

## **Chapter 143A.**

### **State Government Reorganization.**

#### Article 1.

#### General Provisions.

##### **§ 143A-1. Short title.**

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Executive Organization Act of 1971." (1971, c. 864, s. 1.)

##### **§ 143A-2. Head of department defined.**

Whenever the term "head of the department" is used it shall mean the head of one of the principal departments created by this Chapter. (1971, c. 864, s. 1.)

##### **§ 143A-3. Agency defined.**

Whenever the term "agency" is used it shall mean and include, as the context may require, an existing department, institution, commission, committee, board, division, bureau, officer or official. (1971, c. 864, s. 1.)

##### **§ 143A-4. Policy-making authority and administrative powers of Governor; delegation.**

The Governor, in accordance with Article III of the Constitution of North Carolina, shall be the chief executive officer of the State. Subject to the Constitution and laws of this State, the Governor shall be responsible for formulating and administering the policies of the executive branch of the State government. Where a conflict arises in connection with the administration of the policies of the executive branch of the State government with respect to the reorganization of State government, such conflict shall be resolved by the Governor, and the decision of the Governor shall be final. (1971, c. 864, s. 1.)

##### **§ 143A-5. Office of the Lieutenant Governor.**

The Lieutenant Governor shall maintain an office in the Hawkins-Hartness House located at 310 North Blount Street in the City of Raleigh which office shall be open during normal working hours throughout the year. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as President of the Senate and perform such additional duties as the Governor or General Assembly may assign to him. This section shall become effective January 1, 1973. (1971, c. 864, s. 1; 2017-10, s. 2.10.)

##### **§ 143A-6. Types of transfers.**

(a) Under this Chapter, a Type I transfer means the transferring of all or part of an existing agency to a principal department established by this Chapter. When all or part of any agency is transferred to a principal department under a Type I transfer, its statutory authority, powers, duties, and functions, records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations or other funds, including the functions of budgeting and purchasing, are transferred to the principal department.

When any agency, or part thereof, is transferred by a Type I transfer to a principal department under the provisions of this Chapter, all its prescribed powers, duties, and functions, including but not limited to rule making, regulation, licensing, and promulgation of rules, rates, regulations, and standards, and the rendering of findings, orders, and adjudications are transferred to the head of the principal department into which the agency, or part thereof, has been transferred.

(b) Under this Chapter, a Type II transfer means the transferring intact of an existing agency, or part thereof, to a principal department established by this Chapter. When any agency, or part thereof, is transferred to a principal department under a Type II transfer, that agency, or part thereof, shall be administered under the direction and supervision of that principal department, but shall exercise all its prescribed statutory powers independently of the head of the principal department, except that under a Type II transfer the management functions of any transferred agency, or part thereof, shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the head of the principal department.

(c) Whenever the term "management functions" is used it shall mean planning, organizing, staffing, directing, coordinating, reporting and budgeting. (1971, c. 864, s. 1.)

**§ 143A-7. Agencies not enumerated; continuation.**

Any existing department, institution, board or commission not enumerated in this Chapter but established or created by the General Assembly shall continue to exercise all its powers, duties and functions. (1971, c. 864, s. 1.)

**§ 143A-8. Internal organization of departments; allocation and reallocation of duties and functions; limitations.**

The Governor shall cause the administrative organization of each department to be examined with a view to promoting economy and efficiency. The Governor may reorganize and organize the principal departments and assign and reassign the duties and functions among the divisions and other units, division heads, officers, and employees; except as otherwise expressly provided by statute. When such changes affect existing law they must be submitted in accordance with Article III, Sec. 5 of the Constitution. The head of a principal department shall have legal custody of all books, papers, documents and other records of the department. The head of a principal department shall be responsible for the preparation and presentation of the department budget request which shall include all funds requested and all receipts expected for all elements of the department. (1971, c. 864, s. 1.)

**§ 143A-9. Appointment of officers and employees; salaries of department heads.**

Any provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, and subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the head of a principal department, except those departments headed by elected officials who are constitutional officers, shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at his pleasure.

