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# HOUSE BILL 984: Oversight IDD Employment/Educ. Programs.

2017-2018 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House Health. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations	<b>Date:</b>	May 29, 2018
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Bradford, Dollar, Lambeth, Sauls	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Theresa Matula
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**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 984 would create a Director of Education and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities position in the Department of Health and Human Services and appropriate funds for the position; add the Director to the Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children; and require a report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by March 1, 2019. The bill is a recommendation from the Joint Legislative Research Commission, Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

### BILL ANALYSIS:

**Sections 1, 3, 5 and 7** of the bill pertain to the establishment of a Director of Education and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) position in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). **Section 1** amends Chapter 143B, Article 3, Part 13, to add a new statutory section providing for a Director of Education and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with IDD. The new section does the following: establishes the position, provides for the appointment of the Director by the DHHS Secretary, provides for staff, and outlines 14 duties and responsibilities of the Director. The Director is required to report on the interagency coordination of education and employment programs and services for individuals with IDD, including the evaluation of available programs and services and outcomes in attaining postsecondary education and employment. The report is made to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by March 1 of each year. **Section 3** exempts the Director of Education and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with IDD from most of the Articles in the State Human Resources Act. **Section 5** requires the DHHS Secretary to appoint a Director of Education and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with IDD by October 1, 2018. **Section 7** appropriates \$150,000 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year in recurring funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for the salary and benefits of the Director of Education and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with IDD and any necessary staff, as well as \$18,000 in nonrecurring funds for furniture and equipment costs.

**Section 2** amends G.S. 143B-179 to add the Director of Education and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with IDD as an ex officio member of the Council on Developmental Disabilities.

**Section 4** amends G.S. 115C-112.1(b) pertaining to the membership of the Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children to add the Director of Education and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with IDD as an ex officio member and to add the Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile justice or designee as an ex officio in place of the Secretary of Public Safety who is listed twice.

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**Section 6** requires the Director of Education and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with IDD to submit an initial report containing information on four specific items to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by March 1, 2019.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would become effective July 1, 2018.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 984 is a recommendation from the Joint Legislative Research Commission, Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The Committee recommended that a position be created within DHHS to oversee administration and coordination of education and employment programs for individuals with IDD. The Committee further recommended that the position provide an annual report to the General Assembly on interagency coordination of education and employment programs and services for individuals with IDD and the evaluation of available programs.