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MEMORANDUM

To: House Judiciary 1
From: General Statutes Commission
Re: HB 481 (GSC Technical Corrections 2025 Part 2)
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General Comments

This bill, which is recommended by the General Statutes Commission, contains corrections of a technical nature to the General Statutes and session laws. The Commission recommends this bill pursuant to its statutory duty under G.S. 164-13 to continuously research and recommend technical corrections.

No opposition to the bill has been expressed to the Commission.

The technical corrections in this bill consist of fixing garbage language caused by past conflicting amendments, replacing legalese with plain English, making conforming changes, deleting obsolete, duplicative, or unnecessary language, making stylistic changes for greater clarity or consistency, fixing punctuation, capitalization, and grammatical errors, making language gender-neutral, fixing the format of references, modernizing the format of lists, making changes to conform to this State's drafting conventions, splitting up sentences or tabulating language for greater clarity, and rewording terms for greater consistency.

Specific Comments

Section 1 updates terminology throughout the General Statutes to conform to this State's drafting conventions of using the terms "email," "internet," "website," and "rulemaking."

Section 2 amends G.S. 14-288.9 as follows:

- In the section catchline, changes a term to mirror the term used in the statute.
- In subsection (a), changes a term for greater clarity, adds clarifying language, modernizes the format of a list, and deletes unnecessary language.
- In subsection (b), adds clarifying language, makes language gender-neutral, changes language to achieve subject-pronoun agreement, and changes a definite article to an indefinite article.
- In subsection (c), makes a stylistic change for greater clarity.
- In subsection (d), makes stylistic changes for greater clarity and replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subsections (e) and (f), makes a stylistic change for greater clarity.

Section 3(a) amends G.S. 15A-145.5 as follows:

- In subsection (a), adds clarifying language, deletes unnecessary language, and rewords for greater accuracy.

- In subsection (c), fixes punctuation, adds lead-in language to a list, adds clarifying language, and deletes unnecessary language.
- In subsection (c1), adds clarifying language, deletes unnecessary language, replaces legalese with plain English, adds tabulation for greater clarity, fixes a typographical error in the statute (from "on" to "or"), makes stylistic changes for greater clarity, and fixes punctuation.
- In subsection (c2), deletes unnecessary language, changes a term for greater internal consistency, fixes punctuation, fixes a relative pronoun, and makes language gender-neutral.
- In subsection (c3), deletes unnecessary language, changes a term for greater internal consistency, fixes punctuation, fixes a relative pronoun, and makes a stylistic change for greater clarity.
- In subsection (c4), makes stylistic changes for greater clarity and fixes punctuation.
- In subsection (d), deletes unnecessary language by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.
- In subsection (d1), deletes unnecessary language.
- In subsection (d2), adds clarifying language and deletes unnecessary language.
- In subsection (d3), replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subsection (e), deletes unnecessary language and replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subsection (f), deletes unnecessary language, changes a definite article to an indefinite article, changes a term for greater internal consistency, rewords for greater clarity, and replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subsection (g), changes a term for greater internal consistency and adds language for greater clarity.

Section 3(b) amends G.S. 15A-145 as follows:

- In the section catchline, rewords to better reflect the content of the statute.
- In subsection (a), deletes unnecessary language and makes language gender-neutral.
- In subsection (b1), deletes unnecessary language by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.

Section 3(c) amends G.S. 15A-145.1 as follows:

- In the catchline, rewords to better reflect the content of the statute.
- In subsection (a), deletes unnecessary language.
- In subsection (b1), deletes unnecessary language by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.

Section 3(d) amends G.S. 15A-145.2 as follows:

- In subsection (a), deletes unnecessary language.
- In subsection (a1), deletes unnecessary language by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.

Section 3(e) amends G.S. 15A-145.3 as follows:

- In subsection (a), deletes unnecessary language.
- In subsection (b1), deletes unnecessary language by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.

Section 3(f) amends G.S. 15A-145.4 as follows:

- In subsection (c), deletes unnecessary language.
- In subsection (f), deletes unnecessary language by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.

Section 3(g) amends G.S. 15A-145.6 as follows:

- In subsection (c), deletes unnecessary language.
- In subsection (g), deletes unnecessary language by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.

Section 3(h) amends G.S. 15A-145.7 as follows:

- In subsection (a), deletes unnecessary language.
- In subsection (b), deletes unnecessary language by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.

Section 3(i) amends G.S. 15A-145.8 to delete unnecessary language in subsection (a) by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.

Section 3(j) amends G.S. 15A-145.8A to delete unnecessary language in subsection (f) by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.

Section 3(k) amends G.S. 15A-145.9 to delete unnecessary language in subsection (g) by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.

Section 3(l) amends G.S. 15A-146 to delete unnecessary language in subsection (a3) by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.

