

HOUSE BILL 464: Regional Transportation Authority Revisions

2015-2016 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House Transportation	Date:	April 13, 2015
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SUMMARY: House Bill 464 (proposed committee substitute) makes changes to regional transportation authority statute governing PART, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation.

The proposed committee substitute deletes language in Section 2 concerning tie votes, and corrects the section numbering.

**CURRENT LAW:** Current State law, Article 27 of Chapter 160A, enacted in 1997, authorized the establishment of a regional transportation authority in the Triad area, known as PART, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 464 (proposed committee substitute) makes the following changes to the statutes governing PART:

Section 1 of the bill:

• Changes the Board membership to provide for two or three members of the Board of Transportation as voting members, from the PART area.

Section 2 of the bill:

- Provides that determination of a quorum of the Board of Trustees shall exclude vacant seats.
- Provides that a member of the Board who withdraws from a meeting without begin excused shall be counted as present.
- Provides that a Board member may only be excused from voting for conflict of financial interest, or other reason required by law.
- Requires an affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Board not excused for: financial expenditure, or to make a contract.

Section 3 of the bill:

- Provides that the Board shall employ a chief administrative officer.
- Provides that the Board shall fix the compensation of the chief administrative officer, and any employees hired by the chief administrative officer.

## Section 4 of bill:

• Specifies, in new G.S. 160A-639.1, the duties of the chief administrative officer, including: hiring, removal, and supervision of employees; attendance at Board meetings, submitting a budget and capital program; and designation of a Board Clerk.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015, and applies to contracts entered into and other actions occurring on or after that date.

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