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**SENATE BILL 973**

Short Title: DOA Agency Requests. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Burgin (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 4, 2026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS STATUTORY CHANGES RELATED TO THE  
OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.  
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**DOA QUARTERLY ACTION REPORT**

**SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 143-341.2 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 143-341.2. Proactive management of State-owned and State-leased real property portfolio.**

(a) Duties of the Department of Administration. – The Department of Administration shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) Development of comprehensive State facilities plan. – No later than April 1, 2023, and every five years thereafter, the Department of Administration shall develop and implement a plan to comprehensively manage, acquire, and dispose of the facilities and spaces required to fully support State government operations. The plan shall do all of the following:
  - a. Identify the type, quantity, and location of facilities and spaces required to fully support State government operations.
  - b. Include an in-depth analysis of existing State-owned facilities' locations, capability, utilization, and condition.
  - c. Establish strategic priorities and objectives that allow the Department of Administration to manage the performance of the State's portfolio of real property in a way that maximizes the utilization of State-owned facilities and minimizes operating and maintenance costs.
  - d. Take into consideration the information provided to the Department in five-year real property management plans submitted by State agencies pursuant to subdivision (b)(4) of this section.
  - e. Provide a mechanism for allocating available facilities or space to State agencies that need it in a manner that reduces the need to acquire new space through purchase, lease, or other means.
  - f. Provide recommendations for disposing of existing State property and facilities, consolidating operations among existing facilities, and relocating State agencies from leased facilities to State-owned facilities.
  - g. Describe all changes made to space planning standards developed and distributed as provided in subdivision (4) of this subsection.



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2 (d) During the pendency and execution of the Department's comprehensive State  
3 facilities plan described in subdivision (a)(1) of this section, the Department shall identify  
4 facilities that are abandoned, condemned, flagged for surplus, or that otherwise require  
5 extraordinary maintenance, including any Departmental recommendations, and shall compile and  
6 submit a quarterly report to the Fiscal Research Division, the Joint Legislative Oversight  
7 Committee on Capital Improvements, and the Council of State."

8 **SECTION 1.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
9 Administration the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in nonrecurring funds for the  
10 2026-2027 fiscal year to establish a reporting mechanism to cover the statewide inventory of  
11 property being assessed under this section.

12 **SECTION 1.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law. The initial quarterly  
13 report required under this section shall be submitted on or before October 1, 2026.  
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## 15 SURPLUS PROPERTY VALUE ALIGNMENT

16 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 20-28.2(i) reads as rewritten:

17 "(i) Expedited Sale of Seized Motor Vehicles in Certain Cases. – In order to avoid  
18 additional liability for towing and storage costs pending resolution of the criminal proceedings  
19 of the defendant, the State Surplus Property Agency or county board of education may, after  
20 expiration of 90 days from the date of seizure, sell any motor vehicle having a fair market value  
21 of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) or less. The State Surplus Property Agency or  
22 county board of education may also sell a motor vehicle, regardless of the fair market value, any  
23 time the outstanding towing and storage costs exceed eighty-five percent (85%) of the fair market  
24 value of the vehicle, or with the consent of all the motor vehicle owners. Any sale conducted  
25 pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of  
26 G.S. 20-28.5(a) or G.S. 20-28.5(a1), as applicable, and the proceeds of the sale, after the payment  
27 of outstanding towing and storage costs or reimbursement of towing and storage costs paid by a  
28 person other than the defendant, shall be deposited with the clerk of superior court. If an order of  
29 forfeiture is entered by the court, the court shall order the proceeds held by the clerk to be  
30 disbursed as provided in G.S. 20-28.5(b). If the court determines that the motor vehicle is not  
31 subject to forfeiture, the court shall order the proceeds held by the clerk to be disbursed first to  
32 pay the sale, towing, and storage costs, second to pay outstanding liens on the motor vehicle, and  
33 the balance to be paid to the motor vehicle owners."

34 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law.  
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## 36 E-SIGNATURES ON PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

37 **SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 143-341(4) reads as rewritten:

### 38 "§ 143-341. Powers and duties of Department.

39 The Department of Administration has the following powers and duties:

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41 (4) Real Property Control:

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43 c. To obtain and deposit with the Secretary of State the originals of all  
44 deeds and other conveyances of real property to the State or to any  
45 State agency, copies of all leases wherein the State or any State agency  
46 is lessor or lessee, and certified copies of wills, judgments, and other  
47 instruments whereby the State or any State agency has acquired title  
48 to real property. Where an original of a deed, lease, or other instrument  
49 cannot be found, but has been recorded in the registry of office of the  
50 clerk of superior court of any county, a certified copy of such deed,