Section 3(m) amends G.S. 15A-147 to delete unnecessary language in subsection (b) by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.

Section 3(n) amends G.S. 15A-149 to delete unnecessary language in subsection (c) by cross-referencing to a statute that applies throughout the Article.

Section 3(o) amends G.S. 15A-153 as follows:

- In subsection (a), changes a term for greater internal consistency within the statute.
- In subsection (b), rewords for greater clarity and internal consistency within the subsection.

Section 4 amends G.S. 48-3-309 as follows:

- In subsection (b), deletes an extraneous word "histories." When S.L. 2007-276, s. 9, amended this provision, it omitted but did not strike through that word, thus leaving it in.
- In the section catchline, deletes unnecessary language and conforming language to the rest of the section.
- In subsection (d), fixes the format of an internal citation.
- In subsection (g), replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subsection (h), deletes language that is redundant of language in subsection (c). This bill also deletes an unnecessary word, replaces "authorized" with "required" to conform to

the rest of the section, and makes a stylistic change to a reference to the Division of Social Services.

Section 5(a) amends G.S. 58-36-43 as follows:

- Deletes garbage language caused by conflicting amendments. S.L. 2023-133, s. 16(b), amended G.S. 58-36-43(a) but set out an earlier version of the statute that did not reflect any of the amendments by S.L. 2022-46, s. 11. The S.L. 2023-133 amendments had a delayed effective date (January 1, 2025), which has since been moved to July 1, 2025, by S.L. 2024-29, s. 9(b). The S.L. 2022-46 amendments and the S.L. 2023-133 amendments conflict in one sentence. S.L. 2022-46 amended a sentence that began "Neither the acceptance, renewal of a policy, nor any underwriting rating criteria . . ." and S.L. 2023-133 deleted that sentence. Consequently, there is garbage language at the end of the first paragraph that reads "dwelling, residential private flood[.]"
- Makes a change to the section catchline to conform to the rest of the section.
- Shortens language and makes stylistic changes for greater clarity and makes a conforming change in the last paragraph of subsection (a), which was added by S.L. 2023-133.

Section 5(b) provides that this section becomes effective July 1, 2025, which is the effective date of the amendments by S.L. 2023-133.

Section 6(a) amends Part 1 of Article 45 of Chapter 66 of the General Statutes as follows:

- Throughout the part, replaces "cash converters" with "currency converters" to conform to S.L. 2013 410, s. 26. That provision directed the Revisor of Statutes to replace all instances of "cash converter" with "currency converter." However, there were a few instances of "cash converters" that were not changed at the time because they did not fall within the scope of the instruction.
- In G.S. 66-386, shortens language for greater clarity and fixes punctuation and grammar.

Section 6(b) amends G.S. 25-9-201 to conform to the replacement of "cash converters" with "currency converters." This bill also fixes capitalization in subsection catchlines, fixes a relative pronoun, deletes unnecessary language, modernizes the format of a list, and makes a stylistic change for greater clarity.

Section 7(a) and (b) amends G.S. 75D-3 (the definitions section for Chapter 75D ("Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations")) of the General Statutes) as follows:

- Throughout the section, renumbers its subunits to conform to the General Statutes, reorders the definitions so that they appear in alphabetical order, and modernizes the format of the definitions.
- In subdivision (1), makes language-gender neutral.
- In subdivision (2), replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subdivision (4), makes a conforming change to the renumbering and reordering.
- In subdivision (6), makes stylistic changes for greater clarity.
- In subdivision (7), replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subdivision (8), deletes unnecessary language, fixes a relative pronoun, replaces legalese with plain English, modernizes the format of a list, deletes references to repealed provisions, fixes the format of citations, and moves language for greater clarity.

- In subdivision (9), make stylistic changes for greater clarity and replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subdivision (11), modernizes the format of a list, makes stylistic changes, fixes a relative pronoun, fixes a preposition, replaces legalese with plain English, clarifies an ambiguous reference, and collapses a tabulated list to avoid setting out two lists in the same subunit.

Section 7(c) amends G.S. 75D-5 as follows:

- In subsection (b), replaces legalese with plain English and deletes unnecessary language.
- In subsection (c), replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subsection (d), deletes unnecessary language, makes stylistic changes for greater clarity, and makes a change to conform to the renumbering of G.S. 75D-3.
- In subsection (e), modernizes the format of a list, deletes unnecessary language, and fixes punctuation.
- In subsection (f), replaces legalese with plain English, makes language gender-neutral, and makes a stylistic change for greater clarity.
- In subsection (g), deletes unnecessary language and makes a stylistic change for greater clarity.
- In subsection (h), makes stylistic changes for greater clarity, fixes punctuation, replaces legalese with plain English, fixes relative pronouns, and fixes spelling.
- In subsection (i), replaces legalese with plain English, fixes a relative pronoun, makes a stylistic change for greater clarity, and fixes a citation.
- In subsection (j), fixes punctuation, replaces legalese with plain English, deletes unnecessary language, makes stylistic changes for greater clarity, fixes relative pronouns, makes a change to conform terminology, and replaces "must" with "shall" to conform to the rest of the section.
- In subsection (k), makes a stylistic change for greater clarity, deletes unnecessary language, and fixes the format of an internal citation.
- In subsection (l), fixes the format of lists, makes stylistic changes for greater clarity, splits up sentences, deletes unnecessary language, and fixes punctuation.

