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# SENATE BILL 508: 2023 Budget Technical/Other Corrections, Sec. 1.7: Corrections Pertaining to the University of North Carolina Health Care System and East Carolina University

**Committee:**  
**Introduced by:**  
**Analysis of:** Sec. 1.7 of S.L. 2024-1

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**OVERVIEW:** *Section 1.7 of S.L. 2024-1 makes the following changes to the clarification of authority of the University of North Carolina Health Care System (UNC Health) and East Carolina University Health Care (ECU Health) operational and personnel flexibilities enacted in Section 4.10 of S.L. 2023-132:*

- *It clarifies that UNC Faculty Physicians and any entity that merges with UNC Health are component units of UNC Health, and that the UNC Health Board (Board) has authority over those component units.*
- *It requires the Board to meet four times each year, instead of every 60 days.*
- *It allows the Board to designate UNC Health's in-house counsel to represent UNC Health at commitment hearings.*
- *It authorizes the Board to establish a liability insurance program.*
- *For purposes of retirement, it clarifies that individuals who are hired by UNC Health on or after January 1, 2024, and who were members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System or the UNC Optional Retirement Program at the time of hire will be treated as if they were employed by UNC Health on December 31, 2023. This provision does not apply to law enforcement officers.*
- *For purposes of retirement, it clarifies that individuals who are hired by ECU Health on or after January 1, 2024, and who were members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System or the ECU Optional Retirement Program at the time of hire will be treated as if they were employed by ECU Health on December 31, 2023.*
- *It allows employees of UNC Health to participate in the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan.*
- *It allows the ECU chancellor to adopt policies governing property development for the ECU Medical Faculty Practice Plan and ECU Dental School Clinical Operations.*

*The provisions of the section dealing with the authority of the UNC Health Board and the ECU chancellor became effective May 15, 2024. The provisions dealing with retirement are effective retroactively to January 1, 2024.*

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