The head of a principal department shall appoint the chief deputy or chief assistant and such chief deputy or chief assistant shall be subject to the North Carolina Human Resources Act. Except where appointment by the Governor is prescribed by existing statute, the head of the principal department shall appoint the administrative head of each transferred agency and, subject to the provisions of the North Carolina Human Resources Act, appoint all employees of each division, section or other unit under a principal department.

In establishing the position of secretary, and the supporting staff for the principal departments, the cost of such staff positions will be met insofar as possible by utilizing existing positions or funds available from vacant positions within agencies assigned to the principal departments. (1971, c. 864, s. 1; 1983, c. 717, s. 50; 2013-382, s. 9.1(c).)

**§ 143A-10. Governor; continuation of powers and duties; staff.**

All powers, duties and functions vested by law in the Governor or in the office of Governor are continued, except as otherwise provided by this Chapter.

The immediate staff of the Governor shall not be subject to the North Carolina Human Resources Act. (1971, c. 864, s. 1; 2006-203, s. 100; 2013-382, s. 9.1(c).)

**§ 143A-11. Principal departments.**

Except as otherwise provided by this Chapter, or the State Constitution, all executive and administrative powers, duties and functions, not including those of the General Assembly and the judiciary, previously vested by law in the several State agencies, are vested in the following principal offices or departments:

- (1) Office of the Governor.
- (2) Office of the Lieutenant Governor.
- (3) Department of the Secretary of State.
- (4) Department of State Auditor.
- (5) Department of State Treasurer.
- (6) Department of Public Instruction.
- (7) Department of Justice.
- (8) Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- (9) Department of Labor.
- (10) Department of Insurance.
- (11) through (13) Repealed by Session Laws 1995, c. 509, s. 96.
- (14) Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 476, s. 6.
- (15), (16) Repealed by Session Laws 1995, c. 509, s. 96.
- (17), (18) Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 476, s. 6.
- (19) Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 620, s. 9. (1971, c. 864, s. 1; 1973, c. 476, s. 6; c. 620, s. 9; 1975, c. 716, s. 7; 1977, c. 771, s. 4; 1989, c. 727, s. 218(120); c. 751, s. 7(17); 1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 959, s. 36; 1993, c. 522, s. 12; 1995, c. 509, s. 96; 1997-261, s. 93.)

**§ 143A-12. Office of the Governor; creation.**

There is hereby created an office of the Governor. (1971, c. 864, s. 2.)

**§ 143A-13. Office of the Lieutenant Governor; creation; awards.**

- (a) Creation. – There is hereby created an office of the Lieutenant Governor.
- (b) Medal of Valor Award. – The Lieutenant Governor may award the "Medal of Valor Award" to a first responder upon recommendation from the highest-ranking official or member of a first responder unit. The Lieutenant Governor may award no more than two Medal of Valor Awards to first responders each calendar year, except that a third may be awarded under special circumstances as determined by the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor may also award one Medal of Valor Award to one first responder unit, once each calendar year. A Medal of Valor Award shall be for a first responder or first responder unit that has performed great acts of heroism while under threat of personal risk to safety, beyond the call of duty in the field. For the purposes of this subsection, a "first responder" includes any firefighter, paramedic, law enforcement officer, emergency medical services personnel, or rescue squad member. (1971, c. 864, s. 3; 2023-94, s. 2.)

**§ 143A-14. Creation of new departments by executive order.**

All departments not now in existence which this Chapter directs to be created shall be made operative by executive order of the Governor; provided that all new departments shall be activated by executive order not later than July 1, 1972. (1971, c. 864, s. 21.)

**§ 143A-15. Date of transfer of agencies into existing departments.**

The transfer of all agencies into departments of State government which now exist shall take place not later than October 1, 1971. (1971, c. 864, s. 21.)

**§ 143A-16. Transfer of funds by Governor.**

To implement this Chapter, the Governor shall have authority to transfer all or a part of any appropriations or funds of an agency to the department to which such agency is transferred. (1971, c. 864, s. 21.)

