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Short Title: Modify NCCGIA & GICC Enabling Law. (Public)

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT RELATING TO THE ORGANIZATION, AUTHORITY, AND  
3 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC  
4 INFORMATION ANALYSIS AND THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION  
5 COORDINATING COUNCIL, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE  
6 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-725 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 143-725. Council established; role of the Center for Geographic Information and  
10 Analysis.**

11 (a) Council Established. – The North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating  
12 Council ("Council") is established to develop policies regarding the utilization of geographic  
13 information, geographic information systems (GIS), GIS systems, and other related  
14 technologies. The Council shall be responsible for the following:

- 15 (1) Strategic planning.  
16 (2) Resolution of policy and technology issues.  
17 (3) Coordination, direction, and oversight of State, local, and private GIS  
18 efforts.  
19 (4) Advising the Governor, the General Assembly, and the State Chief  
20 Information Officer as to needed directions, responsibilities, and funding  
21 regarding geographic information.

22 The purpose of this statewide geographic information coordination effort shall be to further  
23 cooperation among State, federal, and local government agencies; academic institutions; and  
24 the private sector to improve the quality, access, cost-effectiveness, and utility of North  
25 Carolina's geographic information and to promote geographic information as a strategic  
26 resource in the State. The Council shall be located in the Office of the ~~Governor~~ State Chief  
27 Information Officer for organizational, budgetary, and administrative purposes.

28 (b) Role of CGIA. – The Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (CGIA) shall  
29 staff the Geographic Information and Coordinating Council and its committees. CGIA shall  
30 manage and distribute digital geographic information about North Carolina maintained by  
31 numerous State and local government agencies. It shall operate a statewide data clearinghouse  
32 and provide Internet access to State geographic information. CGIA shall be located in the  
33 Office of the State Chief Information Officer for organizational, budgetary, and administrative  
34 purposes. The State Chief Information Officer shall coordinate a professional services  
35 component for geographic information systems coordination with the Center for Geographic



1 Information and Analysis. CGIA shall monitor and approve all new GIS-related information  
2 technology projects and expansion budget requests. All State agencies shall coordinate any GIS  
3 initiatives through the CGIA to ensure that they are not duplicating an existing function."

4 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 143-726 reads as rewritten:

5 **"§ 143-726. Council membership; organization.**

6 (a) Members. – The Council shall consist of up to ~~35~~36 members, or their designees, as  
7 set forth in this section. An appointing authority may reappoint a Council member for  
8 successive terms.

9 (b) Governor's Appointments. – The Governor shall appoint the following members:

- 10 (1) The head of an at-large State agency not represented in subsection (d) of this  
11 section.
- 12 (2) An employee of a county government, nominated by the North Carolina  
13 Association of County Commissioners.
- 14 (3) An employee of a municipal government, nominated by the North Carolina  
15 League of Municipalities.
- 16 (4) An employee of the federal government who is stationed in North Carolina.
- 17 (5) A representative from the Lead Regional Organizations.
- 18 (6) A member of the general public.
- 19 (7) Other individuals whom the Governor deems appropriate to enhance the  
20 efforts of geographic information coordination.

21 Members appointed by the Governor shall serve three-year terms. The Governor shall  
22 appoint an individual from the membership of the Council to serve as Chair of the Council. The  
23 member appointed shall serve as Chair for a term of one year.

24 (c) General Assembly Appointments. – The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and  
25 the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint three members to the Council.  
26 These members shall serve one-year terms.

27 (d) Other Members. – Other Council members shall include:

- 28 (1) The Secretary of State.
- 29 (2) The Commissioner of Agriculture.
- 30 (3) The Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 31 (4) The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 32 (5) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation.
- 33 (6) The Secretary of the Department of Administration.
- 34 (7) The Secretary of the Department of Commerce.
- 35 (8) The Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.
- 36 (9) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 37 (10) The Secretary of the Department of Revenue.
- 38 (11) The President of the North Carolina Community Colleges System.
- 39 (12) The President of The University of North Carolina System.
- 40 (13) The Chair of the Public Utilities Commission.
- 41 (14) The State Budget Officer.
- 42 (15) The Executive Director of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.
- 43 (16) The Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of County  
44 Commissioners.
- 45 (17) One representative from the State Government GIS User Committee.
- 46 (17a) The Executive Director of the North Carolina 911 Board.
- 47 (18) One representative elected annually from the Local Government Committee  
48 established pursuant to subdivision (h)(2) of this section.
- 49 (19) The State Chief Information Officer who shall serve as a nonvoting member.

