

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 169

Short Title: GPAC-Reorganize DOT.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Government Performance Audit.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE HAVING TO DO WITH THE
REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The General Assembly finds that certain organizational units within the Department of Transportation are organizationally misplaced:

(1) Internal Audit Section. – The mission of the Internal Audit Section is to promote and ensure that proper operational procedures are fair, accurate financial operations within the Department of Transportation, by conducting internal compliance, fiscal, and operational audits, and by monitoring fiscal records and operational procedures. This Section reports to the Assistant Secretary of Administration which weakens the independence of the function. Ordinarily, an internal audit function should report to the chief executive officer, audit committee, or the equivalent. The placement of this Section is not effective.

(2) Beautification Program. – The purpose of the Beautification Program is to serve the citizens by improving the appearance of North Carolina highways. Its goals are to establish and maintain effective litter cleanup and litter prevention programs, and to increase public support for the Wildflower Program. This unit reports to both the Deputy Secretary of Operations and the Deputy Secretary of Programs. The dual reporting responsibility and placement of the Beautification Program is not effective.

1 (3) Charlotte International Registration Plan (IRP) Office. – The
2 International Registration Plan Section administers a registration
3 reciprocity compact covering member states and one Canadian
4 province. All IRP activities, except the Charlotte IRP Office, are
5 included in the IRP Section. The Charlotte Office is under the Vehicle
6 Registration Section. The placement of the Office is not effective.

7 Sec. 2. (a) The Internal and External Audit units are to be consolidated into
8 one Audit Section and that Section is transferred to the Office of the Secretary of
9 Transportation.

10 (b) The Beautification Program is transferred to the Division of Highways,
11 Maintenance Branch.

12 (c) The Charlotte International Registration Plan Office is transferred to the
13 International Registration Plan Section.

14 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.