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HOUSE BILL 510

Short Title: General Assembly/L.A. Pay. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Baskerville and L. Hall (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT EACH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO
3 A FULL-TIME LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT OR CLERK WHO IS A PERMANENT
4 LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE, DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
5 COMMISSION TO GRANT TO THOSE EMPLOYEES THE SAME BENEFITS AND
6 PRIVILEGES AS OTHER PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES, AND
7 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 120-32(1) reads as rewritten:

10 "(1) Determine the number, titles, classification, functions, compensation, and
11 other conditions of employment of the joint legislative service employees of
12 the General Assembly, including but not limited to the following
13 departments:

- 14 a. Legislative Services Officer and personnel.
15 b. Electronic document writing system.
16 c. Proofreaders.
17 d. Legislative printing.
18 e. Enrolling clerk and personnel.
19 f. Library.
20 g. Research and bill drafting.
21 h. Printed bills.
22 i. Disbursing and supply.
23 j. Program evaluation.
24 k. Full-time legislative assistants and clerks assigned to members of the
25 General Assembly for the entire term of office.

26 Temporary employees of the General Assembly are exempt from the
27 provisions of G.S. 135-3(8)c., as to compensation earned in that status."

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

30 **"§ 120-32.7. Members entitled to full-time legislative support staff assistance.**

31 Each member of the General Assembly is entitled to have during the entire term of the
32 member's office one legislative assistant or clerk who is a permanent full-time legislative
33 employee."

34 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Services Commission shall do all of the following in
35 implementing the provisions of this act:



- 1 (1) Provide that each member of the General Assembly during the member's
2 term of office has a permanent full-time legislative assistant or clerk
3 assigned to the member for at least 40 hours per week unless the member
4 opts to have a legislative assistant or clerk who is a full-time temporary
5 employee rather than a permanent full-time employee.
- 6 (2) Authorize legislative assistant or clerk working hours in excess of 40 hours
7 per week to support members of the House of Representatives upon the
8 approval of the Speaker of the House and to support Senate members upon
9 the approval of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- 10 (3) Award permanent full-time legislative assistants and clerks the same
11 across-the-board salary increases, employee benefits, and other privileges
12 extended to other permanent full-time legislative employees.

13 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
14 Assembly the sum of one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) for the
15 2015-2016 fiscal year and the sum one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) for
16 the 2016-2017 fiscal year to carry out the purposes of this act.

17 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.