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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Judiciary
From: General Statutes Commission
Re: SB 858 (GSC Add Member from High Point Law School)
Date: May 19, 2026

General Comments

This bill, recommended by the General Statutes Commission, adds a new member to the General Statutes Commission, to be appointed by the dean of the new High Point University School of Law. The Commission recommends this bill pursuant to its statutory duty under G.S. 164-13 to recommend "such substantive changes in the law as the Commission may deem advisable." Students are now attending the law school, and the law school has received provisional approval from the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association. The General Statutes Commission currently has a member from every other law school in the State, so this bill ensures that each law school in the State is represented on the Commission. The High Point University School of Law supports the bill, and there is no known opposition to any part of this bill.

Specific Comments

Section 1 adds a new member to the General Statutes Commission, to be appointed by the dean of the High Point University School of Law. The term shall begin September 1 in odd-numbered years and shall last two years.

Section 2 provides that, notwithstanding Section 1, the term of the initial appointment shall begin September 1, 2026, and end August 31, 2029. This section allows the new member to start this year even though future terms will begin in odd-numbered years.

Section 3 provides that this act is effective when it becomes law.