

## SENATE BILL 177: Continuing Budget Adjustments.

## 2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee: House Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Date: June 23, 2025

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Analysis of: PCS to First Edition Staff Attorney

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OVERVIEW: The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for Senate Bill 177 would make various changes affecting the continuing operations for the State.

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

**Section 1.1** provides \$500 million in recurring funds in each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium for the Medicaid rebase and managed care administration.

**Section 2.1** provides funds to the Office of State Auditor for new positions.

**Section 2.2** provides funds to the State Board of Elections for 7 new exempt positions and makes conforming changes to the relevant statute.

**Section 2.3** provides \$1.5 million to the State Board of Elections for litigation funds.

**Section 2.4** provides \$15 million in nonrecurring funds to the State Board of Elections from the IT Reserve for the State Election Information Management System and campaign finance software upgrades.

**Section 2.5** directs the Department of Administration to assign space in the Albemarle Building to the State Board of Elections and appropriates funds for the move.

**Section 3.1** provides funding from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund for ongoing capital improvement projects at various State agencies and UNC.

**Section 3.2** sets the employer salary-related contributions for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium for State employees. Subsection (d) codifies the ability of the Department of State Treasurer to use up to 0.01% of the employer contributions for benefits payable under the Qualified Excess Benefit Arrangement.

**Section 3.3** provides to the Benefits Contribution Reserve the funds necessary for State contributions required by Part III.

**Section 4.1** provides \$20 million to Robeson County for State matching requirements for federal funding for the Lumber River Basin waterway restoration project.

**Section 4.2** provides \$142 million to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the Agricultural Crop Loss Program.

**Section 4.3** contains boilerplate language for the appropriations in Secs. 4.1 & 4.2, including directing the funds and imposing reporting requirements.

**Section 4.4** would repeal duplicate language if this PCS and S401 both become law.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Except as otherwise provided, this act would become effective July 1, 2025.