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SENATE BILL 784

Short Title: Flexible Benefit Plans.

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Sponsors: Senators Royall; Conder, Hunt of Moore, Johnson of Wake, Odom, Plyler, Sherron, and Ward.

Referred to: State Personnel.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE FLEXIBLE COMPENSATION PLANS FOR STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES, UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES, COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES, AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 23 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**§ 115C-341.1. Flexible Compensation Plan.**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law relating to the salaries of employees of local boards of education, the State Board of Education is authorized to provide a plan of flexible compensation to eligible employees of local school administrative units for benefits available under Section 125 and related sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended. This plan shall not include those benefits provided to employees under Articles 1, 3, and 6 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes nor any vacation leave, sick leave, or any other leave that may be carried forward from year to year by employees as a form of deferred compensation. In providing a plan of flexible compensation, the State Board may authorize local school administrative units to enter into agreements with their employees for reductions in the salaries of employees electing to participate in the plan of flexible compensation provided by this section. Should the State Board decide to contract with a third party to administer the terms and conditions of a plan of flexible compensation as provided by this section, it may select such a contractor only upon a thorough and completely advertised competitive procurement process.

1           Sec. 2. Article 2 of Chapter 115D of the General Statutes is amended by  
2 adding a new section to read:

3 **"§ 115D-25.1. Flexible Compensation Plan.**

4           Notwithstanding any other provisions of law relating to the salaries of employees of  
5 community college boards of trustees, the State Board of Community Colleges is  
6 authorized to provide a plan of flexible compensation to eligible employees of  
7 constituent institutions benefits available under Section 125 and related sections of the  
8 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended. This plan shall not include those benefits  
9 provided to employees under Articles 1, 3, and 6 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes  
10 nor any vacation leave, sick leave, or any other leave that may be carried forward from  
11 year to year by employees as a form of deferred compensation. In providing a plan of  
12 flexible compensation, the State Board may authorize constituent institutions to enter  
13 into agreements with their employees for reductions in the salaries of employees  
14 electing to participate in the plan of flexible compensation provided by this section.  
15 Should the State Board decide to contract with a third party to administer the terms and  
16 conditions of a plan of flexible compensation as provided by this section, it may select  
17 such a contractor only upon a thorough and completely advertised competitive  
18 procurement process."

19           Sec. 3. Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by  
20 adding a new section to read:

21 **"§ 116-17.1. Flexible Compensation Plan.**

22           Notwithstanding any other provisions of law relating to the salaries of employees of  
23 The University of North Carolina, the Board of Governors of The University of North  
24 Carolina is authorized to provide a plan of flexible compensation to eligible employees  
25 of constituent institutions for benefits available under Section 125 and related sections  
26 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended. This plan shall not include those  
27 benefits provided to employees under Articles 1, 3, and 6 of Chapter 135 of the General  
28 Statutes nor any vacation leave, sick leave, or any other leave that may be carried  
29 forward from year to year by employees as a form of deferred compensation. In  
30 providing a plan of flexible compensation, the Board of Governors may authorize  
31 constituent institutions to enter into agreements with their employees for reductions in  
32 the salaries of employees electing to participate in the plan of flexible compensation  
33 provided by this section. Should the Board of Governors decide to contract with a third  
34 party to administer the terms and conditions of a plan of flexible compensation as  
35 provided by this section, it may select such a contractor only upon a thorough and  
36 completely advertised competitive procurement process."

37           Sec. 4. G.S. 143-34.1 reads as rewritten:

38 **"§ 143-34.1. Payrolls submitted to the Director of the Budget; approval of payment**  
39 **of vouchers; payment of required employer salary-related contributions**  
40 **for retirement benefits, death benefits, disability salary continuation and**  
41 **Social Security; support of hospital and medical insurance programs for**  
42 **retired members of certain associations, organizations, boards, etc.**

43           All payrolls of all departments, institutions, and agencies of the State government  
44 shall, prior to the issuance of vouchers in payment therefor, be submitted to the Director

1 of the Budget, who shall check the same against the appropriations to such departments,  
2 institutions and agencies for such purposes, and if found to be within said  
3 appropriations, he shall approve the same and return one to the department, institution  
4 or agency submitting same and transmit one copy to the State Controller, and no  
5 voucher in payment of said payroll or any item thereon shall be honored or paid except  
6 and to the extent that the same has been approved by the Director of the Budget.

7 Required employer salary-related contributions for retirement benefits, death  
8 benefits, disability salary continuation and Social Security for employees whose salaries  
9 are paid from general fund or highway fund revenues, or from department, office,  
10 institutional or agency receipts, or from non-State funds, shall be paid from the same  
11 source as the source of the employees' salaries. In those instances in which an  
12 employee's salary is paid in part from the general fund, or the highway fund, and in part  
13 from the department, office, institutional or agency receipts, or from non-State funds,  
14 the required salary-related contributions shall be paid from the general fund, or the  
15 highway fund, only to the extent of the proportionate part paid from the general fund, or  
16 highway fund, in support of the salary of such employee, and the remainder of the  
17 employer's contribution requirements shall be paid from the same source which supplies  
18 the remainder of such employee's salary. The requirements of this section as to the  
19 source of payment are also applicable to payments on behalf of the employee for  
20 hospital-medical insurance, longevity payments, salary increments, and legislative  
21 salary increases. The State Controller shall approve the method of payment by State  
22 departments, offices, institutions and agencies for employer salary-related requirements  
23 of this section, and determine the applicability of the section to an employer's salary-  
24 related contribution or payment in behalf of an employee.

25 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law relating to the salaries of employees of  
26 officers and employees of departments, institutions, and agencies of State government,  
27 the Director of the Budget is authorized to provide a plan of flexible compensation to  
28 eligible officers and employees of State departments, institutions, and agencies not  
29 covered by the provisions of G.S. 116-17.1 for benefits available under Section 125 and  
30 related sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended. This plan shall not  
31 include those benefits provided to employees under Articles 1, 3, and 6 of Chapter 135  
32 of the General Statutes nor any vacation leave, sick leave, or any other leave that may  
33 be carried forward from year to year by employees as a form of deferred compensation.  
34 In providing a plan of flexible compensation, the Director of the Budget may authorize  
35 local school administrative units to enter into agreements with their employees for  
36 reductions in the salaries of employees electing to participate in the plan of flexible  
37 compensation provided by this section. Should the Director of the Budget decide to  
38 contract with a third party to administer the terms and conditions of a plan of flexible  
39 compensation as provided by this section, it may select such a contractor only upon a  
40 thorough and completely advertised competitive procurement process."

41 Sec. 5. This act shall become effective January 1, 1990.