50 Council members serving ex officio pursuant to this subsection shall serve terms coinciding  
51 with their respective offices. Members serving by virtue of their appointment by a standing

1 committee of the Council shall serve for the duration of their appointment by the standing  
2 committee.

3 (e) Meetings. – The Council shall meet at least quarterly on the call of the Chair. The  
4 Management and Operations Committee shall conduct the Council's business between quarterly  
5 meetings.

6 (f) Administration. – The Director of the CGIA shall be secretary of the Council and  
7 provide staff support as it requires.

8 (g) Reports. – The Council shall report at least annually to the Governor and to the Joint  
9 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

10 (h) Committees. – The Council may establish work groups, as needed, and shall oversee  
11 the standing committees created in this subsection. Each standing committee shall adopt  
12 bylaws, subject to the Council's approval, to govern its proceedings. Except as otherwise  
13 provided, the Chair of the Council shall appoint the standing committee chairs from  
14 representatives listed in subsections (b), (c), or (d) of this section. The standing committees are  
15 as follows:

16 (1) State Government GIS User Committee. – Membership shall consist of  
17 representatives from all interested State government departments. The Chair  
18 of the Council shall appoint the committee chair from one of the State  
19 agencies represented in subsection (d) of this section.

20 (2) Local Government Committee. – Membership shall consist of  
21 representatives from organizations and professional associations that  
22 currently serve or represent local government GIS users, the North Carolina  
23 League of Municipalities, the North Carolina Association of County  
24 Commissioners, and Lead Regional Organizations. The committee shall  
25 elect one of its members to the Council.

26 (3) Federal Interagency Committee. – Membership shall consist of  
27 representatives from all interested federal agencies and Tribal governments  
28 with an office located in North Carolina. The appointed federal  
29 representative serving pursuant to subdivision (b)(4) of this section shall  
30 serve as the Chair of the Federal Interagency Committee.

31 (4) Statewide Mapping Advisory Committee. – This committee shall  
32 consolidate statewide mapping requirements and attempt to gain statewide  
33 support for financing cooperative programs. The committee shall also advise  
34 the Council on issues, problems, and opportunities relating to federal, State,  
35 and local government geospatial data programs.

36 (5) GIS Technical Advisory Committee. – This committee shall develop the  
37 statewide technical architecture for GIS and anticipate and respond to GIS  
38 technical opportunities and issues affecting State, county, and local  
39 governments in North Carolina.

40 (6) Management and Operations Committee. – This committee shall consider  
41 management and operational matters related to GIS and other matters that  
42 are formally requested by the Council. The committee membership shall  
43 consist of the Chair of the Council, the State Budget Officer, the chair of  
44 each of the standing committees of the Council, and other members of the  
45 Council appointed by the Chair."

46 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 147-33.72H reads as rewritten:

47 **"§ 147-33.72H. Information Technology Fund.**

48 (a) There is established a special revenue fund to be known as the Information  
49 Technology Fund, which may receive transfers or other credits as authorized by the General  
50 Assembly. Money may be appropriated from the Information Technology Fund to meet  
51 statewide requirements, including planning, project management, security, electronic mail,

1 State portal operations, and the administration of systemwide procurement procedures.  
2 Expenditures involving funds appropriated to the Office of Information Technology Services  
3 from the Information Technology Fund shall be made by the State CIO in consultation with the  
4 Information Technology Advisory Board. By October 1 of each year, the State CIO shall  
5 submit to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology a report on all  
6 expenditures involving funds appropriated to the Office of Information Technology Services  
7 from the Information Technology Fund for the preceding fiscal year. Interest earnings on the  
8 Information Technology Fund balance shall be credited to the Information Technology Fund.

9 (b) In addition to the purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section, the Information  
10 Technology Fund shall be used (i) to fund the Center for Geographic Information and Analysis  
11 (CGIA) in its legislatively mandated duties under G.S. 143-725(b); (ii) to fund acquiring and  
12 managing, at the lowest cost, data layers useful to multiple State and local organizations,  
13 according to the priorities set by the North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating  
14 Council; and (iii) to fund the development, operation, and maintenance of NC OneMap, the  
15 statewide GIS data clearinghouse and warehouse and provider of Internet access to State  
16 geographic information. The Information Technology Fund may receive private grants and gifts  
17 and may include State, federal, local, and matching funds for this purpose."

18 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.