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SENATE BILL 593

Short Title: Arbitration and Mediation for Business Court. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Barringer, Lee, Newton (Primary Sponsors); Blue and Smith-Ingram.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARBITRATION AND  
3 MEDIATION PROGRAM FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS COURT.

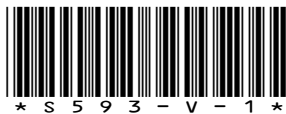
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 7 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
6 a new section to read:

7 "**§ 7A-45.6 Arbitration and mediation programs for Business Court.**

8 In order to make North Carolina a leading jurisdiction for the resolution of business,  
9 commercial, financial, and other legal disputes, the Director of the Administrative Office of the  
10 Courts, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, shall themselves, or  
11 through the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission, establish a program within the  
12 North Carolina Business Court, including how parties may make themselves subject to the  
13 jurisdiction of said program, required qualifications and trainings for arbitrators, and  
14 requirements for persons who may represent parties in arbitration proceedings for the Business  
15 Court. The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, after consultation with the  
16 North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission and the Chief Justice, shall further determine  
17 the form of appeal for nonbinding arbitrations in cases arbitrated under rules set up under this  
18 section. The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts or through the North Carolina  
19 Dispute Resolution Commission may also establish a mediation program for the Business  
20 Court, including how parties may make themselves subject to the jurisdiction of said program,  
21 required qualifications for mediators, and for persons who may represent parties in mediation  
22 proceedings."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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