/GENERAL FUND**

43 **SECTION 23.1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund for the
 44 2006-2007 fiscal year the following amounts for capital improvements:
 45

47 Capital Improvements – General Fund	48 2006-2007
49 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	
50 Rollins Laboratory – Bio Security Level 2 Lab Conversion	\$250,000
51	
52 Department of Crime Control and Public Safety	
53 Emergency Management Operations Center	8,500,000
54	
55 Department of Environment and Natural Resources	

1	Hickory Nut Gorge Expansion	15,000,000
2	Water Resources Development Projects	20,000,000
3		
4	Office of the Governor	
5	Information Technology Services – State Data Center	24,841,300
6		
7	University of North Carolina System	
8	University of North Carolina at Wilmington –	
9	School of Nursing	27,000,000
10		
11	North Carolina State University – Engineering Complex III	61,000,000
12		
13	University of North Carolina at Charlotte –	
14	Center City Classroom Building	45,827,400
15		
16	Winston Salem State University – Center for Design	
17	Innovation	3,500,000
18		
19	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill –	
20	Genomics Science Building Design and Construction	
21	Preparation	35,000,000
22		
23	UNC Hospitals at Chapel Hill – Master Facilities Plan	3,000,000
24		
25	Western Carolina University – New School of Health and	
26	Gerontological Sciences Building Planning Funds	2,402,661
27		
28	Dental Schools Planning Funds	7,000,000
29		
30	TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – GENERAL FUND	\$253,321,361

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FUNDS

SECTION 23.2.(a) The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall allocate the funds appropriated in this act for water resources development projects to the following projects whose costs are as indicated:

	Name of Project	2006-2007
36		
37	(1) Wilmington Harbor Deepening	\$ 5,275,000
38	(2) Morehead City Harbor Sand Management	1,200,000
39	(3) Manteo (Shallowbag) Bay Channel Maintenance	-
40	(4) Wilmington Harbor Maintenance Dredging	-
41	(5) Morehead City Harbor Maintenance Dredging	0
42	(6) Carolina Beach Renourishment	1,125,000
43	(7) Carolina Beach Renourishment (Kure Beach)	681,000
44	(8) Brunswick County Beaches Study	0
45	(9) Ocean Isle Beach Renourishment (Brunswick County)	435,000
46	(10) Beaufort Harbor Maintenance Dredging	300,000
47	(11) B. Everett Jordan Reservoir Water Supply Storage	100,000
48	(12) Aquatic Weed Control – Lake Gaston and Statewide	400,000
49	(13) Waterway Connecting Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Harbor (Carteret)	400,000
50	(14) John H. Kerr Reservoir Operations Evaluation	188,000
51	(15) Currituck Sound Water Management Study	386,000
52	(16) Surf City / North Topsail Beach Protection Study	-
53	(17) West Onslow Beach (Topsail) Study (Pender County)	85,000
54	(18) Hurricane Steam Restoration – Western NC (Phase II)	2,000,000

1	(19)	Hurricane Isabel Emergency Management	
2		Stream Cleanup (Phase III)	850,000
3	(20)	Bogue Banks Shore Protection Study (Carteret County)	-
4	(21)	Neuse River Basin Study	280,000
5	(22)	Beach and Inlet Management Study	500,000
6	(23)	Dredging Contingency Fund	2,295,000
7	(24)	State – Local Projects	3,500,000
8		TOTALS	\$ 20,000,000

9 **SECTION 23.2.(b)** Where the actual costs are different from the estimated
10 costs under subsection (a) of this section, the Department may adjust the allocations
11 among projects as needed. If any projects funded under subsection (a) of this section are
12 delayed and the budgeted State funds cannot be used during the 2006-2007 fiscal year,
13 or if the projects funded under subsection (a) of this section are accomplished at a lower
14 cost, the Department may use the resulting fund availability to fund any of the
15 following:

- 16 (1) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project feasibility studies.
- 17 (2) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects whose schedules have
18 advanced and require State-matching funds in fiscal year 2006-2007.
- 19 (3) State-local water resources development projects.