Section 7(d) amends G.S. 75D-8 as follows:

- In subsection (a), modernizes the format of a list, makes stylistic changes for greater clarity, makes language gender-neutral, makes changes to conform terminology, fixes punctuation, and deletes unnecessary language, shortens language for greater clarity, replaces "within this State" with "in this State" in accordance with this State's drafting conventions, and clarifies an ambiguous reference.
- In subsection (b), replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subsection (c), makes stylistic changes for greater clarity, fixes relative pronouns, replaces legalese with plain English, fixes punctuation, fixes the format of a citation, replaces "must" with "shall" to conform to the rest of the section, and fixes the format of a list.
- In subsection (d), makes stylistic changes for greater clarity, replaces legalese with plain English, and replaces "must" with "shall" to conform to the rest of the section.
- In subsection (e), makes a stylistic change for greater clarity, deletes language that is unnecessary because of a defined term, and replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subsection (f), makes stylistic changes for greater clarity, makes changes to conform to the renumbering of G.S. 75D-3, fixes punctuation, and deletes unnecessary language.

Section 7(e) provides that this section is effective when it becomes law and applies to actions or proceedings commenced on or after that date.

Section 8 amends G.S. 85B-1 as follows:

- Throughout the section, reorders definitions so that they appear in alphabetical order, modernizes the format of the definitions, and uses the phrase "[t]his term" when elaborating on a definition in accordance with this State's drafting conventions.
- In the introductory language, fixes punctuation and replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subdivision (1), makes a stylistic change for greater clarity.
- In subdivision (3), makes a stylistic change for greater clarity, tabulates a list for greater clarity, and fixes punctuation.
- In subdivision (4), splits up a sentence and makes a stylistic change for greater clarity.
- In subdivision (6), replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subdivision (7), makes a stylistic change for greater clarity.
- In subdivision (10), tabulates a list for greater clarity, replaces legalese with plain English, deletes unnecessary language, adds commas, and shortens language, and makes a stylistic change for greater clarity.

Section 9 fixes the designation of G.S. 128-26A, which does not conform to the General Statutes numbering system.

Section 10(a) amends G.S. 131A-3 as follows:

- Throughout the section, modernizes the format of definitions, reorders the definitions so that they appear in alphabetical order, and replaces legalese with plain English.
- In the definitions of "cost" and "health care facilities," tabulates language for greater clarity and deletes unnecessary or obsolete language.

Section 10(b) amends G.S. 143B-181.16 as follows:

- Throughout the section, modernizes the format of definitions and replaces legalese with plain English.
- In the definition of "long-term care facility," deletes a reference to a definition that does not exist.
- Replaces the definitional term of "willful interference" with "willful or unnecessary obstruction," which is the term used in G.S. 143B-181.25.

Section 11.1(a) through (c) amends G.S. 131E-176 to reorder the definitions so that they appear in alphabetical order and instructs the Revisor of Statutes to make conforming changes to cross-references where needed.

Section 11.2(a) amends G.S. 131E-176, as amended by Section 11.1 of the bill, as follows:

- In subdivision (1), fixes a relative pronoun.
- In subdivision (1b), replaces terms for greater internal consistency, replaces legalese with plain English, and fixes relative pronouns.
- In subdivision (1c), fixes a relative pronoun.
- In subdivision (2), replaces legalese with plain English, makes a stylistic change for greater clarity, and deletes a redundant term.