**§ 143A-17: Repealed by Session Laws 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 769, s. 11.**

**§ 143A-18. Additional funds for reorganization.**

When adequate funds to implement reorganization are not available from the budgets of the transferred agencies, the Governor and the Council of State may make other funds available for these purposes, not to exceed a total of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) per year for all departments created by this Chapter. (1971, c. 864, s. 21.)

Article 2.

Department of the Secretary of State.

**§ 143A-19. Creation.**

There is hereby created a Department of the Secretary of State. The head of the Department of the Secretary of State is the Secretary of State. (1971, c. 864, s. 4.)

**§ 143A-20. Secretary of State; powers and duties.**

The Secretary of State shall have such powers and duties as are conferred on him by this Chapter, delegated to him by the Governor, and conferred by the Constitution and laws of this State. (1971, c. 864, s. 4.)

**§ 143A-21. Secretary of State; transfer of powers and duties to Department.**

Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution or in this Chapter, all powers, duties and functions vested by law in the Secretary of State are transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of the Secretary of State. (1971, c. 864, s. 4.)

**§ 143A-22. Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 1409, s. 1.**

**§ 143A-23. Notaries public; powers, duties and functions; transfer.**

All of the powers, duties and functions of the Governor under G.S. 10-1 of the General Statutes are transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of the Secretary of State. (1971, c. 864, s. 4.)

Article 3.

Department of State Auditor.

**§ 143A-24. Creation.**

There is hereby created a Department of State Auditor. The head of the Department of the State Auditor is the State Auditor. (1971, c. 864, s. 5.)

**§ 143A-25. State Auditor; powers and duties.**

The State Auditor shall have such powers and duties as are conferred on him by this Chapter, delegated to him by the Governor, and conferred by the Constitution and laws of this State. (1971, c. 864, s. 5.)

**§ 143A-26. State Auditor; transfer of powers and duties to Department.**

Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution or by this Chapter, all powers, duties and functions of the State Auditor are transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of the State Auditor. (1971, c. 864, s. 5.)

**§ 143A-27.** Repealed by Session Laws 2023-89, s. 5, effective January 1, 2024.

**§ 143A-27.1.** Repealed by Session Laws 2023-89, s. 5, effective January 1, 2024.

**§ 143A-28.** Repealed by Session Laws 1977, 2nd Sess., c. 1204, s. 2.

**§ 143A-29.** Repealed by Session Laws 2023-89, s. 5, effective January 1, 2024.

Article 4.

Department of State Treasurer.

**§ 143A-30. Creation.**

There is hereby created a Department of State Treasurer. The head of the Department of State Treasurer is the State Treasurer. (1971, c. 864, s. 6.)

**§ 143A-31. State Treasurer; powers and duties.**

The State Treasurer shall have such powers and duties as are conferred on him by this Chapter, delegated to him by the Governor, and conferred by the Constitution and laws of this State. (1971, c. 864, s. 6.)

**§ 143A-32. State Treasurer; transfer of powers and duties to Department.**

Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution or in this Chapter, all powers, duties and functions vested by law in the State Treasurer are transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of State Treasurer. (1971, c. 864, s. 6.)

**§ 143A-33. Local Government Commission; transfer.**

The Local Government Commission, as contained in Article 1 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type II transfer to the Department of State Treasurer. (1971, c. 864, s. 6.)

**§ 143A-34. Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System; transfer.**

The Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, and the board of trustees, as contained in Article 1 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type II transfer to the Department of State Treasurer. (1971, c. 864, s. 6.)

**§ 143A-35. North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System; transfer.**

The North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System, as contained in Article 3 of Chapter 128 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type II transfer to the Department of State Treasurer. (1971, c. 864, s. 6.)

**§ 143A-36. Public Employees' Social Security Agency; powers, duties and functions; transfer.**

All of the powers, duties and functions of the Public Employees' Social Security Agency as contained in Article 2 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, are transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of State Treasurer. (1971, c. 864, s. 6.)

