

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Office of State Controller in cooperation with the State
3 Chief Information Officer shall by January 31, 2008, develop a comprehensive plan for
4 the integration of databases and the sharing of information among State agencies,
5 operations, and programs. This plan shall be developed and implemented under the
6 governance of the BEACON Project Steering Committee and in cooperation and in
7 communication with leadership within the several State agencies, and with the support
8 and cooperation of the Office of State Budget and Management, and shall set forth a
9 schedule of implementation to be completed no later than the year 2010. This schedule
10 of implementation shall commence no later than January 31, 2008, with the integration
11 of databases that the BEACON PCS identify as most crucial to the enhancement of
12 operations and effectiveness, focusing on two or three State agencies that can achieve
13 the greatest initial benefit from implementation.

14 While it is the intent that this initiative provides a broad new access to
15 information across State government, the plan shall comply with all necessary security
16 measures and restrictions to ensure that access to any specific information held
17 confidential under federal and State law shall be limited to appropriate and authorized
18 persons.

19 By January 31, 2008, the Office of the State Controller, with the support of
20 the State's Chief Information Officer, shall provide this comprehensive plan including
21 implementation schedule in an oral report to the Joint Legislative Commission on
22 Governmental Operations and in a written report to the Chairs of the Senate
23 Appropriations Committee and the House of Representatives Appropriations
24 Committee, the Chairs of the Senate Information Technology Committee and House
25 Science and Technology Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division.

26 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
27 Information Technology Fund established in G.S. 147-33.72H the sum of ten million
28 dollars (\$10,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year for the purpose of accomplishing the
29 implementation of business analytics and database integration across State agencies as
30 identified in Section 1 of this act, and shall be used for no other purpose. The Office of
31 State Controller, in coordination with State agencies and with the support of the Office
32 of State Budget and Management, shall identify and obtain any federal matching funds
33 or other funding sources available to assist in funding this initiative.

34 **SECTION 3.** The Office of State Controller shall provide a written report of
35 the plan's implementation progress, including benefits and return on investment analysis
36 as identified by the Office of State Budget and Management to the Chairs of the Senate
37 Appropriations Committee and the House of Representatives Appropriations
38 Committee, the Chairs of the Senate Information Technology Committee and House
39 Science and Technology Committee, and Fiscal Research Division no later than the date
40 the convening of the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

41 **SECTION 4.** The Compass Initiative funds shall be used to integrate
42 databases by leveraging the BEACON project which has prototyped data integration
43 software. The Compass Initiative should expand upon the existing statewide enterprise
44 license for data integration in order to take advantage of best practices learned from the

1 BEACON project as well as the enterprise licensing cost reductions and efficiencies.
2 Funds may also be used to retain project management support. This effort shall not
3 place any new or additional requirements upon The University of North Carolina or the
4 North Carolina Community College System.

5 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.