- In subdivision (2d), makes punctuation internally consistent within the statute, fixes a relative pronoun, and fixes punctuation.
- In subdivision (3), fixes a relative pronoun.
- In subdivision (5), makes stylistic changes for greater clarity and fixes punctuation.
- In subdivision (5c), fixes a relative pronoun and fixes punctuation.
- In subdivision (7), fixes a relative pronoun and replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subdivision (7a), fixes a relative pronoun, fixes subject-verb agreement, replaces legalese with plain English, and deletes obsolete language.
- In subdivision (7c), fixes a relative pronoun.
- In subdivision (7e), fixes relative pronouns, replaces a federal public law citation with the United States Code citation, and replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subdivision (9a), replaces legalese with plain English and deletes a redundant term.
- In subdivision (9b), adds clarifying language and replaces a conjunction for greater clarity.
- In subdivision (9c), fixes little Roman numerals to achieve sequential order.
- In subdivision (12), fixes a relative pronoun.
- In subdivision (12a), deletes unnecessary language, fixes punctuation, fixes relative pronouns, replaces a term to use the defined term in the statute, and replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subdivision (13a), fixes a relative pronoun and related punctuation.
- In subdivision (13b), fixes relative pronouns, makes a citation to a definition less specific, and rewords for greater accuracy.
- In subdivisions (13c) and (13d), fixes a relative pronoun.
- In subdivision (14a), fixes punctuation.
- In subdivision (14e), adds clarifying language and fixes punctuation.
- In subdivision (14f), modernizes the format of a definition and modernizes the format of a list.
- In subdivision (14k), adds clarifying language and fixes punctuation.
- In subdivision (14n), replaces a term for greater internal consistency within the statute.
- In subdivision (14o), fixes relative pronouns, deletes a redundant term, and deletes obsolete language.
- In subdivision (15b), makes punctuation internally consistent within the statute.
- In subdivision (16), makes stylistic changes for greater clarity, fixes relative pronouns, deletes unnecessary language, replaces legalese with plain English, deletes obsolete language, adds lead-in language to a list, fixes punctuation, and replaces a reference to a date with the date certain.
- In subdivision (17a), fixes punctuation and fixes relative pronouns.
- In subdivision (20), replaces a term for greater internal consistency within the statute.
- In subdivision (21), fixes a relative pronoun.
- In subdivision (22), fixes a relative pronoun and deletes unnecessary language.
- In subdivision (22a), fixes a relative pronoun, fixes punctuation, replaces legalese with plain English, and deletes obsolete language.
- In subdivision (24a), fixes a relative pronoun.
- In subdivision (25), fixes punctuation and moves legal directives from the definition to a new G.S. 131E-176.2.

Section 11.2(b) adds a new G.S. 131E-176.2, consisting of language stricken from G.S. 131E-176(25), so that G.S. 131E-176, a definitions section, no longer contains legal directives.

Section 11.2(c) amends G.S. 131E-177 to fix punctuation, replace legalese with plain English, modernize the format of a list, reword for greater internal consistency, fix relative pronouns, and split up a sentence for greater clarity.

Section 11.3(a) through **(d)** amends G.S. 131E-176 to ensure that the version of the statute taking effect November 21, 2026, accurately reflects the amendments made by Section 11.1 of this bill. Accordingly, subsection (d) of this section makes these amendments effective November 21, 2026.

Section 11.4(a) and **(b)** amends G.S. 131E-176 to ensure that the version of the statute taking effect November 21, 2025, accurately reflects the amendments made by Section 11.1 of this bill. Accordingly, subsection (b) of this section makes these amendments effective November 21, 2025.

Section 12 amends G.S. 150B-1 as follows:

- In subdivision (d)(6), replaces "Department of Public Safety" with "Department of Adult Correction." This subdivision currently exempts the Department of Public Safety from rulemaking with respect to executions under Article 19 of Chapter 15 of the General Statutes. However, when S.L. 2021-180, s. 19C.9, created the new Department of Adult Correction, it transferred the responsibility of executions from the Department of Public Safety to the new department. Therefore, a conforming change is needed in this subdivision.
- Deletes subdivision (e)(22). This subdivision exempts the Department of Public Safety from the contested case provisions of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes with respect to executions under Article 19 of Chapter 15 of the General Statutes. Rather than replacing the name of the department in subdivision (e)(22), this bill deletes subdivision (e)(22) since subdivision (e)(7) already exempts the Department of Adult Correction entirely from the contested case provisions.
- Throughout the section, deletes the hyphen from "rule-making" in accordance with this State's drafting conventions.
- In subsection (c), modernizes the format of a list.
- In subdivision (d)(4), fixes the format of a citation.
- In subdivision (d)(26), replaces "Web site" with "website" in accordance with this State's drafting conventions.
- In subdivision (d)(27), modernizes the format of a list and replaces legalese with plain English.
- In subdivision (e)(5), replaces legalese with plain English.

Section 13(a) through **(c)** amends Sections 4C.11 and 4C.12 of S.L. 2024-53 to delete language that appears on its face to be permanent, and thus to require codification pursuant to G.S. 164-10(1). The language required reporting on the status of statutory changes that were originally effective contingent on federal approval. However, Section 2C.4 of S.L. 2024-57 amended the effective date to make these statutory changes effective October 25, 2024, making the reporting requirement on their status no longer necessary. Accordingly, subsection (c) of this section makes these amendments effective October 25, 2024.

Section 14 amends the effective date for a 1983 session law by deleting an obsolete requirement.

The **final section** of this bill provides that, except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.