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Short Title: Establish DATA Division. (Public)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DATA ANALYTICS, TRANSPARENCY, AND
ACCOUNTABILITY DIVISION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 143E of the General Statutes, Article 7C of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes, and G.S. 120-32(1)j., 120-79(c), 120-131.1(a1), and 143-49(16), as those statutes existed immediately before repeal, are reenacted.

SECTION 2. G.S. 63A-23 reads as rewritten:

"§ 63A-23. Annual reports.

The Authority shall, promptly following the close of each fiscal year, submit an annual written report of its activities for the preceding year to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Local Government Commission. Each report shall be accompanied by an audit of its books and accounts, as well as quarterly and annual financial statements. The audit shall be conducted by the State Auditor. The costs of all audits shall be paid from funds of the Authority.

As part of the report, the Authority shall include the following performance measures of the private sector jobs within the Global TransPark:

- (1) The number, type, and wage level of jobs created or retained.
- (2) The actual full-time equivalent jobs employed, as well as the median and average salaries for those jobs.

The Authority shall submit its annual report to the General Assembly to both the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental ~~Operations~~ Operations and the Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division. The Authority shall also submit any information about the Authority's activities that is requested by the Commission.

The Authority shall also provide a copy of its annual report on its public Web site."

SECTION 3. G.S. 90-414.5(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) At the written request of the Director of the Fiscal Research, Legislative Drafting, ~~or~~ Legislative ~~Analysis~~ Analysis, or Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division of the General Assembly for an aggregate analysis of the data and information disclosed through the HIE Network, the Authority shall provide the professional staff of these Divisions with the aggregated analysis responsive to the Director's request. Prior to providing the Director or General Assembly's staff with any aggregate data or information submitted through the HIE Network or with any analysis of this aggregate data or information, the Authority shall redact any personal identifying information in a manner consistent with the standards specified for de-identification of health information under the HIPAA Privacy Rule, 45 C.F.R. § 164.514, as amended."



SECTION 4. G.S. 120-32.01 reads as rewritten:**"§ 120-32.01. Information to be supplied.**

(a) Every State department, State agency, or State institution shall furnish the Legislative Services Office and the Legislative Analysis, Fiscal Research, Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability, and Legislative Drafting Divisions any information or records requested by them and access to any facilities and personnel requested by them. Except when accessibility is prohibited by a federal statute, federal regulation, or State statute, every State department, State agency, or State institution shall give the Legislative Services Office and these divisions access to any database or stored information maintained by computer, telecommunications, or other electronic data processing equipment, whether stored on tape, disk, or otherwise, and regardless of the medium for storage or transmission.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, access to the BEACON/HR payroll system by the Legislative Analysis and Legislative Drafting Divisions shall only be through the Fiscal Research ~~Division~~ Division and access to the system by the Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division shall only be through the Division Director and two employees of the Division designated by the Division Director.

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SECTION 5. G.S. 126-85(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) The protections of this Article shall include State employees who report any activity described in G.S. 126-84 (i) to the State Auditor as authorized by G.S. 147-64.6B, (ii) to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations as authorized by ~~G.S. 120-76~~, or G.S. 120-76, (iii) to the Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division as authorized by G.S. 120-36.12(10), or (iv) to a legislative committee as required by G.S. 120-19."

SECTION 6. G.S. 143-341.2(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Duties of the Department of Administration. – The Department of Administration shall have the following powers and duties:

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(7) Reporting. – The Department of Administration shall make the following reports:

a. No later than April 1, 2023, and every five years thereafter, the Department shall report the following to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Capital Improvements, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division, and Fiscal Research Division:

1. The plan developed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.
2. A summary of the performance measurement procedures developed pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection.

b. If any State agency fails to submit the information required by subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the Department shall report the failure to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Capital Improvements, the chairs of the Joint Legislative Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Oversight Committee, and the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government within 30 days.

c. No later than April 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, the Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Capital

Improvements, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division, and Fiscal Research Division on the State's portfolio of real property. This report shall include at least the following information:"

SECTION 7. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General Assembly the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in recurring funds for the purpose of reenacting and operating the Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division, as reestablished in this act.

SECTION 8. The Revisor of Statutes shall replace the phrase "Program Evaluation Division" with the phrase "Data Analytics, Transparency, and Accountability Division" in the General Statutes wherever it appears.

SECTION 9. This act becomes effective July 1, 2025, and Section 6 of this act applies to reports due on or after that date.