- 1 conveyance, or instrument shall be obtained and deposited with the  
2 Secretary of State.
- 3 d. To acquire, whether by purchase, exercise of the power of eminent  
4 domain, lease, or rental, all land, buildings, and space in buildings for  
5 all State agencies, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council  
6 of State in each instance. The Governor, acting with the approval of  
7 the Council of State, may adopt rules (i) exempting from any or all of  
8 the requirements of this paragraph such classes of lease, rental,  
9 easement, and right-of-way transactions as he deems advisable; and  
10 (ii) authorizing any State agency to enter into and/or approve the  
11 classes of transactions thus exempted from the requirements of this  
12 paragraph; and (iii) delegating to any other State agency the authority  
13 to approve the severance of buildings and standing timber from State  
14 lands; upon such approval of severance, the buildings and timber so  
15 affected shall be treated, for the purposes of this Chapter, as personal  
16 property. Any contract entered into or any proceeding instituted  
17 contrary to the provisions of this paragraph is voidable in the discretion  
18 of the Governor and Council of State.
- 19 d1. To require all State departments, institutions, and agencies to use  
20 State-owned office space instead of negotiating or renegotiating leases  
21 for rental of office space. In investigating the availability of office  
22 space already owned by the State or by a State agency which might  
23 meet the requirements of the requesting agency, the Department of  
24 Administration shall review the utilization information maintained in  
25 the real property database pursuant to this subdivision. Any lease  
26 entered into contrary to the provisions of this paragraph is voidable in  
27 the discretion of the Governor and the Council of State.
- 28 The Department of Administration shall report to the Joint  
29 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and to the  
30 Fiscal Research Division no later than May 1 of each year on leased  
31 office space.
- 32 d2. To purchase or finance the purchase of buildings, utilities, structures,  
33 or other facilities or property developments, including streets and  
34 landscaping, the acquisition of land, equipment, machinery, and  
35 furnishings in connection therewith; additions, extensions,  
36 enlargements, renovations, and improvements to existing buildings,  
37 utilities, structures, or other facilities or property developments,  
38 including streets and landscaping; land or any interest in land; other  
39 infrastructure; furniture, fixtures, equipment, vehicles, machinery, and  
40 similar items; or any combination of the foregoing, through  
41 installment-purchase, lease-purchase, or other similar type installment  
42 financing agreements in the manner and to the extent provided in  
43 Article 9 of Chapter 142 of the General Statutes. Any contract entered  
44 into or any proceeding instituted contrary to the provisions of this  
45 paragraph is voidable in the discretion of the Council of State.
- 46 e. To make all sales of real property (including marshlands or  
47 swamplands) owned by the State or by any State agency, with the  
48 approval of the Governor and Council of State in each instance. All  
49 conveyances in fee by the State shall be executed in accordance with  
50 the provisions of G.S. 146-74 through 146-78. Any conveyance of  
51 land made or contract to convey land entered into without the approval

of the Governor and Council of State is voidable in the discretion of the Governor and Council of State. The proceeds of all sales of swamplands or marshlands shall be dealt with in the manner required by the Constitution and statutes.

f. With the approval of the Governor and Council of State, to make all leases and rentals of land or buildings owned by the State or by any State agency, and to sublease land or buildings leased by the State or by any State agency from another owner, where such land or building owned or leased by the State or by any State agency is not needed for current use. The Governor, acting with the approval of the Council of State, may adopt rules (i) exempting from any or all of the requirements of this paragraph such classes of lease or rental transactions as he deems advisable; and (ii) authorizing any State agency to enter into and/or approve the classes of transactions thus exempted from the requirements of this paragraph; and (iii) delegating to any other State agency the authority to approve the severance of buildings and standing timber from State lands; upon such approval of severance, the buildings and timber so affected shall be treated, for the purposes of this Chapter, as personal property. Any lease or rental agreement entered into contrary to the provisions of this paragraph is voidable in the discretion of the Governor and Council of State.

f1. To the extent practicable, to execute any documents, instruments, or other records necessary in accordance with the provisions of Article 40 of Chapter 66 of the General Statutes in connection with any purchase, sale, or lease of property.

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**SECTION 3.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to property transactions entered into on or after that date.

**STATE PROPERTY NOTICES**

**SECTION 4.(a)** G.S. 146-25.1 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 146-25.1. Proposals to be secured for leases.**

(a) If pursuant to G.S. 146-25, the Department of Administration determines that it is in the best interest of the State to lease or rent land and the rental is estimated to exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) per year or the term will exceed three years, the Department shall require the State agency desiring to rent land to prepare and submit for its approval a set of specifications for its needs. Upon approval of specifications, the Department shall prepare a public advertisement. The State agency ~~shall~~ (i) may place such the public advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the county for proposals from prospective lessors of said land or (ii) may advertise through other electronic means and shall make such other distribution thereof as the Department directs. The advertisement shall be run or posted for at least five consecutive days, and shall provide that proposals shall be received for at least seven days from the date of the last advertisement in the State Property Office of the Department. The provisions of this section do not apply to property owned by governmental agencies and leased to other governmental agencies. For the purposes of this section, "electronic means" includes posting the advertisement on the Department's website or any other means deemed appropriate by the Department to provide adequate notice.

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**SECTION 4.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to advertisements run or posted on or after that date.

1 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

2           **SECTION 5.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
3 law.