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HOUSE BILL DRH40491-MMa-40

Short Title: Establish NC Institute for Public Policy. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Everitt.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY.

3 Whereas, the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina are a source  
4 of knowledge that can be applied to the solving of the State's economic and social problems; and

5 Whereas, the development and administration of public policy by State government  
6 is enhanced through the availability of the best possible knowledge base; and

7 Whereas, the important knowledge resources of higher education may not be readily  
8 available to State policymakers and administrators; Now, therefore,  
9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
11 Article to read:

12 "Article 5D.

13 "North Carolina State Institute for Public Policy.

14 **"§ 116-74.50. North Carolina Institute for Public Policy established.**

15 (a) There is established the North Carolina Institute for Public Policy (NCIPP) which  
16 shall be housed administratively in the School of Public and International Affairs at North  
17 Carolina State University (University). The University shall provide NCIPP with administrative,  
18 professional, and technical support.

19 (b) The purpose of NCIPP is to provide the State's policymakers with timely, useful, and  
20 practical research products of the very highest quality. Towards these ends, NCIPP shall:

21 (1) Conduct and publish research that is directly useful to policymakers and  
22 manage reviews and evaluations of technical and scientific topics as they  
23 relate to major long-term issues facing the State.

24 (2) Evaluate the merits of a program or an activity of a State agency or a program  
25 or an activity of a non-State entity conducted or provided using State funds.

26 (3) Develop quantitative indicators to be used in an evaluation of a program or an  
27 activity of a State agency or a program or an activity of a non-State entity  
28 conducted or provided using State funds.

29 (4) Determine the cost of programs or activities of a State agency or programs or  
30 activities of a non-State entity conducted or provided using State funds.

31 **"§ 116-74.51. North Carolina Commisison on Public Policy established.**

32 (a) There is established the North Carolina Commission on Public Policy (Commission).  
33 The purpose of the Commission is to oversee and direct the work of NCIPP.

34 (b) The Commission shall consist of 15 members appointed as follows:

35 (1) Two senators appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.

36 (2) Two senators appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.



- 1           (3)    Two representatives appointed by the Majority Leader of the House of  
2            Representatives.
- 3           (4)    Two representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
4            Representatives.
- 5           (5)    Two individuals appointed by the Governor.
- 6           (6)    The Chancellor of North Carolina State University or the chancellor's  
7            designee.
- 8           (7)    The Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill or the  
9            chancellor's designee.
- 10          (8)    The Chancellor of East Carolina University or the chancellor's designee.
- 11          (9)    The Director of the Fiscal Research Division of the North Carolina General  
12          Assembly.
- 13          (10) The Director of the Legislative Analysis Division of the North Carolina  
14          General Assembly.

15       (c)    All members of the Commission are voting members. Vacancies in the appointed  
16       membership shall be filled by the appointing officer who made the initial appointment. Terms  
17       shall be two years. The members shall elect a chair who shall preside for the duration of the  
18       chair's term as member. In the event a vacancy occurs in the chair before the expiration of the  
19       chair's term, the members shall elect an acting chair to serve for the remainder of the unexpired  
20       term. Members of the Commission shall receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence  
21       expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 138-5 or G.S. 138-6 or travel and subsistence  
22       expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 120-3.1, as applicable.

23       "**§ 116-74.52. Research and reporting.**

24       NCIPP shall develop a two-year work plan at the beginning of every odd-numbered year  
25       which shall consist of any studies directed by the General Assembly, as well as other issues of  
26       public interest recommended by the Commission. Upon completion of each study, NCIPP shall  
27       report its findings and any recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the Commission,  
28       the Governor, and the General Assembly."

29       **SECTION 2.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
30       Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of one million nine hundred eighty-one  
31       thousand one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$1,981,165) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The funds  
32       shall be allocated to the School of Public and International Affairs at North Carolina State  
33       University to be used as follows:

- 34           (1)    \$1,931,165 in recurring funds to provide 17 full-time equivalent positions to  
35            provide professional, technical, and administrative staff to the North Carolina  
36            Institute for Public Policy.
- 37           (2)    \$50,000 in recurring funds to provide for other operating expenses of the  
38            Institute and the Commission.

39       **SECTION 2.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
40       Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two million one hundred seventeen  
41       thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$2,117,350) in recurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year  
42       to be allocated to the School of Public and International Affairs at North Carolina State  
43       University to be used as follows:

- 44           (1)    \$2,067,350 in recurring funds to provide 17 full-time equivalent positions to  
45            provide professional, technical, and administrative staff to the North Carolina  
46            Institute for Public Policy.
- 47           (2)    \$50,000 in recurring funds to provide for other operating expenses of the  
48            Institute and the Commission.

49       **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.