20 Funds not expended or encumbered for these purposes shall revert to the
21 General Fund at the end of the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

22 **SECTION 23.2.(c)** The Department shall make semiannual reports on the
23 use of these funds to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations,
24 the Fiscal Research Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management. Each
25 report shall include all of the following:

- 26 (1) All projects listed in this section.
- 27 (2) The estimated cost of each project.
- 28 (3) The date that work on each project began or is expected to begin.
- 29 (4) The date that work on each project was completed or is expected to be
30 completed.
- 31 (5) The actual cost of each project.

32 The semiannual reports shall also show those projects advanced in schedule,
33 those projects delayed in schedule, and an estimate of the amount of funds expected to
34 revert to the General Fund.

35 **REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS RESERVE ALLOCATION**

36 **SECTION 23.3.** Of the funds in the Reserve for Repairs and Renovations
37 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, forty-six percent (46%) shall be allocated to the Board of
38 Governors of The University of North Carolina for repairs and renovations pursuant to
39 G.S. 143-15.3A, in accordance with guidelines developed in The University of North
40 Carolina Funding Allocation Model for Reserve for Repairs and Renovations, as
41 approved by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, and fifty-four
42 percent (54%) shall be allocated to the Office of State Budget and Management for
43 repairs and renovations pursuant to G.S. 143-15.3A.

44 Notwithstanding G.S. 143-15.3A, the Board of Governors may allocate funds
45 for the repair and renovation of facilities not supported from the General Fund if the
46 Board determines that sufficient funds are not available from other sources and that
47 conditions warrant General Fund assistance. Any such finding shall be included in the
48 Board's submission to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
49 on the proposed allocation of funds.

50 The Board of Governors and the Office of State Budget and Management
51 shall consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations prior
52 to the allocation or reallocation of these funds.
53
54

1 **INCLUDE IN THE SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN THE**
2 **RECOMMENDED FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROJECTS PROPOSED**
3 **SECTION 23.4.** G.S. 143-34.45 reads as rewritten:

4 **"§ 143-34.45. Six-year capital improvement plan.**

5 (a) The State capital improvement plan shall address the long-term capital
6 improvement needs of all State government agencies and shall incorporate all capital
7 projects, however financed, proposed to meet those needs, except that transportation
8 infrastructure projects shall be excluded. On or before December 31 of each
9 even-numbered year, the Director of the Budget shall prepare and transmit to the
10 General Assembly a six-year capital improvement plan. When preparing the plan, the
11 Director of the Budget shall consider the capital improvement needs estimates
12 submitted by State agencies as required in G.S. 143-34.44. The plan shall be prepared in
13 two parts.

14 (b) The first part of the capital improvement plan shall set forth repair and
15 renovations requirements that, in the judgment of the Director of the Budget, must be
16 met to protect and preserve existing capital improvement facilities. ~~General Fund~~
17 ~~expenditure levels anticipated in this part of the plan shall be consistent with the~~
18 ~~formula establishing the repair and renovation reserve in G.S. 143-15.3A.~~ The plan shall
19 identify individual projects in priority order by State agency and shall specify the
20 proposed means of financing.

21 (c) The second part of the capital improvement plan shall set forth an integrated
22 schedule for land acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation of existing facilities
23 that, in the judgment of the Director of the Budget, should be initiated within each year
24 of the six-year planning period. ~~The plan shall contain an estimated schedule for each~~
25 ~~project, along with estimates of planning, design, and construction cost.~~ The plan shall
26 contain all of the following for each project:

- 27 (1) An estimate of land acquisition and construction or rehabilitation
28 costs.
29 (2) The proposed means of financing the project. Where the means of
30 financing would involve direct or indirect debt service obligations, the
31 plan shall include a schedule of those obligations.
32 (3) An estimated schedule for the completion of the project."
33

34 **USE OF EXISTING PLANS FOR STATE CONSTRUCTION**

35 **SECTION 23.5.(a)** G.S. 143-31.1 reads as rewritten:

36 **"§ 143-31.1. Study Use of existing plans for State construction projects; study and**
37 **review of plans and specifications for building, improvement, etc.,**
38 **projects.**

39 (a) All State agencies shall use existing plans and specifications for construction
40 projects, where feasible. Prior to designing a project, State agencies shall consult with
41 the Department of Administration on the availability of appropriate existing plans and
42 specifications and the feasibility of using them for a project.

