GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1997 SESSION

SESSION LAW 1997-526 HOUSE BILL 652

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR TO PROHIBIT OBSTRUCTION OF AN AUDIT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 5A of Chapter 147 is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 147-64.7A. Obstruction of audit.

Any person who shall willfully make or cause to be made to the State Auditor or his designated representatives any false, misleading, or unfounded report for the purpose of interfering with the performance of any audit, special review, or investigation, or to hinder or obstruct the State Auditor or the State Auditor's designated representatives in the performance of their duties, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of August, 1997.

s/ Marc Basnight President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr. Governor

Approved 11:35 a.m. this 17th day of September, 1997