

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1171

Short Title: Law Student Externs at General Assembly. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Tarleton, Harrison, Rapp (Primary Sponsors); Faison, Lucas, and Mackey.

Referred to: State Government/State Personnel, if favorable, Judiciary II.

April 8, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT LAW STUDENT EXTERNS AT THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY ARE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE CONFIDENTIALITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 120-29(2) reads as rewritten:

"§ 120-129. Definitions.

As used in this Article:

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(2) "Legislative employee" means employees and officers of the General Assembly, consultants and counsel to members and committees of either house of the General Assembly or of legislative commissions who are paid by State funds, students at an accredited law school while in an externship program at the General Assembly approved by the Legislative Services Commission, and employees of the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; but does not mean legislators and members of the Council of State.

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SECTION 2. G.S. 120-134 reads as rewritten:

"§ 120-134. Penalty.

Violation of any provision of this Article shall be grounds for disciplinary action in the case of ~~employees~~ employees, for referral to the academic institution for appropriate discipline in the case of law student externs, and for removal from office in the case of public officers. No criminal penalty shall attach for any violation of this Article."

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