**§ 143A-37. Legislative Retirement Fund; transfer.**

The Legislative Retirement Fund, as provided for in G.S. 120-4.1 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type II transfer to the Department of State Treasurer. (1971, c. 864, s. 6.)

**§ 143A-38:** Repealed by Session Laws 2007-491, s. 2, effective January 1, 2008.

**§ 143A-38.1. The Law-Enforcement Officers' Benefit and Retirement Fund; transfer.**

The Law-Enforcement Officers' Benefit and Retirement Fund, as contained in Article 12 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type II transfer to the Department of State Treasurer. (1977, 2nd Sess., c. 1204, s. 1.)

Article 5.

Department of Public Instruction.

**§§ 143A-39 through 143A-42:** Repealed by Session Laws 1993, c. 522, s. 14.

**§ 143A-43:** Repealed by Session Laws 1983, c. 768, s. 14.

**§ 143A-44:** Repealed by Session Laws 1993, c. 522, s. 14.

**§ 143A-44.1. Creation.**

There is hereby created a Department of Public Instruction. The head of the Department of Public Instruction is the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (1995, c. 72, s. 3; 2008-187, s. 24; 2016-126, 4th Ex. Sess., s. 10.)

**§ 143A-44.2:** Repealed by Session Laws 2016-126, 4th Ex. Sess., s. 11, effective January 1, 2017.

**§ 143A-44.3. Superintendent of Public Instruction; creation; transfer of powers and duties.**

The office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as provided for by Article III, Section 7 of the Constitution, and the Department of Public Instruction are transferred to

the Department of Public Instruction. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be the Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer of the State Board of Education, and shall have all powers and duties conferred by this Chapter and the Constitution, delegated to him or her by the Governor and by the State Board of Education, and conferred by Chapter 115C of the General Statutes and the laws of this State. (1995, c. 72, s. 3; 2016-126, 4th Ex. Sess., s. 12.)

**§ 143A-45. Interstate Compact for Education; rights, duties and privileges.**

All of the rights, duties and privileges of this State obtained as a party to the Interstate Compact for Education as contained in Part 5 of Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, shall be supervised and administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (1971, c. 864, s. 7; 1983, c. 768, s. 16.)

**§ 143A-46: Repealed by Session Laws 1983, c. 768, s. 14.**

**§ 143A-47. Interstate Agreement on Qualifications of Educational Personnel; rights, duties and privileges.**

All of the rights, duties and privileges of this State obtained as a party to the Interstate Agreement on Qualifications of Educational Personnel as contained in Article 24 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes and the laws of this State shall be supervised and administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (1971, c. 864, s. 7; 1983, c. 768, s. 17.)

**§ 143A-48. Textbook Commission; transfer.**

The Textbook Commission, as created by G.S. 115C-87 and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Public Instruction. (1971, c. 864, s. 7; 1983, c. 768, s. 18; 1993, c. 522, s. 15.)

**§ 143A-48.1. North Carolina Council on the Holocaust; creation; purpose; membership; expenses; assistance.**

(a) There is hereby created the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust. The purpose of the Council is to prevent future atrocities similar to the systematic program of genocide of six million Jews and others by the Nazis. This purpose shall be accomplished by developing a program of education and observance of the Holocaust.

(b) The Council shall consist of 24 members, six appointed by the Governor, six appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, six appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and six appointed by the other 18 members. Members shall be appointed for two-year terms to begin July 1 of each odd-numbered year. The six at-large appointments shall be made by the Council at its first meeting after July 1 of each odd-numbered year. To be eligible for appointment as an at-large member, a person must either be a survivor of the Holocaust or a first-generation lineal descendant of such person. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(c) The members of the Council shall be compensated and reimbursed for their expenses in accordance with G.S. 138-5.

(d) The Superintendent of Public Instruction may arrange for clerical or other assistance required by the Council. (1985, c. 757, s. 81(a); 1989, c. 47; 1995, c. 490, s. 23; 2002-126, s. 10.10D(a), (b).)

