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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA
3 PROGRESS BOARD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING
4 EXPENSES OF THE BOARD.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 143B-372.1 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 143B-372.1. North Carolina Progress Board.

8 (a) The North Carolina Progress Board is established. The Board shall be located
9 administratively in the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and is
10 may be located at North Carolina State University, any constituent institution within The
11 University of North Carolina, or at any institution to which it is invited formally, but
12 shall exercise all its prescribed statutory powers independently of the Board of
13 ~~Governors.~~Governors or the institution at which it resides.

14 (b) The North Carolina Progress Board shall consist of ~~24~~ 24 members of
15 statewide prominence as follows:

- 16 (1) The Governor, ex officio;
17 (2) Eight persons appointed by the Governor, none of whom shall be State
18 employees or officers;
19 (3) ~~Four~~ Five persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives, ~~one~~ two of whom shall be ~~a member~~ members of the
21 House of Representatives;
22 (4) ~~Four~~ Five persons appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
23 Senate, ~~one~~ two of whom shall be ~~a member~~ members of the Senate;
24 and
25 (5) ~~Four~~ Five persons appointed by the North Carolina Progress Board.

26 (c) The Governor shall be chair of the North Carolina Progress Board. The
27 Governor shall appoint a vice-chair from among the membership of the North Carolina
28 Progress Board to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The North Carolina Progress
29 Board may elect such other officers as it sees fit.

1 (d) The North Carolina Progress Board shall meet at least twice annually on the
2 call of the chair or as additionally provided by the North Carolina Progress Board. A
3 quorum is ~~H~~12 members of the Board. Members may not send designees to board
4 meetings, nor may they vote by proxy.

5 (e) Board appointments shall be for terms to begin July 1, 1999, with subsequent
6 appointments to be made as terms expire or resignations occur. Of the Governor's
7 appointments, two shall be for one-year terms, two shall be for two-year terms, two
8 shall be for three-year terms, and two shall be for four-year terms. Of the appointments
9 made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the
10 Senate, and the North Carolina Progress Board, one member appointed by each shall be
11 appointed for a one-year term, one member appointed by each shall be appointed for a
12 two-year term, one member appointed by each shall be appointed for a three-year term,
13 and ~~one two member~~members appointed by each shall be appointed for a four-year
14 term. As terms expire, successors shall be appointed for four-year terms.

15 (f) No member may be appointed to more than two consecutive terms. A
16 member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House vacates
17 membership on the North Carolina Progress Board when that person is no longer a
18 member of the House of Representatives, except that if that person is in office at the
19 expiration of the term of office in the House of Representatives but has not been elected
20 to the next term, that person shall continue to serve until the convening of the regular
21 session. A member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
22 vacates membership on the North Carolina Progress Board when that person is no
23 longer a member of the Senate, except that if that person is in office at the expiration of
24 the term of office in the Senate but has not been elected to the next term, that person
25 shall continue to serve until the convening of the regular session."

26 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 143B-372.2 reads as rewritten:

27 "**§ 143B-372.2. Responsibilities.**

28 (a) The General Assembly notes that the Commission for a Competitive North
29 Carolina developed goals in the following categories:

- 30 (1) Healthy Children and Families;
- 31 (2) Quality Education for All;
- 32 (3) A High Performance Workforce;
- 33 (4) A Prosperous Economy;
- 34 (5) A Sustainable Environment;
- 35 (6) Technology and Infrastructure Development;
- 36 (7) Safe and Vibrant Communities; and
- 37 (8) Active Citizenship/Accountable Government.

38 The Commission for a Competitive North Carolina adopted a report which
39 established major goals and ways to measure progress toward these goals.

40 (a1) The General Assembly finds that the North Carolina Progress Board
41 developed a report that focused on four of the Commission's recommended topics and
42 issued 16 major targets for 2010. The objectives of the targets are to drive the State

1 toward (i) a more expansive vision of education and environmental protection, (ii)
2 strengthening families, and (iii) bringing more people into the economic mainstream.

3 (b) The General Assembly finds ~~that~~the following:

4 (1) The North Carolina economy of the future can provide unparalleled
5 opportunity while maintaining North Carolina's traditional values, if
6 the State pursues the future with clarity of purpose and
7 ~~perseverance~~perseverance.

8 (2) The North Carolina economy is in the midst of a massive transition
9 created by technological changes, global competition, and new
10 production ~~practices~~and practices.

11 (3) In order to maintain employment opportunities, increase income
12 levels, reduce poverty, and generate the public revenues necessary to
13 provide public services, North Carolina must increasingly rely on an
14 economy which adds value to its natural and human resources and
15 provides a diverse mix of products.

