GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 699 SENATE BILL 1227

AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR SETTING OFF AGAINST A DEBTOR'S STATE TAX REFUND AMOUNTS OWED BECAUSE THE DEBTOR FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 105A-2(1) reads as rewritten:

- "(1) 'Claimant agency' means and includes:
 - a. The State Education Assistance Authority as enabled by Article 23 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes;
 - b. The North Carolina Department of Human Resources when in the exercise of its authority to collect health profession student loans made pursuant to G.S. 131-121;
 - c. The North Carolina Department of Human Resources when in the performance of its duties under the Medical Assistance Program enabled by Chapter 108A, Article 2, Part 6, and any county operating the same Program at the local level, when and only to the extent such a county is in the performance of Medical Assistance Program collection functions;
 - d. The North Carolina Department of Human Resources when in the performance of its duties, under the Child Support Enforcement Program as enabled by Chapter 110, Article 9 and Title IV, Part D of the Social Security Act to obtain indemnification for past paid public assistance or to collect child support arrearages owed to an individual receiving program services and any county operating the program at the local level, when and only to the extent that the county is engaged in the performance of those same duties.
 - e The University of North Carolina, including its constituent institutions as specified by G.S. 116-2(4);
 - f The North Carolina Memorial Hospital in the conduct of its financial affairs and operations pursuant to G.S. 116-37;
 - g. The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina and the State Board of Education through the College Scholarship Loan Committee when in the performance of its duties of administering the Scholarship Loan Fund for

- Prospective College Teachers enabled by Chapter 116, Article 5;
- h. The Office of the North Carolina Attorney General on behalf of any State agency when the claim has been reduced to a judgment;
- i. The State Board of Community Colleges through community colleges as enabled by Chapter 115D in the conduct of their financial affairs and operations;
- j. State facilities as listed in G.S. 122C-181(a), School for the Deaf at Morganton, North Carolina Sanatorium at McCain, Western Carolina Sanatorium at Black Mountain, Eastern North Carolina Sanatorium at Wilson, and Gravely Sanatorium at Chapel Hill under Chapter 143, Article 7; Governor Morehead School under Chapter 115, Article 40; Central North Carolina School for the Deaf under Chapter 115, Article 41; Wright School for Treatment and Education of Emotionally Disturbed Children under Chapter 122, Article 12A; 122C; and these same institutions by any other names by which they may be known in the future:
- k. The North Carolina Department of Revenue;
- 1. The Administrative Office of the Courts;
- m. The Division of Forest Resources of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development;
- n. The Administrator of the Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan, established in Article 3 of General Statutes Chapter 135;
- o. The State Board of Education through the Superintendent of Public Instruction when in the performance of his duties of administering the Scholarship Loan Fund for Prospective Teachers enabled by Chapter 115C, Article 32A and the scholarship loan and grant programs enabled by Chapter 115C, Article 24C, Part 1.
- p. The Board of Trustees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Trustees of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System in the performance of their duties pursuant to Chapters 120, 128, 135 and 143 of the General Statutes.
- q. The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Commission in the performance of its duties pursuant to Chapter 115C, Article 24C, Part 2.
- r. The North Carolina Department of Human Resources when in the performance of its intentional program violation collection duties under the Food Stamp Program enabled by Chapter 108A, Article 2, Part 5, and any county operating the same

Program at the local level, when and only to the extent such a county is in the performance of Food Stamp Program intentional program violation collection functions.

The North Carolina Department of Human Resources when, in the performance of its duties under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program or the Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Emergency Assistance Program provided in Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 108A or under the State-County Special Assistance for Adults Program provided in Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 108A, it seeks to collect public assistance payments obtained through an intentional false statement, intentional misrepresentation, or intentional failure to disclose a material fact."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 1990.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 31st day of July, 1989.