43 (b) ~~It shall be the duty and responsibility of the~~ The Director of the Budget to
44 shall determine whether buildings, repairs, alterations, additions or improvements to
45 physical properties for which appropriations of State funds are made have been
46 designed for the specific purpose for which such appropriations are made, that such
47 projects have been designed giving proper consideration to economy in first cost, in
48 maintenance cost, in materials and type of construction. Architectural features shall be
49 selected which give proper consideration to economy in design. The Director of the
50 Budget shall have prepared a complete study and review of all plans and specifications
51 for such projects and bids on same will not be received until the results of such study
52 and review have been incorporated in such plans and specifications, and until economic
53 conditions of the construction industry are considered by the Office of State Budget and
54 Management to be favorable to the letting of construction contracts. The Director of the
55 Budget may, when he considers it in the best interest of the State to do so, terminate

1 design contracts when it is documented that the designer has failed to perform the
2 conditions enumerated in the contract.

3 Notwithstanding G.S. 143-135, the Director of the Budget may authorize the
4 Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Correction to use
5 funds necessary for projects that correct deficiencies, improve living conditions, or
6 renovate unneeded patient space for State office space."

7 **SECTION 23.5.(b)** G.S. 116-31.11(a) reads as rewritten:

8 "(a) Notwithstanding G.S. 143-341(3) and G.S. 143-135.1, the Board shall, with
9 respect to the design, construction, or renovation of buildings, utilities, and other
10 property developments of The University of North Carolina requiring the estimated
11 expenditure of public money of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) or less:

- 12 (1) Conduct the fee negotiations for all design contracts and supervise the
13 letting of all construction and design contracts.
- 14 (2) Develop procedures governing the responsibilities of The University
15 of North Carolina and its affiliated and constituent institutions to
16 perform the duties of the Department of Administration and the
17 Director or Office of State Construction under G.S. 133-1.1(d) and
18 G.S. 143-341(3).
- 19 (3) Develop procedures and reasonable limitations governing the use of
20 open-end design agreements, subject to G.S. 143-64.34 and the
21 approval of the State Building Commission.
- 22 (4) Use existing plans and specifications for construction projects, where
23 feasible. Prior to designing a project, the Board shall consult with the
24 Department of Administration on the availability of existing plans and
25 specifications and the feasibility of using them for a project."

26 **SECTION 23.5.(c)** This section applies to construction projects on which
27 design is begun after that date.

28 29 **USE OF RECEIPTS OF THE AQUARIUMS**

30 **SECTION 23.6.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law and pursuant to
31 G.S. 143B-289.44, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall use
32 funds available in the North Carolina Aquariums Fund to pay the debt service related to
33 the construction of a one million gallon aquarium tank at the aquarium on Roanoke
34 Island, a one million gallon tank at the Fort Fisher aquarium, and improvements to
35 Jennette's pier in Nags Head and the Emerald Isle pier.

36 37 **TIMBER SALES RECEIPTS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT** 38 **AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATIONS AND FARMS**

39 **SECTION 23.7.** Section 11.2 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

40 "**SECTION 11.2.** The sum of one million thirty-three thousand one hundred dollars
41 (\$1,033,100) shall be transferred from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
42 Services' timber sales capital improvement account in the Department of Agriculture
43 and Consumer Services as such funds become available ~~during the 2005-2006 fiscal~~
44 ~~year, during the 2006-2007 fiscal year~~ and used by the Department for the following
45 capital improvements projects at agricultural research stations and research farms:

- 46 (1) \$378,000 for improvements at the swine facility at the Cherry
47 Research Farm.
- 48 (2) \$285,500 for renovation of dairy facilities at the Cherry Research
49 Farm.
- 50 (3) \$369,600 for land acquisition and development at the Tidewater
51 Research Station."

