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SENATE BILL 895

Short Title: Geographic Information Coordinating Council. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Reeves.

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Referred to: Information Technology.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHIC  
3 INFORMATION COORDINATING COUNCIL.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a  
6 new Article to read:

7 "Article 76.

8 "North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council.

9 **"§ 143-725. Council established; role of the Center for Geographic Information  
10 and Analysis.**

11 (a) Council Established. – There is established the North Carolina Geographic  
12 Information Coordinating Council ("Council") to develop policies regarding the  
13 utilization of geographic information, GIS systems, and other related technologies. The  
14 Council is responsible for strategic planning; resolution of policy and technology issues;  
15 coordination, direction, and oversight; and advising the Governor, the Legislature, and  
16 the Information Resource Management Commission (IRMC) as to needed directions,  
17 responsibilities, and funding regarding geographic information. This statewide  
18 geographic information coordination effort shall further cooperation among State,  
19 federal, and local government agencies; academic institutions; and the private sector to  
20 improve the quality, access, cost-effectiveness, and utility of North Carolina's  
21 geographic information and to promote geographic information as a strategic resource  
22 in the State. The Council shall be located in the Office of the Governor for  
23 organizational, budgetary, and administrative purposes.

24 (b) Role of CGIA. – The Center for Geographic Information and Analysis  
25 (CGIA) shall staff the Geographic Information and Coordinating Council and its  
26 committees. CGIA shall manage and distribute digital geographic information about  
27 North Carolina maintained by numerous State and local government agencies. It shall

1 operate a statewide data clearinghouse and provide Internet access to State geographic  
2 information.

3 **"§ 143-726. Council membership; organization.**

4 (a) Members. – The Council shall consist of up to 35 members, or their  
5 designees, as listed in this section. An appointing authority may reappoint a Council  
6 member for successive terms.

7 (b) Governor's Appointments. – The Governor shall appoint the following  
8 members:

9 (1) The head of an at-large State agency not represented in subsection (d)  
10 of this section.

11 (2) An employee of a county government.

12 (3) An employee of a municipal government.

13 (4) An employee of the federal government who is stationed in North  
14 Carolina.

15 (5) A representative from the Lead Regional Organizations.

16 (6) A member nominated by the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

17 (7) A member nominated by the North Carolina Association of County  
18 Commissioners.

19 (8) A member of the general public.

20 (9) Any other individuals whom the Governor deems appropriate to  
21 enhance the efforts of geographic information coordination.

22 Members appointed by the Governor shall serve three-year terms. The Governor  
23 shall name a Chair from among the Council membership to serve as Chair for a term of  
24 one year.

25 (c) General Assembly Appointments. – The President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
26 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint three members to  
27 the Council. These members shall serve one-year terms.

28 (d) Other Members. – Other Council members shall include:

29 (1) The Secretary of State.

30 (2) The Commissioner of Agriculture.

31 (3) The Superintendent of Public Instruction.

32 (4) The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural  
33 Resources.

34 (5) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation.

35 (6) The Secretary of the Department of Administration.

36 (7) The Secretary of the Department of Commerce.

37 (8) The Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

38 (9) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

39 (10) The Secretary of the Department of Revenue.

40 (11) The President of the North Carolina Community Colleges System.

41 (12) The President of The University of North Carolina System.

42 (13) The Chair of the Public Utilities Commission.

43 (14) The State Budget Officer.

44 (15) One representative from the State Government GIS User Committee.

1           (16) One representative elected annually from the Local Government  
2           Committee.

3           (17) The State Chief Information Officer who shall serve as a nonvoting,  
4           ex-officio member.

5           Members serving pursuant to this subsection shall serve terms to coincide with (i)  
6           their respective offices or (ii) their respective appointments by the standing committee  
7           they represent.

8           (e) Meetings. – The Council shall meet quarterly, or more often, as determined  
9           by the Chair. The Chair shall head the Management and Operations Committee to  
10           conduct the Council's business between quarterly meetings.

11           (f) Administration. – The Director of the CGIA shall be secretary of the Council  
12           and provide staff support as it requires.

13           (g) Reports. – The Council shall report at least annually to the Governor and to  
14           the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

15           (h) Committees. – The Council may establish work groups, as needed, and shall  
16           oversee the standing committees created in this subsection. Each standing committee  
17           shall adopt bylaws, subject to the Council's approval, to cover its proceedings. Except as  
18           otherwise provided, the Chair of the Council shall appoint the standing committee  
19           chairs from representatives listed in subsections (b), (c), or (d) of this section. The  
20           standing committees are as follows:

21           (1) State Government GIS User Committee: Membership shall consist of  
22           representatives from all interested State government departments. The  
23           Council Chair shall appoint the committee chair from one of the State  
24           agencies represented in subsection (d) of this section.

25           (2) Local Government Committee: Membership shall consist of  
26           representatives from organizations and professional associations that  
27           currently serve or represent local government GIS users, the North  
28           Carolina League of Municipalities, the North Carolina Association of  
29           County Commissioners, and a Lead Regional Organization. The  
30           committee shall elect one of its members to the Council.

31           (3) Federal Interagency Committee: Membership shall consist of  
32           representatives from all interested federal agencies and Tribal  
33           governments with an office located in North Carolina. The appointed  
34           federal representative serving pursuant to subdivision (b)(4) of this  
35           section shall serve as the Chair of the Federal Interagency Committee.

36           (4) Statewide Mapping Advisory Committee: This committee shall  
37           consolidate statewide mapping requirements and attempt to gain  
38           statewide support for financing cooperative programs. The committee  
39           shall also advise the Council on issues, problems, and opportunities  
40           relating to federal, State, and local government geospatial data  
41           programs.

42           (5) GIS Technical Advisory Committee: This committee shall develop the  
43           statewide technical architecture for GIS and anticipate and respond to

1           GIS technical opportunities and issues affecting State, county, and  
2           local governments in North Carolina.

3           (6) Management and Operations Committee: This committee shall  
4           consider management and operational matters related to GIS and other  
5           matters that are formally requested by the Council. The committee  
6           membership shall include the Council Chair, a representative from the  
7           Office of State Budget, Planning, and Management, and one  
8           representative from each standing committee of the Council.

9   "**§ 143-727. Compensation and expenses of Council members; travel**  
10       **reimbursements.**

11       Members of the Council shall serve without compensation but may receive travel  
12       and subsistence as follows:

13           (1) Council members who are officials or employees of a State agency or  
14           unit of local government, in accordance with G.S. 138-6.

15           (2) All other Council members at the rate established in G.S. 138-5."

16       **SECTION 2.** The respective appointing authorities shall complete their  
17       appointments to the North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council  
18       under G.S. 143-726(b) and (c), as enacted in Section 1 of this act, within 60 days of the  
19       date when this act becomes effective.

20       **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.