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SENATE BILL 474

Short Title: Clean Up Obsolete Boards. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Wells (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ABOLISH OBSOLETE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS THAT ARE NO  
3 LONGER FUNCTIONAL.

4 Whereas, several boards and commissions within State government appear to be no  
5 longer functional and should be abolished; and

6 Whereas, some boards and commissions were established to oversee programs that  
7 no longer exist; and

8 Whereas, certain boards and commissions either have no appointed members, have  
9 not met in several years, have not reported recent activity, or have no discoverable information;  
10 and

11 Whereas, as a result of inactivity of some boards and commissions, previous attempts  
12 have been made to abolish them; Now, therefore,  
13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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15 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CERTIFICATION ENTITY FOR THE PHASE II**  
16 **SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

17 **SECTION 1.** The Board of Directors of the Certification Entity for Phase II  
18 Settlement Funds, as authorized by S.L. 1999-333, is abolished.

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20 **NC AGENCY FOR PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

21 **SECTION 2.** Part 2 of Article 9 of Chapter 143B is repealed.

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23 **CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION**

24 **SECTION 3.** S.L. 2013-358, except Section 2, and S.L. 2014-414 are repealed.

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26 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHARLOTTE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP**

27 **SECTION 4.** The Board of Directors of the Charlotte Regional Partnership, Inc., as  
28 authorized by Article 2 of Chapter 158 of the General Statutes, is abolished.

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30 **COMMISSION ON SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY**

31 **SECTION 5.(a)** G.S. 115C-102.5 is repealed.

32 **SECTION 5.(b)** G.S. 115-102.6 reads as rewritten:

33 **"§ 115C-102.6. Duty to propose a State school technology plan.**

34 The State Board of Education shall propose a State school technology plan that ensures the  
35 effective use of technology is built into the North Carolina Public School System for the purpose  
36 of preparing a globally competitive workforce and citizenry for the 21st century.—The



1 ~~Commission on School Technology will advise the State Board of Education on the State School~~  
2 ~~Technology Plan and its components."~~

#### 4 DATA INTEGRATION STEERING COMMITTEE

5 SECTION 6. Section 6A.20(b) of S.L. 2011-145 is repealed.

#### 7 EASTERN CAROLINA REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF 8 COMMISSIONERS

9 SECTION 7. The Eastern Carolina Regional Housing Authority Board of  
10 Commissioners, established pursuant to G.S. 157-35, is abolished.

#### 12 GRANTS MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES

13 SECTION 8. Section 6A.7(b1) of S.L.2012-142 and Section 7.14(b) of S.L.  
14 2013-360 are repealed.

#### 16 LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON METHAMPHETAMINE ABUSE

17 SECTION 9.(a) Article 25A of Chapter 120 is repealed.

18 SECTION 9.(b) G.S. 90-113.64 reads as rewritten:

##### 19 "§ 90-113.64. SBI annual report.

20 Beginning with the 2011 calendar year, the State Bureau of Investigation shall determine the  
21 number of methamphetamine laboratories discovered in the State each calendar year and report  
22 its findings to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety ~~and to the~~  
23 ~~Legislative Commission on Methamphetamine Abuse~~ by March 1, 2012, for the 2011 calendar  
24 year and each March 1 thereafter for the preceding calendar year. The State Bureau of  
25 Investigation shall participate in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program,  
26 assist in coordinating the drug control efforts between local and State law enforcement agencies,  
27 and monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the electronic record-keeping requirements  
28 included in G.S. 90-113.52A and G.S. 90-113.56. The SBI shall include its findings in the report  
29 to the Commission required by this section."

30 SECTION 9.(c) G.S. 143B-925 reads as rewritten:

##### 31 "§ 143B-925. Study and report on use of pseudoephedrine products to make 32 methamphetamine.

33 The State Bureau of Investigation shall study issues regarding the use of pseudoephedrine  
34 products to make methamphetamine, including any data on the use of particular pseudoephedrine  
35 products in that regard, pertinent law enforcement statistics, trends observed, and other relevant  
36 information, and report annually to the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental  
37 Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, ~~the Legislative Commission on Methamphetamine~~  
38 ~~Abuse, Services~~ and the Joint Governmental Operations Subcommittee on Justice and Public  
39 Safety."

#### 41 MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS' ADVISORY BOARD

42 SECTION 10.(a) G.S. 20-305.4 is repealed.

43 SECTION 10.(b) G.S. 20-305.5 reads as rewritten:

44 "(l) The provisions of G.S. 20-305(4) through G.S. 20-305(28) and G.S. 20-305.2 to  
45 ~~G.S. 20-305.4~~ G.S. 20-305.3 shall not apply to manufacturers of or dealers in mobile or  
46 manufactured type housing or who sell or distribute only nonmotorized recreational trailers;  
47 provided, however, that unless specifically exempted, each of these provisions shall be applicable  
48 to all recreational vehicle manufacturers, factory branches, distributors, and distributor branches  
49 who sell or distribute any motorized recreational vehicles in this State. The provisions of  
50 G.S. 20-305.1 shall not apply to manufacturers of or dealers in mobile or manufactured type  
51 housing."

**NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**SECTION 11.** Part 2A of Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is repealed.