52 53 **TIMBER SALES RECEIPTS FOR LAND ACQUISITION AT PIEDMONT** 54 **RESEARCH STATION**

1 **SECTION 23.8.** The sum of one million seven hundred thousand dollars
2 (\$1,700,000) shall be transferred from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
3 Services' timber sales capital improvement account in the Department of Agriculture
4 and Consumer Services as such funds become available during the 2006-2007 fiscal
5 year and shall be used by the Department for land acquisition at the Piedmont Research
6 Station in Rowan County.

7 8 **PLANT CONSERVATION PROGRAM FUNDS**

9 **SECTION 23.9.** Section 11.3 of S.L. 2005-276 reads as rewritten:

10 "**SECTION 11.3.** From funds ~~received from the sale of timber~~ that are deposited
11 with the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 146-30 to the credit of the Department of
12 Agriculture and Consumer Services in a capital improvement account, the sum of
13 ~~twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)~~thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the 2006-2007
14 fiscal year shall be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
15 to be used by the Department for its plant conservation program under Article 19B of
16 Chapter 106 of the General Statutes for costs incidental to the acquisition of land, such
17 as land appraisals, land surveys, title searches, and environmental ~~studies~~studies and for
18 the management of plant conservation program preserves owned by the Department."

19 20 **PART XXIV. TAX REDUCTIONS**

21 22 **REDUCE SALES TAX RATE EARLY**

23 **SECTION 24.1.(a)** Section 34.13(c) of S.L. 2001-424, as amended by
24 Section 38.1 of S.L. 2003-284, Section 9.1 of S.L. 2005-144, and Section 33.1 of S.L.
25 2005-276, reads as rewritten:

26 "**SECTION 34.13.(c)** This section becomes effective October 16, 2001, and applies
27 to sales made on or after that date. ~~This section is repealed effective for sales made on~~
28 ~~or after July 1, 2007.~~ This section does not affect the rights or liabilities of the State, a
29 taxpayer, or another person arising under a statute amended or repealed by this section
30 before the effective date of its amendment or repeal; nor does it affect the right to any
31 refund or credit of a tax that accrued under the amended or repealed statute before the
32 effective date of its amendment or repeal."

33 **SECTION 24.1.(b)** G.S. 105-164.4(a), as amended by subsection (a) of this
34 section, reads as rewritten:

35 "(a) A privilege tax is imposed on a retailer at the following percentage rates of
36 the retailer's net taxable sales or gross receipts, as appropriate. The general rate of tax is
37 four and ~~one-half percent (4 1/2%)~~one-quarter percent (4.25%).

38 ..."

39 **SECTION 24.1.(c)** G.S. 105-164.4(a), as amended by subsections (a) and
40 (b) of this section, reads as rewritten:

41 "(a) A privilege tax is imposed on a retailer at the following percentage rates of
42 the retailer's net taxable sales or gross receipts, as appropriate. The general rate of tax is
43 four ~~and one-quarter percent (4.25%)~~percent (4%).

44 ..."

45 **SECTION 24.1.(d)** G.S. 105-164.44F (a) reads as rewritten:

46 "(a) Amount. – The Secretary must distribute to the cities part of the taxes
47 imposed by G.S. 105-164.4(a)(4c) on telecommunications service. The Secretary must
48 make the distribution within 75 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The amount
49 the Secretary must distribute is ~~eighteen and three one-hundredths percent (18.03%)~~
50 eighteen and seventy one-hundredths percent (18.70%) of the net proceeds of the taxes
51 collected during the quarter, minus two million six hundred twenty thousand nine
52 hundred forty-eight dollars (\$2,620,948). This deduction is one-fourth of the annual
53 amount by which the distribution to cities of the gross receipts franchise tax on
54 telephone companies, imposed by former G.S. 105-120, was required to be reduced
55 beginning in fiscal year 1995-96 as a result of the "freeze deduction." The Secretary

1 must distribute the specified percentage of the proceeds, less the "freeze deduction"
 2 among the cities in accordance with this section."

