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HOUSE BILL 1782

Short Title: Eliminate Vacant State Positions.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Blust.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

May 31, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT ELIMINATING VACANT STATE GOVERNMENT POSITIONS AND
SENDING THOSE FUNDS TO THE SAVINGS RESERVE ACCOUNT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Office of State Budget and Management shall eliminate all positions across State government that are funded through the General Fund and vacant on June 30, 2004, by transferring from the various State departments, agencies, and institutions the salary and benefits related funding appropriated for State government positions vacant on that date.

SECTION 2. The savings to the State associated with the elimination of vacant positions required by subsection (a) of this section shall be credited to the Savings Reserve Account, effective June 30, 2004.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the Office of State Budget and Management shall not transfer vacant position salary funds that will be redirected and expended for the following purposes:

- (1) State self-funded workers' compensation claims, disability claims, and tort claims.
- (2) Overtime pay and shift pay in the Department of Correction, the Department of Health and Human Services, and any other State department, agency, or institution that operates daily on a 24-hour basis.
- (3) Nonpersonnel expenditures in the Department of Correction to include the costs of inmate medical care, jailed misdemeanants in county jails, per diem expenses for State inmates held in local jails, funding related to private prisons, and any needs deemed critical by the Department.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.