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SENATE DRS35204-LU-95 (03/12)

Short Title: Amend Uniform Prudent Investor Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Bingham (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIFORM PRUDENT INVESTOR ACT AND TO MAKE  
3 CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS REGULATING CEMETERIES AND THE  
4 PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICE AS RELATED TO TRUST FUNDS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 36C-9-901(d)(1) reads as rewritten:

7 "(d) This Article does not apply to:

8 (1) Unless the trust provides otherwise by specific reference to this Article:

9 a. Trusts under any federal employee retirement income security statute  
10 or other retirement or pension trusts;

11 ~~b. Trusts that are created by legislative act;~~

12 c. Trusts that are created by or under premarital or postmarital  
13 agreements, divorce settlements, settlements of other proceedings or  
14 disputes;

15 d. Transfers under a Uniform Transfers to Minors Act;

16 e. Transfers under a Uniform Custodial Trust Act; or

17 f. Honorary trusts, trusts for pets, and trusts for cemetery lots."

18 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 65-60.1(e) reads as rewritten:

19 "(e) Any trustee shall invest and reinvest cemetery trust funds ~~in the same manner as~~  
20 ~~provided by law for the investment of trust funds by the clerk of the superior court; provided,~~  
21 ~~however, that this subsection does not apply to a perpetual trust fund described in G.S. 65-64 or~~  
22 ~~cemetery trust funds held in a fund designated as Trust Fund "A" pursuant to G.S. 65-64(e),~~  
23 ~~which may be invested and reinvested in accordance with G.S. 32-71."~~

24 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 90-210.61(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

25 "(a) Preneed funeral funds are subject to the provisions of this Article and shall be  
26 deposited or applied as follows:

27 (1) If the preneed funeral contract purchaser chooses to fund the preneed funeral  
28 contract by a trust deposit or deposits, the preneed licensee shall deposit all  
29 funds in ~~an insured account in a financial institution, in trust, in the preneed~~  
30 ~~licensee's name as trustee within five business days accordance with~~  
31 G.S. 32-71 within 30 days from the end of the calendar month in which  
32 payment is received. The preneed licensee, at the time of making the ~~deposit~~  
33 ~~as trustee, deposit,~~ shall furnish to the ~~financial institution trustee~~ the name of  
34 each preneed funeral contract purchaser and the amount of payment on each  
35 for which the deposit is being made. The preneed licensee may establish an  
36 individual trust fund for each preneed funeral contract or a ~~common trust~~



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1                    ~~fund~~trust account for all preneed funeral contracts. ~~The trust accounts shall~~  
2                    ~~be carried in the name of the preneed licensee as trustee, but~~  
3                    ~~accounting~~Accounting records shall be maintained for each individual  
4                    preneed funeral contract purchaser showing the amounts deposited and  
5                    invested, and interest, dividends, increases, and accretions earned. Except as  
6                    provided in this Article, all interest, dividends, increases, decreases,  
7                    expenses, taxes, or accretions earned by the funds shall remain with the  
8                    ~~principal trust account.~~ The trust fund may be charged with applicable taxes  
9                    ~~and for reasonable charges paid by the trustee to itself or others for the~~  
10                   ~~preparation of fiduciary tax returns.~~fees. Penalties charged by a financial  
11                   institution for early withdrawals caused by a transfer pursuant to  
12                   G.S. 90-210.63 shall be paid by the preneed licensee. Penalties charged as a  
13                   result of other early withdrawals as permitted by this Article shall be paid  
14                   from the trust fund, and the financial institution shall give the preneed  
15                   funeral contract purchaser prompt notice of these penalties."

16                   **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.