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Short Title:	State Treasurer's InvestmentsAB	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Apodaca, Brunstetter, and Hise (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED					
2	AN ACT TO MODIFY THE STATE TREASURER INVESTMENT STATUTE.						
3	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:						
4	SECT	SECTION 1. G.S. 147-69.2(b) reads as rewritten:					
5	"(b) It shall						
6	in subsection (a)	in subsection (a) of this section in excess of the amount required to meet the current needs and					
7	demands on such funds, selecting from among the following:						
8	(1)	Any of the investments authorized by G.S. 147-69.1(c)(1)-(7).					
9	(2)	General obligations of other states of the United States.					
10	(3)	General obligations of cities, counties and special districts in North Carolina.					
11	(4)	Obligations of any company, other organization or legal entity incorporated					
12		or otherwise created or located within or outside the United States, including					
13		obligations that are convertible into equity securities, if the obligations bear					
14		one of the four highest ratings of at least one nationally recognized rating					
15		service when acquired.					
16	(5)	Repealed by Session Laws 2001-444, s. 2, effective October 1, 2001.					
17	(6)	Asset-backed securities (whether considered debt or equity) provided they					
18		bear ratings by nationally recognized rating services as provided in					
19		G.S. 147-69.2(b)(4).					
20	(6a)	In addition to the limitations and requirements with respect to the					
21		investments of the Retirement Systems set forth in this subsection, the State					
22		Treasurer shall select investments of the assets of the Retirement Systems					
23		such that investments made pursuant to subdivisions (b)(1) through (6) of					
24		this section shall at all times equal or exceed twenty percent (20%) of the					
25		market value of all invested assets of the Retirement Systems.					
26	(6b)	Investments pursuant to subdivisions (b)(1) through (6) of this section may					
27		be made directly by the State Treasurer or through contractual arrangements					
28		in which the investment manager has full and complete discretion and					
29		authority to invest assets specified in such arrangements in investments					
30		authorized by subdivisions (b)(1) through (6) of this section, provided for					
31		each indirect investment, the investment manager has assets under					
32		management of at least one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000).					
33	(6c)	With respect to Retirement Systems' assets referred to in subdivision (b)(8),					
34		they may be invested in obligations and other debt securities, including debt					
35		securities convertible into other securities, that do not meet the requirements					



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of any of subdivisions (b)(1) through (6) of this section nor subdivision (b)(7) of this section, provided such investments are made through investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, individual, <u>common_common, or</u> collective trust funds of banks and trust companies, group trusts and limited partnerships, limited liability companies or other limited liability investment vehicles that invest primarily in investments authorized by this subdivision and through contractual arrangements in which the investment manager has full and complete discretion and authority to invest assets specified in such arrangements in investments authorized by this subdivision, provided the investment manager for each investment pursuant to this subdivision has assets under management of at least one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) and provided that the investments authorized under this subdivision shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the market value of all invested assets of the Retirement Systems.

- (7) With respect to Retirement Systems' assets referred to in subdivision (8) of this subsection, (i) insurance contracts that provide for participation in individual or pooled separate accounts of insurance companies, (ii) group trusts, (iii) individual, common, or collective trust funds of banks and trust companies, (iv) real estate investment trusts, (v) investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and (vi) limited partnerships, limited liability companies, or other limited liability investment vehicles; provided the investment manager has assets under management of at least one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000); provided such investment assets are managed primarily for the purpose of investing in or owning real estate or related debt financing located within or outside the United States; and provided that the investments authorized by this subdivision shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the market value of all invested assets of the Retirement Systems.
 - (8) With respect to assets of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System, the Firemen's and Rescue Workers' Pension Fund, the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System, the Legislative Retirement System, the North Carolina National Guard Pension Fund (hereinafter referred to collectively as the Retirement Systems), and assets invested pursuant to subdivision (b2) of this section, they may be invested in equity securities traded on a public securities exchange or market organized and regulated pursuant to the laws of the jurisdiction of such exchange or market and issued by any company incorporated or otherwise created or located within or outside the United States; provided the investments meet the conditions of this subdivision.

The investments authorized for the Retirement Systems under this subdivision cannot exceed sixty-five percent (65%) of the market value of all invested assets of the Retirement Systems. So long as each investment manager has assets under management of at least one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000), the assets authorized under this subdivision can be invested through <u>any of the following:</u>

- (i)<u>a.</u> investment<u>Investment</u> companies registered under the Investment Company Act of <u>1940;1940</u>.
- 49(ii)b.individual,Individual, common, or collective trust funds of banks and
trust companies,companies.

