



Josh Stein, Governor

*State of North
Carolina*

GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 549: AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR, TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO FORCE COLLECT DEBTS OWED TO STATE AGENCIES THROUGH LEVY AND SALE AND ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT.

House Bill 549 would grant the Auditor sweeping access to the data and records of any private corporation that accepts any amount of state funding. Giving the Auditor this intrusive power may undermine our state's efforts to recruit businesses to North Carolina. Additionally, the bill would remove the Office of State Auditor from the state's cybersecurity efforts led by the Department of Information Technology, putting North Carolinians' personal identifying information at heightened risk of a breach.

Therefore, I veto the bill.



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The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 2nd day of July 2025, at 4:29 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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determination of the claim if it is a State agency claim, and an accounting of the proceeds as specified under this section, the claimant agency must credit the debtor's obligation with the net proceeds collected.

"§ 105A-14A. Forced collection proceeds credited to General Fund.

The net proceeds collected through a forced collection conducted under this Chapter shall be credited to the General Fund by the Department within 60 days of collection.

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SECTION 11.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to the collection of debts on or after that date.

SECTION 12.(a) G.S. 143B-218 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-218. Department of Revenue – duties.

It shall be the duty of the Department to collect and account for the State's tax funds, to insure uniformity of administration of the tax laws and regulations, to conduct research on revenue matters, and to exercise general and specific supervision over the valuation and taxation of property throughout the State. State, and to perform other non-tax related functions as enacted by the General Assembly."

SECTION 12.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to the performance of non-tax related functions by the Department on or after that date.

PART IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 13. Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act become effective July 1, 2025, and apply to contracts entered into or renewed on or after that date. G.S. 147-64.6(c)(21), as amended by Section 10 of this act, becomes effective December 1, 2025. Unless otherwise provided, the remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 25th day of June, 2025.



Rachel Hunt
President of the Senate



Destin Hall
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor

Approved _____ m. this _____ day of _____, 2025

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