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SENATE BILL 1052

Short Title: Book Purchasing Board.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Page; Cochrane, Foxx, Kinnaird, and Lucas.

Referred to: State Government, Local Government and Personnel.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BOARD TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING
THE COSTS OF PURCHASING LIBRARY BOOKS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 2 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Part to read:

"PART 30. LIBRARY BOOK PURCHASING BOARD.

"§ 143B-135. Library book purchasing board.

(a) The Library Book Purchasing Board is created in the Department of Cultural Resources. The Board shall consist of five members. The Board shall contain the following ex officio members or their designees: the Secretary of Cultural Resources and the State Librarian. One staff member from the Purchase and Contract Division appointed by the Governor. One member appointed by the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association. One member appointed by the North Carolina Library Association's Board of Directors.

(b) The Board shall have the following functions and duties:

(1) Coordinate efforts to make purchasing library books more efficient and productive;

(2) Develop plans and implement policies for better leverage for purchasing library books in large quantities to reduce cost;

- 1 (3) Receive bids from book suppliers;
2 (4) Establish procedures to allow statewide and local libraries to submit
3 requests for books;
4 (5) Publish and distribute a list of requested books to participating libraries;
5 and
6 (6) Other duties as required.

7 (c) The terms of the ex officio members are coterminous with the respective terms
8 of office. In the event that any of the offices represented on the Board ceases to exist, the
9 successor officer to the designated member shall become an ex officio member of the
10 Board; if there shall be no successor, then the position on the Board shall be filled by a
11 member to be appointed by the Governor. The ex officio members and their designees
12 shall have the right to vote.

13 The remaining members appointed to the Board shall serve for two-year terms
14 beginning July 1 of odd-numbered years. Any appointments to fill a vacancy on the
15 Board created by the resignation, dismissal, death, or disability of a member shall be for
16 the balance of the unexpired term.

17 A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The
18 Board shall elect its own officers.

19 The members of the Board shall receive per diem and necessary travel and
20 subsistence expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 138-5.

21 **§ 143B-135.1. Meetings; clerical services; report.**

22 The Board shall meet at least quarterly or at the call of the chair. The Department of
23 Cultural Resources is responsible for providing clerical and other services required by the
24 Board. The Board shall make an annual report of its work to the Joint Appropriations
25 Committee of the General Assembly."

26 Section 2. This act is effective upon becoming law.