OVERVIEW: Sec. 36.6 of S.L. 2018-5 creates the UNC Board of Governors Planning Task Force (Task Force) consisting of four current Board members appointed by the Board of Governors (BOG) no later than August 1, 2018. One of the four members shall be designated as chair.

The Task Force must conduct a systemwide analysis of the capital needs of the campuses of each constituent institution in relation to the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) subject area to compile a UNC System Plan. The Task Force must use the $3 million appropriated to the BOG in conducting the analysis. The Task Force must take into account strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and needs of each constituent institution, regional similarities and differences, and the impact of any relevant currently utilized programmatic planning elements that can be implemented as a best practice among other similar programmatic areas to encourage systemwide efficiencies. In particular, the Task Force must consider the capital needs relating to the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, the UNC Applied Physical Sciences and Institute for Convergent Science in Chapel Hill, and other STEM projects to determine areas where capital funds may be used more efficiently and effectively.

By April 1, 2019, the Task Force must submit a report containing the UNC System Plan and any legislative recommendations to the Joint Legislative Capital Improvements Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division.

This section became effective July 1, 2018.