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SENATE BILL DRS55028-SUZ-10D

Short Title: Ferry Division Performance Audit. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rabon, Sawyer, and Lazzara (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A
3 PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE FERRY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 TRANSPORTATION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
5 TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7 **SECTION 1.** The Office of the State Auditor shall conduct a performance audit of
8 the Ferry Division of the Department of Transportation, which shall include all of the following:
9 (1) A financial audit of the Division's operations and maintenance spending and
10 budget practices.
11 (2) An evaluation of the Division's operations, capital project, and maintenance
12 activities, and suggestions for long-term strategies to maximize revenue and
13 reduce costs.
14 (3) An evaluation of the current route system and potential route and schedule
15 adjustments to maximize revenue and reduce costs.
16 (4) An evaluation of potential options to diversify revenue to support ferry capital
17 project needs and recoup operating costs.
18 (5) Other items the State Auditor deems relevant to evaluate.
19 **SECTION 2.** No later than October 1, 2026, the State Auditor shall provide a report
20 of the performance audit required by this act to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight
21 Committee and the Fiscal Research Division.
22 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

