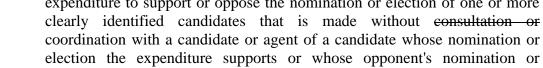
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Short Title:	"Coordination" Defined for Campaign Law.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Martin and Goodwin (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO DEFINE "COORDINATION" FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING
3	WHETHER AN IN-KIND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION HAS OCCURRED.
4	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5	SECTION 1. G.S. 163-278.6 is amended to add a new subdivision to read:
6	"(6a) The term "coordination" means, with respect to a disbursement or
7	expenditure, the act of making in consultation with, at the request of, or at
8	the suggestion of a candidate, candidate's committee, or any agent of the
9	candidate or candidate committee. Either of the following shall be the means
10	of proving that "coordination" has occurred with respect to a disbursement or
11	expenditure:
12	<u>a.</u> Evidence that a candidate, candidate's committee, or an agent of a
13	candidate or candidate's committee was involved in discussions with
14	the person or entity making the disbursement or expenditure
15	regarding either of the following:
16	<u>1.</u> <u>The content, intended audience, means or mode of</u>
17	communication, specific media outlets, timing, frequency,
18	size, prominence, or duration of the communications funded
19	by the disbursement or expenditure.
20	<u>2.</u> <u>The candidate's needs or plans.</u>
21	b. Evidence that the person or entity making the disbursement or
22	expenditure utilized a vendor that was also used by a candidate or
23	candidate's committee in the development of his/her communications
24	strategy, and that such vendor used knowledge or information
25	derived from its work for the candidate in the provision of services in
26	connection with the disbursement or expenditure."
27	SECTION 2. G.S. 163-278.6(9a) reads as rewritten:
28	"(9a) The term "independently expend" or "independent expenditure" means an
29	expenditure to support or oppose the nomination or election of one or more
30	clearly identified candidates that is made without consultation or



election the expenditure opposes. Supporting or opposing the election of clearly identified candidates includes supporting or opposing the candidates of a clearly identified political party. A contribution is not an independent



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SECTION 3. This act becomes effective January 1, 2010, and applies to contributions made or accepted on or after that date.

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