

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2025

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SENATE BILL 826

Short Title: Posting of State Costs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Burgin (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 23, 2026

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PAYMENTS MADE BY STATE ENTITIES BE MADE  
3 AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** Article 1 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 143B-28.2. Fiscal transparency and accessibility.**

8 In order to allow the citizens of this State to see and better understand how revenue of the  
9 State is being expended, The University of North Carolina and each principal department under  
10 Chapters 143A and 143B of the General Statutes shall collate and report monthly to, in a form  
11 prescribed by, the Department of Administration an itemized list of all expenditures of the entity  
12 with a cost of at least one dollar (\$1.00) for the purchase of tangible personal property, real  
13 property, and services, along with the sum total expenditures for the month. Within 10 days of  
14 receiving a report required by this section, the Department of Administration shall publish the  
15 report on its website in a form accessible to the public for viewing and inspection. Nothing in  
16 this section shall be interpreted to make public any records that are confidential or otherwise  
17 protected from disclosure by State or federal law."

18 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 7A-343 reads as rewritten:

19 "**§ 7A-343. Duties of Director.**

20 The Director is the Administrative Officer of the Courts, and the Director's duties include all  
21 of the following:

22 ...

23 (9h) In order to allow the citizens of this State to see and better understand how the  
24 revenue of the State is being expended, the courts of the State shall collate and  
25 report monthly to, in a form prescribed by, the Director an itemized list of all  
26 expenditures of each court with a cost of at least one dollar (\$1.00) for the  
27 purchase of tangible personal property, real property, and services, along with  
28 the sum total expenditures for the month. Within 10 days of receiving a report  
29 required by this section, the Director shall publish the report on its website in  
30 a form accessible to the public for viewing and inspection. Nothing in this  
31 section shall be interpreted to make public any records that are confidential or  
32 otherwise protected from disclosure by State or federal law.

33 ...."

34 **SECTION 1.(c)** Article 7 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes is amended by  
35 adding a new section to read:

36 "**§ 120-32.05. Fiscal transparency and accessibility.**



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1 In order to allow the citizens of this State to see and better understand how the revenue of the  
2 State is being expended, the Legislative Services Officer shall collate an itemized list of all  
3 expenditures of the General Assembly with a cost of at least one dollar (\$1.00) for the purchase  
4 of tangible personal property, real property, and services, along with the sum total expenditures  
5 for the month. Within 10 days of creating the list required by this section, the Legislative Services  
6 Officer shall publish the report on its website in a form accessible to the public for viewing and  
7 inspection. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to make public any records that are  
8 confidential or otherwise protected from disclosure by State or federal law."

9 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund the following amounts to  
10 the following entities in nonrecurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for purposes of  
11 implementing the provisions of this act:

- 12 (1) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the Department of  
13 Administration for allocation to the affected departments.
- 14 (2) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to The University of North Carolina.
- 15 (3) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to the Administrative Office of the Courts.
- 16 (4) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to the General Assembly.

17 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2026, and the publications required  
18 by this act apply on October 1, 2026, and shall include expenditures beginning with the  
19 2026-2027 fiscal year.