

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS15366-RRz-83* (05/11)

Short Title: Inventory of Antipoverty Efforts. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jones./Representatives Bryant and Pierce (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION OF THE GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY TO INVENTORY AND EVALUATE ANTIPOVERTY EFFORTS IN THE
4 STATE AND TO WRITE A HISTORY OF THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE
5 POVERTY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON
6 POVERTY REDUCTION AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 SECTION 1. G.S. 120-36.12 reads as rewritten:

9 "§ 120-36.12. **Duties of Program Evaluation Division.**

10 The Program Evaluation Division of the Legislative Services Commission has the
11 following powers and duties:

- 12 (1) To examine a program or an activity of a State agency and evaluate the
13 merits of the program or activity and the agency's effectiveness in
14 conducting the program or activity.
- 15 (2) To develop quantitative indicators for measuring the activities performed
16 and services provided by a State agency and the extent to which the
17 activities and services are achieving desired results.
- 18 (3) To develop unit cost measures to determine the cost of activities performed
19 and services provided by a State agency.
- 20 (4) To determine if a program or an activity of a State agency complies with the
21 agency's mission, as established by law.
- 22 (5) To make unannounced visits to a State agency when needed to evaluate a
23 program or an activity of the agency.
- 24 (6) To make recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of a
25 State agency.
- 26 (7) To determine the extent to which a State agency has implemented any of the
27 Division's recommendations concerning the agency.
- 28 (8) To require a State agency to submit a written response to a proposed or final
29 recommendation of the Division and to submit a written explanation of the
30 extent to which the agency has implemented the Division's
31 recommendations.
- 32 (9) To make periodic reports of the activities and recommendations of the
33 Division and of any savings achieved by the implementation of its
34 recommendations.



- 1 (10) To receive reports alleging improper activities or matters of public concern
2 listed in G.S. 126-84. The individual making the report may, at the
3 individual's discretion, remain anonymous. Any report received under this
4 subdivision, in whatever form, shall not be a "public record" as defined by
5 G.S. 132-1 and becomes available to the public only as provided in
6 G.S. 120-131.
- 7 (11) To conduct and update an inventory of State programs that are aimed at
8 reducing or alleviating the condition of poverty, to evaluate the outcomes
9 and effectiveness of those programs, and to write and update a history of
10 State efforts to reduce poverty."
- 11 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.