

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1729

Short Title: St. Emp. Telecommunications Costs.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Thompson.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

May 25, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND
2 INSTITUTIONS SHALL REIMBURSE STATE EMPLOYEES FOR PERSONAL
3 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES COSTS INCURRED AS A
4 REQUIREMENT OF THEIR STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. Chapter 138 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
8 section to read:

9 "**§ 138-9. Telecommunications expenses of State employees.**

10 (a) Subject to rules, regulations, and policies adopted by the Office of State
11 Budget and Management and approved by the Director of the Budget, each State
12 department, agency, or institution shall reimburse its employees, from funds available to
13 it, for the basic service cost of personal telecommunications services incurred by a State
14 employee as a requirement of the employee's State employment.

15 (b) Each State department, agency, and institution shall adopt policies pertaining
16 to the circumstances under which a State employee may be required to maintain personal
17 telecommunications services as a requirement of State government employment. At a
18 minimum, the policy shall address:

19 (1) The appropriateness of requiring employees to maintain personal
20 telecommunications services.

- 1 (2) The relative costs and benefits of reimbursing employees for the basic
2 service cost of personal telecommunications services.
- 3 (3) Whether there are other more effective ways to facilitate effective
4 communication, as needed, between State employees and their
5 employing State department, agency, or institution.
- 6 (c) The following definitions apply in this section:
- 7 (1) Basic service cost. – The monthly charge imposed for private local
8 telephone service, but not long distance or wide-area access service.
- 9 (2) Personal telecommunications services. – Standard line telephone service
10 maintained for a charge by a State employee for the employee's private
11 residential use."
- 12 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.