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SENATE BILL DRS45511-LRa-202A

Short Title: Cut State Agency Costs By 10%. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Burgin and Corbin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REDUCE STATE AGENCY BUDGETS BY TEN PERCENT BY JUNE 30, 2028.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
4 **SECTION 1.** Findings/Purpose. – The General Assembly finds that advances in
5 technology and service delivery will enhance State government efficiency and effectiveness. A
6 managed reduction in budgets will provide the flexibility to scale into these advances and
7 efficiencies. The purpose of this act is to ensure structural savings in State agency costs achieved
8 by reducing budgets by ten percent (10%).
9 **SECTION 2.** Budget Reduction Requirement. – By June 30, 2028, the total budgets
10 of State agencies shall be reduced by not less than ten percent (10%). The Director is granted
11 flexibility to administer cost reduction to mitigate any substantial burden affecting agencies,
12 provided that the overall reduction percentage reaches the ten percent (10%) target.
13 **SECTION 3.** Agency Implementation Plans. – By January 1, 2027, each State
14 agency head shall submit to the Director a detailed budget reduction implementation plan
15 specifying each agency's ten percent (10%) reduction target methodology. The Director shall
16 approve or require revision of each plan by no later than February 1, 2027, and shall publish
17 approved plans on the Office of State Budget and Management's website.
18 **SECTION 4.** Reporting. – By October 1, 2027, the Director shall report to the Fiscal
19 Research Division regarding progress made in complying with this act.
20 **SECTION 5.** Appropriation. – Effective July 1, 2026, there is appropriated from the
21 General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the sum of two hundred thousand
22 dollars (\$200,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to implement this act.
23 **SECTION 6.** Effective Date. – Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective
24 when it becomes law.



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