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1	(iii)c. group trusts, and Group trusts that invest primate	rily in investments			
2	authorized by this subdivision.				
3	d. Limited partnerships, limited liability companie	s, or other limited			
4	liability investment vehicles that are not publicly				
5	primarily in investments authorized by this subdi-				
6	under this sub-subdivision shall not exceed ten pe				
7	market value of all invested assets of the Retireme				
8	(iv)e. contractualContractual arrangements in which in				
9	have full and complete discretion and authorit	0			
0	specified in such contractual arrangements				
1	investments authorized by this subdivision.				
2	The assets authorized under this subdivision can also	be invested directly			
3	by the State Treasurer in any equity securities represent	•			
4	Index or that have been publicly announced to be includ				
5	Index.authorized by this subdivision for the prin				
6	approximating the movements of a published market be	• • •			
17	more than one and one-half percent $(11/2\%)$ of the m				
8	Retirement Systems' assets that may be invested d	lirectly under this			
9	subdivision can be invested in the stock of a single corpor	ration, and the total			
20	number of shares in that single corporation cannot exceed				
21	of the issued and outstanding stock of that corporation.				
22 (9)	With respect to Retirement Systems' assets, as defined in	n subdivision (b)(8)			
23	of this subsection, they may be invested in interests in li	mited partnerships,			
24	limited liability companies, or other limited liability invest	stment vehicles that			
25	are not publicly traded if the primary purpose of the l				
26	limited liability company, or other limited liability inves	tment vehicle is (i)			
27	to invest in public or private equity, or corporate buyout	transactions, within			
28	or outside the United States. States or (ii) to engage in o				
29	expressly authorized by any other subdivision of the				
30	amount invested under this subdivision shall not exceed f				
31	percent (10%) of the market value of all invested assets	s of the Retirement			
32	Systems.				
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34	of this subsection, they may be invested in infla				
35	timberlands, commodities, and other assets that are acqui				
36	purpose of providing protection against risks associa				
37	provided such investments are made through inve	-			
38	registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, i				
39 10	or collective trust funds of banks and trust companies				
40	limited partnerships, limited liability companies or oth	•			
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13	manager has full and complete discretion and authori				
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46 47	to this subdivision has assets under management of at million dollars (\$100,000,000) and provided that the inve				
+7 18	million dollars (\$100,000,000) and provided that the inve- under this subdivision shall not exceed five percent (5%)				
19	of all invested assets of the Retirement Systems. Notwit				
50	in this subsection to the contrary, the investments a				
51	subdivision shall not be included in any subdivisio	•			
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1		subdivision for purposes of the percentage investment limit	tations therein or		
2 3		otherwise.			
	(10)	Recodified as part of subdivision (b)(9) by Session Laws 20	000-160, s. 2.		
	(11)	With respect to assets of the Escheat Fund, obligations of the	ne North Carolina		
		Global TransPark Authority authorized by G.S. 63A-4(a)(2	22), not to exceed		
		twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000), that have a final	maturity not later		
		than October 1, 2011. The obligations shall bear interest at	the rate set by the		
		State Treasurer. No commitment to purchase obligation	ns may be made		
		pursuant to this subdivision after September 1, 1993, and no	o obligations may		
		be purchased after September 1, 1994. In the event of a lo			
		Fund by reason of an investment made pursuant to this sub			
		intention of the General Assembly to hold the Escheat Fu			
		the loss by appropriating to the Escheat Fund funds equivalent			
		If any part of the property owned by the North			
		TransPark Authority now or in the future is divested,	-		
		divestment shall be used to fulfill any unmet obligations	on an investment		
		made pursuant to this subdivision.			
	(12)	With respect to assets of the Escheat Fund, in addition to t			
		authorized by subdivisions (1) through (6) of this subsect			
		percent (20%) of such assets may be invested in the invest			
		under subdivisions (7) through (9) of this subsection, no	-		
		percentage limitations imposed on the Retirement Syster	ems' investments		
		under those subdivisions.			
		was authorized by this subsection at the time the investm			
		mmitted to be made, then none of the percentage or oth			
	investments set forth in this subsection shall be construed to require the State Treasurer to				
		pose of the investment or fail to honor any contractual commi	tments as a result		
	of changes in market values, ratings, or other investment qualifications."				
	SECI	TION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.			