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HOUSE BILL 884

Short Title: Establish NC Institute for Public Policy. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Everitt, R. Smith, and Gailliard (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

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

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY.

3 Whereas, the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina are a source  
4 of knowledge that can be applied to the solving of the State's economic and social problems; and

5 Whereas, the development and administration of public policy by State government  
6 is enhanced through the availability of the best possible knowledge base; and

7 Whereas, the important knowledge resources of higher education may not be readily  
8 available to State policymakers and administrators; Now, therefore,  
9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
11 Article to read:

12 "Article 5D.

13 "North Carolina State Institute for Public Policy.

14 **"§ 116-74.50. North Carolina Institute for Public Policy established.**

15 (a) There is established the North Carolina Institute for Public Policy (NCIPP) which  
16 shall be housed administratively in the School of Public and International Affairs at North  
17 Carolina State University (University). The University shall provide NCIPP with administrative,  
18 professional, and technical support.

19 (b) The purpose of NCIPP is to provide the State's policymakers with timely, useful, and  
20 practical research products of the very highest quality. Towards these ends, NCIPP shall:

21 (1) Conduct and publish research that is directly useful to policymakers and  
22 manage reviews and evaluations of technical and scientific topics as they  
23 relate to major long-term issues facing the State.

24 (2) Evaluate the merits of a program or an activity of a State agency or a program  
25 or an activity of a non-State entity conducted or provided using State funds.

26 (3) Develop quantitative indicators to be used in an evaluation of a program or an  
27 activity of a State agency or a program or an activity of a non-State entity  
28 conducted or provided using State funds.

29 (4) Determine the cost of programs or activities of a State agency or programs or  
30 activities of a non-State entity conducted or provided using State funds.

31 **"§ 116-74.51. North Carolina Commisison on Public Policy established.**

32 (a) There is established the North Carolina Commission on Public Policy (Commission).  
33 The purpose of the Commission is to oversee and direct the work of NCIPP.

34 (b) The Commission shall consist of 15 members appointed as follows:

35 (1) Two senators appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.



- 1           (2)    Two senators appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.
- 2           (3)    Two representatives appointed by the Majority Leader of the House of
- 3           Representatives.
- 4           (4)    Two representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
- 5           Representatives.
- 6           (5)    Two individuals appointed by the Governor.
- 7           (6)    The Chancellor of North Carolina State University or the chancellor's
- 8           designee.
- 9           (7)    The Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill or the
- 10          chancellor's designee.
- 11          (8)    The Chancellor of East Carolina University or the chancellor's designee.
- 12          (9)    The Director of the Fiscal Research Division of the North Carolina General
- 13          Assembly.
- 14          (10)   The Director of the Legislative Analysis Division of the North Carolina
- 15          General Assembly.

16       (c)    All members of the Commission are voting members. Vacancies in the appointed  
17 membership shall be filled by the appointing officer who made the initial appointment. Terms  
18 shall be two years. The members shall elect a chair who shall preside for the duration of the  
19 chair's term as member. In the event a vacancy occurs in the chair before the expiration of the  
20 chair's term, the members shall elect an acting chair to serve for the remainder of the unexpired  
21 term. Members of the Commission shall receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence  
22 expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 138-5 or G.S. 138-6 or travel and subsistence  
23 expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 120-3.1, as applicable.

24    **"§ 116-74.52. Research and reporting.**

25       NCIPP shall develop a two-year work plan at the beginning of every odd-numbered year  
26 which shall consist of any studies directed by the General Assembly, as well as other issues of  
27 public interest recommended by the Commission. Upon completion of each study, NCIPP shall  
28 report its findings and any recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the Commission,  
29 the Governor, and the General Assembly."

30       **SECTION 2.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
31 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of one million nine hundred eighty-one  
32 thousand one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$1,981,165) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The funds  
33 shall be allocated to the School of Public and International Affairs at North Carolina State  
34 University to be used as follows:

- 35           (1)    \$1,931,165 in recurring funds to provide 17 full-time equivalent positions to
- 36                   provide professional, technical, and administrative staff to the North Carolina
- 37                   Institute for Public Policy.
- 38           (2)    \$50,000 in recurring funds to provide for other operating expenses of the
- 39                   Institute and the Commission.

40       **SECTION 2.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
41 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two million one hundred seventeen  
42 thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$2,117,350) in recurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year  
43 to be allocated to the School of Public and International Affairs at North Carolina State  
44 University to be used as follows:

- 45           (1)    \$2,067,350 in recurring funds to provide 17 full-time equivalent positions to
- 46                   provide professional, technical, and administrative staff to the North Carolina
- 47                   Institute for Public Policy.
- 48           (2)    \$50,000 in recurring funds to provide for other operating expenses of the
- 49                   Institute and the Commission.

50       **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.