

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 774

Short Title: DHR Secretary Salary Flexibility.

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Sponsors: Senators Rand; Dalton, Lucas, and Martin of Guilford.

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Referred to: Children & Human Resources.

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April 9, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT REGARDING THE SALARY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. G.S. 143B-9 reads as rewritten:

5 **"§ 143B-9. Appointment of officers and employees.**

6 The head of each principal State department, except those departments headed by  
7 popularly elected officers, shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at his pleasure.

8 The salary of the head of each of the principal State departments and of elected  
9 officials shall be ~~as provided by law.~~ set by the General Assembly; provided, however, if  
10 the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources is a licensed physician, the  
11 Governor may, after consultation with the Advisory Budget Commission, set the salary of  
12 the Secretary at a level comparable to that of physicians employed by the Department of  
13 Human Resources.

14 The head of a principal State department shall appoint a chief deputy or chief  
15 assistant, and such chief deputy or chief assistant shall not be subject to the State  
16 Personnel Act. The salary of such chief deputy or chief assistant shall, upon the  
17 recommendation of the Governor, be set by the General Assembly. Unless otherwise  
18 provided for in the Executive Organization Act of 1973, and subject to the provisions of  
19 the Personnel Act, the head of each principal State department shall designate the  
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- 1 administrative head of each transferred agency and all employees of each division,  
2 section, or other unit of the principal State department."  
3           Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.