

SENATE BILL 177: Continuing Budget Adjustments.

This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

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House

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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 177 would make various changes affecting the continuing operations for the State.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1.1 provides \$500 million in recurring funds in each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium for the Medicaid rebase and managed care administration.

Section 2.1 provides funds to the Office of State Auditor for new positions.

Section 2.2 provides funds to the State Board of Elections for 7 new exempt positions and makes conforming changes to the relevant statute.

Section 2.3 provides \$1.5 million to the State Board of Elections for litigation funds.

Section 2.4 provides \$15 million in nonrecurring funds to the State Board of Elections from the IT Reserve for the State Election Information Management System and campaign finance software upgrades.

Section 2.5 directs the Department of Administration to assign space in the Albemarle Building to the State Board of Elections and appropriates funds for the move.

Section 3.1 provides funding from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund for ongoing capital improvement projects at various State agencies and UNC.

Section 3.2 sets the employer salary-related contributions for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium for State employees. Subsection (d) codifies the ability of the Department of State Treasurer to use up to 0.01% of the employer contributions for benefits payable under the Qualified Excess Benefit Arrangement.

Section 3.3 provides to the Benefits Contribution Reserve the funds necessary for State contributions required by Part III.

Section 4.1 provides \$20 million to Robeson County for State matching requirements for federal funding for the Lumber River Basin waterway restoration project.

Section 4.2 provides \$142 million to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the Agricultural Crop Loss Program.

Section 4.3 contains boilerplate language for the appropriations in Secs. 4.1 & 4.2, including directing the funds and imposing reporting requirements.

Section 4.4 would repeal duplicate language if this bill and S401 both become law.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: Except as otherwise provided, this act would become effective July 1, 2025.