



# HOUSE BILL 479: Town of Burgaw Property Transfer.

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<b>Committee:</b>	House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	April 8, 2025
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 479 would require the State of North Carolina to convey to the Town of Burgaw (Town), for one dollar (\$1.00), all its rights, titles, and interests in approximately 11 acres of land to be used for public purposes.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Article 7 of Chapter 146 of the General Statutes governs disposition of State property and requires that sales of land owned by the State must be made by the Department of Administration and approved by the Governor and Council of State. Article 16 of Chapter 146 of the General Statutes establishes the form of conveyances for State property and, within that Article, G.S. 146-74 requires that proposed conveyances to be submitted to the Governor and Council of State for approval.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 479 would do the following:

- Require the State of North Carolina to convey to the Town, for one dollar (\$1.00), all its rights, titles, and interests in approximately 11 acres of land to be used public purposes.
- Require the Department of Administration to consult with the Town to determine specifically which portion of the described land must be transferred.
- Revert the property to the State should it cease being used for public purposes.
- Require the State of North Carolina to convey the property "as is" and "where is" without representations or warranties concerning the title to the property, its boundaries, the uses to which the property may be put, zoning, local ordinances, or any physical, environmental, health, and safety conditions relating to the property.
- Direct the Town to pay all costs associated with the conveyance of the property.
- Exempt the conveyance from requiring the approval of the Governor and Council of State.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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