**NORTH CAROLINA FARMWORKER COUNCIL**

**SECTION 12.** Part 26 of Article 9 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is repealed.

**SOUTHERN GROWTH POLICIES BOARD**

**SECTION 13.** Article 55 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, being G.S. 143-490 through G.S. 143-506, is repealed.

**SOUTHERN TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL**

**SECTION 14.** The Southern Technology Council is abolished.

**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMPLOYMENT SECURITY**

**SECTION 15.** G.S. 96-4 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 96-4. Administration; powers and duties of the Assistant Secretary; Board of Review.**

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~~(g) Advisory Councils.—The State Advisory Council shall be composed of the Assistant Secretary and 15 persons representing employers, employees, and the general public, to be appointed as follows:~~

- ~~(1) Five members appointed by the Governor.~~
- ~~(2) Five members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.~~
- ~~(3) Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.~~

~~Each member shall be appointed for a term of four years. Vacancies on the State Advisory Council shall be filled by the appointing authority. The Assistant Secretary shall serve as chair. A quorum of the State Advisory Council shall consist of the chairman, or such appointed member as he may designate, plus one half of the total appointed members. The function of the Council shall be to aid the Division in formulating policies and discussing problems related to the administration of this Chapter. Each member of the State Advisory Council attending meetings of the Council shall be paid the same amount per diem for his or her services as is provided for the members of other State boards, commissions, and committees who receive compensation for their services, including necessary time spent in traveling to and from his place of residence within the State to the place of meeting while engaged in the discharge of the duties of his office, and his actual mileage and subsistence at the same rate allowed to State officials.~~

~~(h) Employment Stabilization. – The Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary and with the advice and aid of the advisory councils, Secretary, shall take all appropriate steps to reduce and prevent unemployment; to encourage and assist in the adoption of practical methods of vocational training, retraining and vocational guidance; to investigate, recommend, advise, and assist in the establishment and operation, by municipalities, counties, school districts, and the State, of reserves for public works to be used in times of business depression and unemployment; to promote the reemployment of unemployed workers throughout the State in every other way that may be feasible; and to these ends to carry on and publish the results of investigations and research studies.~~

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**STATE SUGGESTION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 16.(a)** G.S. 143-345.21 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 143-345.21. State employee suggestion program.**

1 ...  
2 (h) Implementation costs may be prorated over a maximum of three years for suggestions  
3 or innovations that are capital intensive, involve leading-edge technology, or involve  
4 unconventional processes that require longer than 12 months for implementation. The amount of  
5 the average annual savings minus the average annual implementation cost shall be used as the  
6 basis for the agency to recommend a suggester award. The ~~State Suggestion Review Committee~~  
7 Department of Administration shall consult the Office of State Budget and Management to make  
8 the final award determination in these cases.

9 ...."

10 **SECTION 16.(b)** G.S. 143-345.23 reads as rewritten:

11 "**§ 143-345.23. Suggestion and review process; role of agency coordinator and agency**  
12 **evaluator.**

13 (a) The process for a State employee or team of State employees to submit a cost-saving  
14 or revenue-increasing proposal shall begin with the employee or team of employees submitting  
15 the suggestion or innovation to an agency coordinator. The agency coordinator, in conjunction  
16 with an agency evaluator, shall review the suggestion or innovation for submission to the ~~State~~  
17 Review Committee established in G.S. 143-345.24. Department of Administration.

18 (b) An agency coordinator shall be appointed by the head of each participating agency to  
19 serve as liaison between the agency, the suggester, the agency evaluator, and the NC-Thinks  
20 office. The duties of the agency coordinator shall include:

- 21 (1) Serving as an information source and maintaining sufficient forms necessary  
22 to submit suggestions.
- 23 (2) Presenting, in conjunction with the agency evaluator, the recommendation for  
24 an award to the ~~State Suggestion Review Committee. Department of~~  
25 Administration.
- 26 (3) Working in conjunction with the agency evaluator to process a particular  
27 suggestion or innovation within 180 days, except when there are extenuating  
28 circumstances.

29 An agency may have more than one coordinator if required to provide sufficient services to  
30 State employees.

31 ...."

32 **SECTION 16.(c)** G.S. 143-345.24 is repealed.

33 **SECTION 16.(d)** G.S. 143-345.25 reads as rewritten:

34 "**§ 143-345.25. Innovations deemed property of the State; effect of decisions regarding**  
35 **bonuses.**

36 (a) All suggestions or innovations submitted by State employees pursuant to this Article  
37 are the property of the State, and all related intellectual property rights shall be assigned to the  
38 State. By January 1, 2002, the Office of State Human Resources shall establish a policy regarding  
39 intellectual property rights that arise from NC-Thinks.

40 (b) Decisions regarding the award of bonuses by the agency coordinator and the ~~State~~  
41 Suggestion Review Committee. Department of Administration are final and are not subject to  
42 review under the contested case procedures of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes."

#### 43 44 **STATEWIDE PORTAL COMMITTEE**

45 **SECTION 17.** Section 6A.12(h) of S.L.2012-142 is repealed.

#### 46 47 **TEACH FOR AMERICA, INC. OVERSIGHT BOARD**

48 **SECTION 18.** The Oversight Board for Teach For America, Inc., is abolished.

#### 49 50 **WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

51 **SECTION 19.** G.S. 106-145.11 is repealed.

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2 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

3 **SECTION 20.** This act is effective when it becomes law.