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SENATE BILL 707*

Short Title:	PED/State Ports Efficiency & Effectiveness.	(Public)

Sponsors:	Senators Ford and B. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 1, 2020

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF NORTH
3   CAROLINA STATE PORTS AND TO MAKE NEEDED STATUTORY CHANGES, AS
4   RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM EVALUATION
5   OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7   **SECTION 1.** As part of the North Carolina Ports Authority's five-year strategic
8 planning process, the Ports Authority shall implement:
9   (1)   Measures to address port utilization, throughput, gate times, and ship
10   turnaround times at the Port of Morehead City.
11   (2)   Measures to adequately assess the dimensions and factors of maritime port
12   service quality identified in Finding 7 of the Program Evaluation Division
13   Report No. 2019-07 entitled "Evaluation of Efficiency and Effectiveness of
14   State Ports at Wilmington and Morehead City."
15   **SECTION 2.** G.S. 136-263 reads as rewritten:
16 "**§ 136-263. Container shipping.**
17   The State Ports Authority shall provide ~~at the ports of Morehead City and Wilmington~~
18 adequate equipment and facilities including container cranes ~~at each port~~ as needed, in order to
19 maintain existing and future levels of containerized cargo shipping ~~at both ports~~ and provide and
20 encourage growth in handling of containerized ~~cargoes at both ports.~~cargoes."
21   **SECTION 3.** No later than June 30, 2020, and annually thereafter until fully
22 implemented, the Ports Authority shall submit to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight
23 Committee, the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Transportation, the
24 Senate Appropriations Committee on the Department of Transportation, and the Fiscal Research
25 Division a report that contains a status update on the Ports Authority's implementation of an
26 environmental management system (EMS).
27   **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.