## Article 6.

### Department of Justice.

#### **§ 143A-49. Creation.**

There is hereby created a Department of Justice. The head of the Department of Justice is the Attorney General. (1971, c. 864, s. 8.)

#### **§ 143A-49.1. Attorney General; powers and duties.**

The Attorney General shall have such powers and duties as are conferred on him by this Chapter, delegated to him by the Governor, and conferred by the Constitution and laws of this State. (1971, c. 864, s. 8.)

#### **§ 143A-50. Attorney General; transfer of powers and duties to Department.**

Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution or in this Chapter, all powers, duties and functions vested by law in the Attorney General are transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Justice. (1971, c. 864, s. 8.)

#### **§ 143A-51. State Bureau of Investigation; transfer.**

The State Bureau of Investigation, as contained in Article 4 of Chapter 114 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Justice. (1971, c. 864, s. 8.)

#### **§ 143A-52. Fire investigations; transfer.**

The duties of the Commissioner of Insurance with respect to the investigation of all fires, including forest fires, as contained in Article 1 of Chapter 69 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, are hereby transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Justice; provided, however, that the duties of the Commissioner of Insurance with respect to the inspection of buildings, the removal of dangerous materials therefrom, hospital insurance, insurance regulation, and the preparation of annual reports, as contained in Chapters 57 and 58 of the General Statutes and G.S. 69-4, shall continue to be among the duties of the Commissioner of Insurance. (1971, c. 864, s. 8; 1977, c. 596, s. 3.)

**§ 143A-53:** Repealed by Session Laws 2011-97, s. 10, effective June 1, 2011.

#### **§ 143A-54. Company police; powers, duties and functions; transfer.**

All of the powers, duties and functions of the Governor contained in Chapter 74A of the General Statutes and the laws of this State relating to the appointment and commission of special police are hereby transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Justice. (1971, c. 864, s. 8.)

#### **§ 143A-55. Police information Network; transfer.**



The Police Information Network, as created by G.S. 114-10.1 and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Justice. (1971, c. 864, s. 8.)

**§ 143A-55.1. North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council; transfer.**

The North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council, as created by Chapter 17A of the General Statutes and laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type II transfer to the Department of Justice. (1975, c. 372, s. 1.)

**§ 143A-55.2. North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission; transfer.**

The North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission, as created by Chapter 17E of the General Statutes and laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type II transfer as defined in G.S. 143A-6(b) to the Department of Justice. (1983, c. 558, s. 4.)

**§§ 143A-55.3 through 143A-55.7: Not effectuated.**

Article 7.

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

**§ 143A-56. Creation.**

There is hereby created a Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The head of the Department is the Commissioner of Agriculture. (1971, c. 864, s. 9; 1997-261, s. 95.)

**§ 143A-57. Commissioner of Agriculture; powers and duties.**

The Commissioner of Agriculture shall have such powers and duties as are conferred on him by this Chapter, delegated to him by the Governor, and conferred by the Constitution and laws of this State. (1971, c. 864, s. 9.)

**§ 143A-58. Commissioner of Agriculture; transfer of powers and duties to Department.**

Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution or in this Chapter, all powers, duties and functions vested by law in the Commissioner of Agriculture are transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. (1971, c. 864, s. 9; 1997-261, s. 96.)

**§ 143A-59. Board of Agriculture; transfer.**

The Board of Agriculture, as contained in Article 1 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type II transfer to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. (1971, c. 864, s. 9; 1997-261, s. 97.)

**§ 143A-60. Structural Pest Control Division; transfer.**

The Structural Pest Control Division of the Department of Agriculture, as contained in Article 4C of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type II transfer to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. (1971, c. 864, s. 9; 1997-261, s. 98.)

**§ 143A-61. The North Carolina Agricultural Hall of Fame; transfer.**

The North Carolina Agricultural Hall of Fame, as contained in Article 50B of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. (1971, c. 864, s. 9; 1997-261, s. 99.)

