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HOUSE BILL DRH40430-MCa-87A

Short Title: NC House Transparency Act of 2023.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cervania.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO FACILITATE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT WITH AND TRANSPARENCY OF  
3 LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS BY EQUIPPING ADDITIONAL AREAS OF THE  
4 GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX WITH EQUIPMENT TO ALLOW FOR  
5 REAL-TIME AND TIME-SHIFTED REMOTE VIEWING.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General Assembly  
8 the nonrecurring sum of ninety-one thousand dollars (\$91,000) and the recurring sum of four  
9 thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for the purpose of obtaining and  
10 installing, as soon as practicable, and maintaining equipment in committee meeting rooms and  
11 the chamber of the House of Representatives to allow for recordation of and viewing by the  
12 public via the internet of committee meetings and chamber proceedings to make possible (i)  
13 real-time access via the internet to the audio and the video of committee meetings and chamber  
14 proceedings as provided herein and (ii) archival of and time-shifted viewing access via the  
15 internet to the audio and video of committee meetings and chamber proceedings as provided  
16 herein for a period of 10 years. It is the intent of the General Assembly by this act to increase the  
17 availability of real-time access and archiving for time-shifted viewing of committee meetings  
18 and chamber proceedings. The use of equipment and degree of availability funded by the  
19 appropriation in this act will be determined with greater specificity by the rules of the House of  
20 Representatives adopted for each Regular Session of the General Assembly.  
21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.