16 (4) Regional Progress Boards, modeled after the North Carolina Progress
17 Board, should be encouraged, and to the extent practicable, funded
18 from local sources, public and private, to ensure that the several
19 regions of North Carolina describe a clear regional vision, with
20 measures, targets, and methods for keeping track of progress toward
21 that regional vision, and each forming a strategic alliance with the
22 North Carolina Progress Board.

23 (c) The North Carolina Progress Board shall:

24 (1) Encourage ~~the~~a discussion and toward understanding ~~of the~~
25 global-global, national, statewide, regional, and local demographic,
26 social, economic, and environmental and trends and conditions that
27 exist or are emerging in North Carolina today, and how those issues
28 will impact living in North Carolina in 10 to 20 years.~~national-social~~
29 ~~and economic trends that will affect North Carolina in the coming~~
30 ~~decades;~~

31 (2) Examine the report of the Commission for a Competitive North
32 Carolina and the 1997 and February 2000 reports of the North Carolina
33 Progress Board to the General Assembly.~~the 1997 report of the North~~
34 ~~Carolina Progress Board to the General Assembly;~~

35 (3) Track the eight issue areas set out in subsection (a) of this section and
36 the objectives set out in subsection (a1) of this section and other issues
37 identified by the Progress Board. The Progress Board may, upon vote
38 of the Board, add to those issues identified by its predecessor
39 Commission and ~~Board~~Board.

40 (4) Hold public hearings and other methods of public participation,
41 including educational and outreach programs, to secure the views of

1 citizens on priority goals for North Carolina and to disseminate
2 findings and recommendations to ~~polymakers;~~policymakers.

3 (5) Formulate and submit to North Carolinians a report every five years,
4 beginning 2001, that updates the ~~20-10-~~ to ~~30-20-~~year vision for North
5 Carolina and that describes and explains a vision for North Carolina's
6 progress over the next ~~2010~~ to ~~3020~~ ~~years;~~years.

7 (6) Submit a report to the General Assembly prior to its convening the
8 regular session every odd-numbered year, which reports on
9 ~~demographic, social and social, economic-economic, or environmental~~
10 trends and ~~issues-recommends~~ specific targets and milestones to
11 accomplish its ~~mission;~~mission.

12 (7) ~~Recommend-Recommend, by reporting special legislative provisions,~~
13 ~~in draft form only,~~ how ~~the~~ targets and milestones can be applied to
14 increase ~~the~~ accountability of government to the people of this
15 ~~State;~~State.

16 (8) Report periodically to the people of North Carolina on progress toward
17 meeting goals, targets, and ~~milestones;~~milestones, together with an
18 assessment of the failure to meet the same, and, where possible, an
19 estimate of the potential costs associated with failure to act.

20 (9) Undertake new and ongoing policy research and benchmarking
21 ~~studies;~~studies.

22 (10) Publish and distribute periodic reports on policies, performance
23 improvement, and best practices for ~~meeting-achieving~~ the ~~long-term~~
24 long-term, strategic goals for the ~~State;~~and State.

25 (11) May apply for and accept gifts or ~~grants-grants,~~ or engage in
26 consulting activities, or other contractual assignments, consistent with
27 its mission, for which applicable staff or Board members may expect
28 to receive reasonable fees and expenses in exchange for specific work
29 products.

30 (d) ~~The-Any~~ Regular Session of the General Assembly shall further define the
31 mission of the North Carolina Progress Board in continuing its ~~work-work,~~ and may
32 from time to time, and to the extent practicable, request staff assistance from the Board
33 to standing, select, or independent legislative study committees or commissions.

34 (e) The General Assembly, after adopting the initial set of goals and measures as
35 proposed or amended, may alter the goals and measures."

36 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 143B-372.3 reads as rewritten:

37 "**§ 143B-372.3. Staff.**

38 (a) ~~The Chancellor of North Carolina State University~~ Upon the recommendation
39 of the Board, the Governor shall appoint an Executive Director who shall serve at the
40 pleasure of the ~~Chancellor-Board and the Governor,~~ but, for administrative purposes,
41 shall report to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina. The
42 Executive Director shall report to the North Carolina Progress Board and the

1 ~~Chancellor.~~Governor. The Executive Director shall hire or contract with support staff,
2 who shall work at the pleasure of the Executive Director.

3 (b) The Office of State Budget, Planning, and Management shall also provide
4 support, information, reports, and other assistance to the North Carolina Progress Board
5 as requested.

6 (c) Repealed by Session Laws 1999-237, s. 10.12(a), effective June 30, 1999."

7 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
8 Governors of The University of North Carolina for the North Carolina Progress Board
9 the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and
10 the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year for
11 general operating expenses of the North Carolina Progress Board.

12 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.