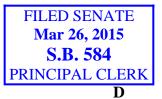
## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA **SESSION 2015**



## SENATE DRS45267-MM-90A (03/13)

	Short Title	e: P	overty Task Force.	(Public)
	Sponsors:	S	enators D. Davis, Lowe, and Smith-Ingram (Primar	y Sponsors).
	Referred t	0:		
1			A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
1 2	ANACT	CDEA		TASKEODCE
2 3	AN ACT CREATING A PERMANENT STATEWIDE POVERTY TASK FORCE. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:			
3 4	The Gene	<b>SECTION 1.</b> Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new		
4 5	Article to read:			
6	"Article 80.			
7	"Statewide Poverty Task Force.			
8	" <u>§ 143-750. Statewide Poverty Task Force.</u>			
9	(a) The General Assembly finds that poverty in this State is widespread, especially			
10	among minorities and in rural areas and other parts of the State that have lost significant			
11	numbers of jobs. Further, the General Assembly finds that a statewide coordinated effort is			
12	required to maximize the State's resources to reduce and potentially eradicate poverty among			
13	citizens able and willing to work. To that end, there is created the North Carolina Statewide			
14	Poverty Task Force. The Task Force shall be located within the Department of Health and			
15	Human Services, which shall provide staff services and space for Task Force meetings.			
16	<u>(b)</u>		Task Force shall consist of 15 voting members appo	-
17	<u> </u>	(1)	Five members appointed by the Speaker of the H	
18			include the following:	
19			a. <u>Two members of the House of Representa</u>	atives.
20			b. Three members of the general public	c, including persons with
21			expertise in the fields of business and e	economic development, job
22			training and adult education, public heal	
23			faith-based initiatives.	
24		<u>(2)</u>	Five members appointed by the President Pro	Tempore of the Senate, to
25			include the following:	
26			<u>a.</u> <u>Two members of the Senate.</u>	
27			b. Three members of the general public	c, including persons with
28			expertise in the fields of early childhoo	
29			health disparities, child welfare, and high	
30		<u>(3)</u>	Five members appointed by the Governor, to incl	ude the following:
31			<u>a.</u> <u>Three members of the general public.</u>	
32			b. Two members affiliated with nonprofit	organizations representing
33			minority issues.	
34	<u>(c)</u>		Task Force shall:	
35		<u>(1)</u>	Identify long- and short-range goals for elin	ninating poverty in North
36			<u>Carolina.</u>	



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1	(2) Develop a coordinated, integrated, ongoing approach to poverty reduction in		
2	the State by establishing poverty reduction targets.		
3	(d) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of		
4	Representatives shall each designate a cochair from among their appointees. The Task Force		
5	shall meet at least quarterly upon the call of the cochairs and may contract for consultant		
6	services. The appointing authority shall fill vacancies on the Task Force.		
7	(e) By March 1 of each year, the Task Force shall submit an annual report to the		
8	Governor and to the General Assembly on its poverty reduction and economic recovery		
9	recommendations.		
10	"§ 143-751. Member expenses and travel reimbursements.		
11	Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation but may receive travel and		
12	subsistence as follows:		
13	(1) <u>Members who are officials or employees of a State agency or unit of local</u>		
14	government, in accordance with G.S. 138-6.		
15	(2) Members who serve in the General Assembly, in accordance with		
16	<u>G.S. 120-3.1.</u>		
17	(3) <u>All other members at the rate established in G.S. 138-5.</u> "		
18	<b>SECTION 2.</b> This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.		