3 **SECTION 24.1.(e)** G.S. 105-164.44F(a), as amended by subsection (d) of
 4 this section, reads as rewritten:

5 "(a) Amount. – The Secretary must distribute to the cities part of the taxes
 6 imposed by G.S. 105-164.4(a)(4c) on telecommunications service. The Secretary must
 7 make the distribution within 75 days after the end of each calendar quarter. The amount
 8 the Secretary must distribute is ~~eighteen and seventy one hundredths percent~~
 9 ~~(18.70%)~~ nineteen and forty-two one-hundredths percent (19.42%) of the net proceeds of
 10 the taxes collected during the quarter, minus two million six hundred twenty thousand
 11 nine hundred forty-eight dollars (\$2,620,948). This deduction is one-fourth of the
 12 annual amount by which the distribution to cities of the gross receipts franchise tax on
 13 telephone companies, imposed by former G.S. 105-120, was required to be reduced
 14 beginning in fiscal year 1995-96 as a result of the "freeze deduction." The Secretary
 15 must distribute the specified percentage of the proceeds, less the "freeze deduction"
 16 among the cities in accordance with this section."

17 **SECTION 24.1.(f)** Subsection (b) of this section becomes effective January
 18 1, 2007, and applies to sales made on or after that date. Subsection (d) of this section
 19 becomes effective January 1, 2007, and applies to taxes collected on or after that date.
 20 Subsection (c) of this section becomes effective July 1, 2007, and applies to sales made
 21 on or after that date. Subsection (e) of this section becomes effective July 1, 2007, and
 22 applies to taxes collected on or after that date. The remainder of this section is effective
 23 when it becomes law.

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 25 **REDUCE INCOME TAX RATE APPLICABLE TO MOST SMALL**
 26 **BUSINESSES EARLY**

27 **SECTION 24.2.(a)** Section 39.1 of S.L. 2003-284, as amended by Section
 28 36.1(a) of S.L. 2005-276, is repealed.

29 **SECTION 24.2.(b)** G.S. 105-134.2(a), as amended by subsection (a) of this
 30 section, reads as rewritten:

31 "(a) A tax is imposed upon the North Carolina taxable income of every individual.
 32 The tax shall be levied, collected, and paid annually and shall be computed at the
 33 following percentages of the taxpayer's North Carolina taxable income.

34 (1) For married individuals who file a joint return under G.S. 105-152 and
 35 for surviving spouses, as defined in section 2(a) of the Code:

Over	Up To	Rate
0	\$21,250	6%
\$21,250	\$100,000	7%
\$100,000	\$200,000	7.75%
\$200,000	NA	8.25% <u>8%</u>

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 43 (2) For heads of households, as defined in section 2(b) of the Code:

Over	Up To	Rate
0	\$17,000	6%
\$17,000	\$80,000	7%
\$80,000	\$160,000	7.75%
\$160,000	NA	8.25% <u>8%</u>

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 51 (3) For unmarried individuals other than surviving spouses and heads of
 52 households:

Over	Up To	Rate
0	\$12,750	6%

1	\$12,750	\$60,000	7%
2	\$60,000	\$120,000	7.75%
3	\$120,000	NA	8.25% 8%

(4) For married individuals who do not file a joint return under G.S. 105-152:

	Over	Up To	Rate
8	0	\$10,625	6%
9	\$10,625	\$50,000	7%
10	\$50,000	\$100,000	7.75%
11	\$100,000	NA	8.25% 8%

SECTION 24.2.(c) G.S. 105-134.2(a), as amended by subsections (a) and (b) of this section, reads as rewritten:

"(a) A tax is imposed upon the North Carolina taxable income of every individual. The tax shall be levied, collected, and paid annually and shall be computed at the following percentages of the taxpayer's North Carolina taxable income.