**§ 143A-62. Gasoline and Oil Inspection Board; transfer.**

The Gasoline and Oil Inspection Board, as contained in Article 3 of Chapter 119 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type II transfer to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. (1971, c. 864, s. 9; 1997-261, s. 100.)

**§ 143A-63. North Carolina Rural Rehabilitation Corporation; transfer.**

The North Carolina Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, and board of directors, as contained in Chapter 137 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is transferred by a Type I transfer to the North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. (1971, c. 864, s. 9; 1997-261, s. 101; 2001-424, s. 17.2(a).)

**§ 143A-64. North Carolina Board of Crop Seed Improvement; transfer.**

The North Carolina Board of Crop Seed Improvement, as contained in Article 30 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type II transfer to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. (1971, c. 864, s. 9; 1997-261, s. 102.)

**§ 143A-65. North Carolina Public Livestock Market Advisory Board; transfer.**

The North Carolina Public Livestock Market Advisory Board, as contained in Article 35 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. (1971, c. 864, s. 9; 1997-261, s. 103.)

**§ 143A-65.1. North Carolina Forest Service.**

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall have charge of the work of forest maintenance, forest fire prevention, reforestation, and the protection of lands and water supplies by the preservation of forests; it shall also have the care of State forests and State recreational forests. (2011-145, s. 13.25(c); 2013-155, s. 23.)

**§ 143A-66:** Repealed by Session Laws 1993, c. 561, s. 116.

**§ 143A-66.1. Forestry Council – creation; powers and duties.**

There is hereby created the Forestry Council of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The Forestry Council shall have the following functions and duties:

- (1) To advise the Commissioner of Agriculture with respect to all matters concerning the protection, management, and preservation of State-owned, privately owned, and municipally owned forests in the State, including but not limited to:
  - a. Profitable use of the State's forests consistent with the principles of sustained productivity.
  - b. Best management practices, including those for protection of soil, water, wildlife, and wildlife habitat, to be used in managing the State's forests and their resources.

- c. Restoration of forest ecosystems and protection of rare and endangered species occurring in the State's private forests consistent with principles of private ownership of land.
- (2) To maintain oversight of a continuous monitoring and planning process, to provide a long-range, comprehensive plan for the use, management, and sustainability of North Carolina's forest resources, and to report regularly on progress made toward meeting the objectives of the plan.
- (3) To provide a forum for the identification, discussion, and development of recommendations for the resolution of conflicts in the management of North Carolina's forests.
- (4) To undertake any other studies, make any reports, and advise the Commissioner of Agriculture on any matter as the Commissioner may direct. (1973, c. 1262, s. 52; 1977, c. 771, s. 4; 1989, c. 727, s. 218(139); 1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 653, s. 1; 1997-443, s. 11A.119(a); 2011-145, s. 13.25(f), (g).)

**§ 143A-66.2. Forestry Council – members; chairperson; selection; removal; compensation; quorum.**

(a) The Forestry Advisory Council of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall consist of 18 members appointed as follows:

- (1) Three persons who are registered foresters and who represent the primary forest products industry, one each from the Mountains, Piedmont and Coastal Plain.
- (2) One person who represents the secondary wood-using industry.
- (3) One person who represents the logging industry.
- (4) Four persons who are nonindustrial woodland owners actively involved in forest management, one of whom has agricultural interests, and at least one each from the Mountains, Piedmont, and Coastal Plain.
- (5) Three persons who are members of statewide environmental or wildlife conservation organizations.
- (6) One consulting forester.
- (7) Two persons who are forest scientists with knowledge of the functioning and management of forest ecosystems.
- (8) One person who represents a banking institution that manages forestland.
- (9) One person with expertise in urban forestry.
- (10) One person with active experience in city and regional planning.

(b) The Governor shall appoint one person from categories (1) and (5), two persons from category (4), and the persons from categories (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10). The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint the person from category (2) and one person each from categories (1), (4), and (5). The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the person from category (3) and one person each from categories (1), (4), and (5). The Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall consult with one another to insure that each of the three geographic regions of the State are represented in appointments made to fill categories (1) and (4).

