

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1013

Short Title: Delivery of State Funds/Clarified.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Foxx; Allran, Ballantine, Carpenter, Cochrane, Forrester, Garwood, Hartsell, Horton, Martin of Pitt, Moore, Rucho, and Webster.

Referred to: State and Local Government.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGARDING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS
3 TO NON-STATE ENTITIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 143-3.2 reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 143-3.2. Issuance of warrants upon State Treasurer; delivery of warrants and**
7 **disbursements for non-State entities.**

8 (a) The State Controller shall have the exclusive responsibility for the issuance of
9 all warrants for the payment of money upon the State Treasurer. All warrants upon the
10 State Treasurer shall be signed by the State Controller, who before issuing them shall
11 determine the legality of payment and the correctness of the accounts. All warrants issued
12 for non-State entities shall be delivered by the appropriate agency to the entity's legally
13 designated recipient by United States mail or its equivalent, including electronic funds
14 transfer. Neither the disbursements nor facsimiles of the disbursements shall be delivered
15 in person by a State officer or employee.

16 When the State Controller finds it expedient to do so because of a State agency's size
17 and location, the State Controller may authorize a State agency to make expenditures
18 through a disbursing account with the State Treasurer. The State Controller shall
19 authorize the Judicial Department and the General Assembly to make expenditures

1 through such disbursing accounts. All disbursements made to non-State entities shall be
2 delivered by the appropriate agency to the entity's legally designated recipient by United
3 States mail or its equivalent, including electronic funds transfer. Neither the
4 disbursements nor facsimiles of the disbursements shall be delivered in person by a State
5 officer or employee. All deposits in these disbursing accounts shall be by the State
6 Controller's warrant. A copy of each voucher making withdrawals from these disbursing
7 accounts and any supporting data required by the State Controller shall be forwarded to
8 the Office of the State Controller monthly or as otherwise required by the State
9 Controller. Supporting data for a voucher making a withdrawal from one of these
10 disbursing accounts to meet a payroll shall include the amount of the payroll and the
11 employees whose compensation is part of the payroll.

12 A central payroll unit operating under the Office of the State Controller may make
13 deposits and withdrawals directly to and from a disbursing account. The disbursing
14 account shall constitute a revolving fund for servicing payrolls passed through the central
15 payroll unit.

16 The State Controller may use a facsimile signature machine in affixing his signature
17 to warrants.

18 (b) The State Treasurer may impose on an agency a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00)
19 for each check drawn against the agency's disbursing account that causes the balance in
20 the account to be in overdraft or while the account is in overdraft. The financial officer
21 shall pay the fee from non-State or personal funds to the General Fund to the credit of the
22 miscellaneous non-tax revenue account by the agency."

23 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.