(1) For married individuals who file a joint return under G.S. 105-152 and for surviving spouses, as defined in section 2(a) of the Code:

	Over	Up To	Rate
21	0	\$21,250	6%
22	\$21,250	\$100,000	7%
23	\$100,000	\$200,000 NA	7.75%
24	\$200,000	NA	8%

(2) For heads of households, as defined in section 2(b) of the Code:

	Over	Up To	Rate
29	0	\$17,000	6%
30	\$17,000	\$80,000	7%
31	\$80,000	\$160,000 NA	7.75%
32	\$160,000	NA	8%

(3) For unmarried individuals other than surviving spouses and heads of households:

	Over	Up To	Rate
38	0	\$12,750	6%
39	\$12,750	\$60,000	7%
40	\$60,000	\$120,000 NA	7.75%
41	\$120,000	NA	8%

(4) For married individuals who do not file a joint return under G.S. 105-152:

	Over	Up To	Rate
47	0	\$10,625	6%
48	\$10,625	\$50,000	7%
49	\$50,000	\$100,000 NA	7.75%
50	\$100,000	NA	8%

SECTION 24.2.(d) Subsection (b) of this section is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007. Subsection (c) of this section is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008. The remainder of this section is effective when it becomes law.

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2 **PART XXV. MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE**

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4 **INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE**

5 **SECTION 25.1.(a)** G.S. 95-25.3(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) Every employer shall pay to each employee who in any workweek performs
7 any work, wages of at least ~~the minimum wage set forth in paragraph 1 of section 6(a)~~
8 ~~of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1), as that wage may change from~~
9 ~~time to time, six dollars and fifteen cents (\$6.15) per hour, except as otherwise provided~~
10 in this section."

11 **SECTION 25.1.(b)** This section becomes effective September 1, 2006.

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13 **PART XXVI. SET REGULATORY FEES**

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15 **SET UTILITIES REGULATORY FEE**

16 **SECTION 26.1.(a)** The percentage rate to be used in calculating the public
17 utility regulatory fee under G.S. 62-302(b)(2) is twelve-hundredths of one percent
18 (0.12%) for each public utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during
19 each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2006.

20 **SECTION 26.1.(b)** The electric membership corporation regulatory fee
21 imposed under G.S. 62-302(b1) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year is two hundred thousand
22 dollars (\$200,000).

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24 **SET INSURANCE REGULATORY FEE**

25 **SECTION 26.2.** The percentage rate to be used in calculating the insurance
26 regulatory charge under G.S. 58-6-25 is five and one-half percent (5.5%) for the 2006
27 calendar year.

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29 **PART XXVII. SPECIAL INDEBTEDNESS PROJECTS**

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31 **HOSPITAL AND MUSEUM SPECIAL INDEBTEDNESS**

32 **SECTION 27.1.(a)** In accordance with G.S. 142-83, this subsection
33 authorizes the issuance or incurrence of special indebtedness in the following maximum
34 aggregate principal amounts to finance the costs of the following projects. The table
35 below provides the maximum principal amounts. The State, with the prior approval of
36 the State Treasurer and the Council of State, as provided in Article 9 of Chapter 142 of
37 the General Statutes, is authorized to issue or incur special indebtedness in order to
38 provide funds to the State to be used, together with other available funds, to pay the cost
39 of these projects. Each project is listed below in its order of priority.

40 Aggregate	41 Project
42 Maximum	
43 \$20,000,000	44 Completing the construction and equipping of 45 the Central Regional Psychiatric Hospital for 46 the Department of Health and Human 47 Services.
48 \$145,500,000	49 Acquiring, constructing, and equipping a new 50 Eastern Regional Psychiatric Hospital for the 51 Department of Health and Human Services.
52 \$40,000,000	53 Acquiring, constructing, and equipping an 54 expansion for the North Carolina Museum of 55 Art, but not including the acquisition of additional land.

