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Short Title: GIS Implementation Plan/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Tolson.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
3 CONSOLIDATION PLAN AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** Findings. – The General Assembly finds that there is a critical
6 need for consolidating the investments made in geographic information systems (GIS) and
7 developing common infrastructures in order for the State to reap all the potential benefits of
8 GIS at the lowest cost.

9 **SECTION 1.(b)** Implementation Plan. – The recommendations outlined in the
10 2008 legislative report prepared by the State Chief Information Officer, the Geographic
11 Information Coordinating Council, and the Office of State Budget and Management, made
12 pursuant to Section 6.13 of S.L. 2008-107, entitled "State Geographic Information
13 Consolidation Implementation Plan," shall be implemented in four distinct work streams, as
14 follows:

- 15 (1) Transferring the Center for Geographic Information and Analysis to the
16 Office of the State Chief Information Officer and establishing appropriated
17 funding for staff activities supporting the Geographic Information
18 Coordinating Council, statewide standards, and the coordination of data
19 acquisition.
20 (2) Reestablishing the professional services component and refocusing that
21 effort toward current needs of the community, while reducing those
22 overhead costs.
23 (3) Revitalizing the NC OneMap project by leveraging new technology in the
24 market to reduce costs while increasing utility of the service.
25 (4) Establishing a GIS Reserve Fund for the acquisition of data layers which
26 may be useful to multiple organizations and through which data acquisition
27 may be procured to reduce cost.

28 **SECTION 2.(a)** Transfers of Agencies, Powers, Duties. – The statutory authority,
29 powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of
30 appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the State agencies and subunits listed in this
31 subsection are transferred from those entities to the State Chief Information Officer, Office of
32 Information Technology Services, with all of the elements of a Type II transfer as defined by
33 G.S. 143A-6:

- 34 (1) The North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council.
35 (2) The Center for Geographic Information and Analysis.



1 The Center for Geographic Information and Analysis shall remain in its current office space
2 unless the State Chief Information Officer determines otherwise.

3 **SECTION 2.(b)** The State Chief Information Officer shall coordinate a
4 professional services component for GIS coordination with the Center for Geographic
5 Information and Analysis that is refocused toward current community needs.

6 **SECTION 2.(c)** The State Chief Information Officer, in cooperation with the
7 Geographic Information Coordinating Council, shall coordinate the refocusing of the NC
8 OneMap GIS infrastructure project to leverage new technology, to increase the utility of GIS
9 services, and to reduce GIS data layer costs through singly managed contracts.

10 **SECTION 3.** There is established in the Office of State Budget and Management
11 the GIS Reserve Fund, which shall be nonreverting, for the purpose of acquiring and managing,
12 at the lowest cost, data layers useful to multiple State and local organizations, according to the
13 priorities set by the Geographic Information Coordinating Council. The GIS Reserve Fund may
14 receive private grants and may include State, federal, local, and matching funds.

15 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Information
16 Technology Enterprise Fund in the Office of Information Technology Services the sum of six
17 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and the sum of six
18 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year to effectuate the
19 transfers mandated by Section 2 of this act.

20 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.