

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 1171
Senate Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 6/2/09**

Short Title: Law Student Externs at General Assembly. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 8, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT LAW STUDENT EXTERNS AT THE GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY ARE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE CONFIDENTIALITY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 120-29(2) reads as rewritten:

6 "(2) "Legislative employee" means employees and officers of the General
7 Assembly, consultants and counsel to members and committees of either
8 house of the General Assembly or of legislative commissions who are paid
9 by State funds, students at an accredited law school while in an externship
10 program at the General Assembly approved by the Legislative Services
11 Commission, and employees of the School of Government at the University
12 of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; but does not mean legislators and members
13 of the Council of State."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 120-134 reads as rewritten:

15 **"§ 120-134. Penalty.**

16 Violation of any provision of this Article shall be grounds for disciplinary action in the case
17 of ~~employees~~ employees, for referral to the academic institution for appropriate discipline in
18 the case of law student externs, and for removal from office in the case of public officers. No
19 criminal penalty shall attach for any violation of this Article."

20 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 120C-100(a)(6) reads as rewritten:

21 "(6) Legislative employee. – Employees and officers of the General Assembly,
22 consultants and counsel to committees of either house of the General
23 Assembly or of legislative commissions, who are paid by State funds, and
24 students at an accredited law school while in an externship program at the
25 General Assembly approved by the Legislative Services Commission, but
26 not including legislators, members of the Council of State, nonsupervisory
27 employees of the Administrative Division's Facility Maintenance and Food
28 Services staff, or pages."

29 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

