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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
3 PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO TRANSFER TO THE
4 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
5 PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
6 HEARINGS, TO ELIMINATE POSITIONS AT THE OFFICE OF
7 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS THAT WILL NO LONGER BE NEEDED
8 BECAUSE OF THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND TO MOVE THE
9 OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS SO THAT IT IS PHYSICALLY
10 LOCATED WITH THE STAFF OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE
11 COURTS.

12 Whereas, 16 of the 40 full-time staff positions at the Office of Administrative
13 Hearings, including three secretaries on personal services contracts, are support-related
14 and perform functions similar to those performed by the staff of the Administrative
15 Office of the Courts; and

16 Whereas, these 16 positions are responsible for providing secretarial support
17 and research, scheduling cases, and handling budgetary, fiscal, personnel, and other
18 administrative matters; and

19 Whereas, the Administrative Office of the Courts has a large, well-trained
20 staff and systems in place to support the additional work load from the Office of
21 Administrative Hearings; and

22 Whereas, of the 16 support positions at the Office of Administrative
23 Hearings, two would be needed to handle the extra work load at the Administrative
24 Office of the Courts but the remaining 14 could be eliminated; and

1 Whereas, if the Administrative Office of the Courts provides support services
2 to the Office of Administrative Hearings, the Office of Administrative Hearings would
3 need to move so that it is physically located with the staff of the Administrative Office
4 of the Courts; Now, therefore,

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. The State Property Office shall find suitable space for the
7 Administrative Office of the Courts and the Office of Administrative Hearings so that
8 the Office of Administrative Hearings is physically located with the staff of the
9 Administrative Office of the Courts.

10 Sec. 2. The following two positions are transferred from the Office of
11 Administrative Hearings to the Administrative Office of the Courts: Administrative
12 Assistant II and Clerk/Typist V. The base budget of the Administrative Office of the
13 Courts is increased by ninety-one thousand six hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$91,639) for
14 the 1994-95 fiscal year as the result of the transfer of positions required by this section
15 and the base budget of the Office of Administrative Hearings is reduced by the same
16 amount.

17 Sec. 3. The following 14 positions at the Office of Administrative Hearings
18 are eliminated: Deputy Director, Internal Auditor, Administrative Service Manager,
19 Clerk IV, Accounting Technician V, Administrative Assistant III, Clerk Typist V, Chief
20 Hearing Clerk, Clerk IV, Paralegal III, Receptionist Clerk IV, Paralegal II,
21 Administrative Officer II, and Clerk/Typist V. The base budget of the Office of
22 Administrative Hearings is reduced by four hundred fifty-three thousand nine hundred
23 seventy dollars (\$453,970) for the 1994-95 fiscal year as the result of the positions
24 eliminated by this section.

25 Sec. 4. The Office of Administrative Hearings shall not renew its three
26 personal services contracts for secretarial services.

27 Sec. 5. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.