

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1141

Short Title: Exec. & Leg. Branches/Performance Audit.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Foxx; Allran, Ballantine, Carpenter, Carrington, Cochrane, East, Forrester, Garwood, Horton, and Moore.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

April 15, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

Whereas, the last legislative government efficiency study was the Government Performance Audit Committee Study, or GPAC, which was authorized by the General Assembly in the Appropriations and Budget Revenue Act of 1991; and

Whereas, the implementation of GPAC recommendations has resulted in savings to the State of \$74.5 million; and

Whereas, the GPAC recommendations are continuing to shape State policy and decisionmaking; and

Whereas, it is essential that the State periodically review the effectiveness and efficiency of State government operations; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General Assembly the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. The Legislative Services Commission shall use these funds to contract for a performance audit of the executive branch of State government and a performance audit of the staff of the legislative branch of State government. The

1 Legislative Services Commission shall report the results of these audits to the 2001
2 General Assembly on or before February 1, 2001.

3 The performance audit in the executive branch shall include an examination of
4 the efficiency and effectiveness of major management policies, practices, and functions
5 across all executive branch agencies, including the following areas:

6 (1) Planning, budgeting, and program evaluation policies and practices.

7 (2) Personnel systems operations and management.

8 (3) State purchasing operations and management.

9 (4) Information processing and telecommunications systems policy,
10 organization, and management.

11 (5) Organizational and staffing patterns, especially in terms of the ratio of
12 managers and supervisors to nonmanagement personnel.

13 Performance audits in executive branch agencies may examine entire
14 departments, agencies, or institutions, or similar programs in several departments.

15 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.