

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1121

Short Title: Legislative Transparency. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ball, John, and Lofton (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 18, 2020

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY.

3 Whereas, the North Carolina General Assembly seeks to operate in a manner that is
4 open and transparent to the public; and

5 Whereas, the North Carolina General Assembly continues to enhance the technology
6 used by its members, staff, and the general public; and

7 Whereas, it may be challenging to follow the movement of a bill from filing, through
8 committee with amendments and committee substitutes, to floor votes and passage over to the
9 alternate chamber and through its procedures, with potential substantial changes from the original
10 content and title; and

11 Whereas, video broadcast of House Legislative sessions are now available to the
12 public, but not accessible to those who are hard-of-hearing or deaf; Now, therefore,
13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General Assembly,
15 Division of Information Systems, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) in nonrecurring
16 funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The funds shall be used to (i) determine how to enhance the
17 North Carolina General Assembly's current web-based bill tracking system and (ii) plan, install,
18 deploy, and test a closed captioning system for video broadcasts and video replays of daily
19 legislative sessions and any recorded committee meetings.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.