TOTAL:

\$205,500,000

SECTION 27.1.(b) In accordance with G.S. 142-83, this subsection authorizes the issuance or incurrence of special indebtedness in the maximum aggregate principal amount of one hundred sixty-two million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$162,800,000) to finance the capital facility costs of a new Western Regional Psychiatric Hospital for the Department of Health and Human Services. The State, with the prior approval of the State Treasurer and the Council of State, as provided in Article 9 of Chapter 142 of the General Statutes, is authorized to issue or incur special indebtedness in order to provide funds to the State to be used, together with other available funds, to pay the costs of acquiring, constructing, and equipping the project described in this subsection. The special indebtedness authorized by this subsection may not be issued before July 1, 2008, unless the State Treasurer makes a specific written finding that an earlier issuance date is in the best interests of the State.

SECTION 27.1.(c) This section is effective when it becomes law.

PART XXVIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**EXECUTIVE BUDGET ACT APPLIES**

SECTION 28.1. The provisions of the Executive Budget Act, Chapter 143, Article 1 of the General Statutes, are reenacted and shall remain in full force and effect and are incorporated in this act by reference.

COMMITTEE REPORT

SECTION 28.2.(a) The Senate Appropriations Committee Report on the Continuation, Expansion, and Capital Budgets shall indicate action by the General Assembly on this act and shall therefore be used to construe this act, as provided in G.S. 143-15 of the Executive Budget Act, and for these purposes shall be considered a part of this act and as such shall be printed as a part of the Session Laws.

SECTION 28.2.(b) The budget enacted by the General Assembly for the maintenance of the various departments, institutions, and other spending agencies of the State for the 2006-2007 fiscal year is a line-item budget, in accordance with the Budget Code Structure and the State Accounting System Uniform Chart of Accounts set out in the Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual of the Office of the State Controller. This budget includes the appropriations made from all sources including the General Fund, Highway Fund, special funds, cash balances, federal receipts, and departmental receipts.

The General Assembly amended the requested adjustments to the budgets submitted to the General Assembly by the Director of the Budget and the Advisory Budget Commission in accordance with the steps that follow, and the line-item detail in the budget enacted by the General Assembly may be derived accordingly:

- (1) The base budget was adjusted in accordance with the base budget cuts and additions that were set out in the Senate Appropriations Committee Report on the Continuation, Expansion, and Capital Budgets.
- (2) Transfers of funds supporting programs were made in accordance with the Senate Appropriations Committee Report on the Continuation, Expansion, and Capital Budgets.

SECTION 28.2.(c) The budget enacted by the General Assembly shall also be interpreted in accordance with the special provisions in this act and in accordance with other appropriate legislation.

In the event that there is a conflict between the line-item budget certified by the Director of the Budget and the budget enacted by the General Assembly, the budget enacted by the General Assembly shall prevail.

1 **MOST TEXT APPLIES ONLY TO 2006-2007**

2 **SECTION 28.3.** Except for statutory changes or other provisions that clearly
3 indicate an intention to have effects beyond the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the textual
4 provisions of this act apply only to funds appropriated for, and activities occurring
5 during, the 2006-2007 fiscal year.
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7 **APPROPRIATIONS LIMITATIONS AND DIRECTIONS APPLY**

8 **SECTION 28.4.(a)** Except where expressly repealed or amended by this act,
9 the provisions of S.L. 2005-276 and S.L. 2005-345 remain in effect.

10 **SECTION 28.4.(b)** Notwithstanding any modifications by this act in the
11 amounts appropriated, except where expressly repealed or amended, the limitations and
12 directions for the 2006-2007 fiscal year in S.L. 2005-276 and S.L. 2005-345 that
13 applied to appropriations to particular agencies or for particular purposes apply to the
14 newly enacted appropriations and budget reductions of this act for those same particular
15 purposes.
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17 **EFFECT OF HEADINGS**

18 **SECTION 28.5.** The headings to the parts and sections of this act are a
19 convenience to the reader and are for reference only. The headings do not expand,
20 limit, or define the text of this act, except for effective dates referring to a part.
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22 **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

23 **SECTION 28.6.** If any section or provision of this act is declared
24 unconstitutional or invalid by the courts, it does not affect the validity of this act as a
25 whole or any part other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.
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27 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

28 **SECTION 28.7.** Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective
29 July 1, 2006.