

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2023**

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HOUSE BILL 859

Short Title: NC House Transparency Act of 2023. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cervania, Hardister, Johnson, and F. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 26, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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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.



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