(c) The Governor shall designate one member of the Council to serve as chairperson at the pleasure of the Governor.

(d) Members shall serve staggered terms of office of four years. The terms of office of members filling categories (1), (4), and (5) shall expire on 30 June of years that follow by one year those years that are evenly divisible by four. The terms of office of members filling categories (2), (3), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10) shall expire on 30 June of years that follow by three years those years that are evenly divisible by four. Terms shall expire as provided by this subsection except that members of the Council shall serve until their successors are appointed and duly qualified as provided by G.S. 128-7. Any appointment to fill a vacancy on the Council created by the resignation, dismissal, death or disability of a member shall be for the balance of the unexpired term and shall be made by the appointing authority responsible for that category. Vacancies in appointments made by the General Assembly shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 120-122.

(e) The Governor shall have the power to remove, in accordance with G.S. 143B-13, any member appointed by the Governor. The General Assembly shall have the power to remove, in accordance with G.S. 143B-13, any member appointed by the General Assembly.

(f) Members of the Council shall receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 138-5.

(g) A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(h) All clerical and other services required by the Council, including the support required to carry out studies it is requested to make, shall be supplied by the Commissioner of Agriculture. (1973, c. 1262, s. 53; 1977, c. 771, s. 4; 1989, c. 727, s. 218(140); 1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 653, s. 2; 1997-443, s. 11A.119(a); 2011-145, s. 13.25(f), (h).)

### **§ 143A-66.3. Forestry Council – meetings.**

The Forestry Council shall meet annually in October and at least three other times a year and may hold special meetings at any time and place within the State at the call of the chairperson or upon the written request of at least a majority of the members. At least one meeting during each two-year period shall be held in the Mountains, Piedmont, and the Coastal Plain. (1973, c. 1262, s. 54; 1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 653, s. 3; 2011-145, s. 13.25(f).)

## Article 8.

### Department of Labor.

### **§ 143A-67. Creation.**

There is hereby created a Department of Labor. The head of the Department of Labor is the Commissioner of Labor. (1971, c. 864, s. 10.)

### **§ 143A-68. Commissioner of Labor; powers and duties.**

The Commissioner of Labor shall have such powers and duties as are conferred on him by this Chapter, delegated to him by the Governor, and conferred by the Constitution and laws of this State. (1971, c. 864, s. 10.)

### **§ 143A-69. Commissioner of Labor; transfer of powers and duties to Department.**

Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution or in this Chapter, all powers, duties and functions vested by law in the Commissioner of Labor are transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Labor. (1971, c. 864, s. 10.)

**§ 143A-70. Board of Boiler Rules and Bureau of Boiler Inspection; transfer.**

The Board of Boiler Rules and the Bureau of Boiler Inspection, as contained in Article 7 of Chapter 95 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, are hereby transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Labor. (1971, c. 864, s. 10.)

**§ 143A-71:** Repealed by Session Laws 2013-72, s. 2(b), effective January 1, 2014.

**§ 143A-72. Voluntary arbitration of labor disputes; appointment of arbitrator or panel; Commissioner of Labor; transfer.**

All of the powers, duties and functions of the Commissioner of Labor under Article 4A of Chapter 95 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, are transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Labor. (1971, c. 864, s. 10.)

Article 9.

Department of Insurance.

**§ 143A-73. Creation.**

There is hereby created a Department of Insurance. The head of the Department of Insurance is the Commissioner of Insurance. (1971, c. 864, s. 11.)

**§ 143A-74. Commissioner of Insurance; powers and duties.**

The Commissioner of Insurance shall have such powers and duties as are conferred on him by this Chapter, delegated to him by the Governor, and conferred by the Constitution and laws of this State. (1971, c. 864, s. 11.)

**§ 143A-75. Commissioner of Insurance; transfer of powers and duties to Department.**

Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution or in this Chapter, all powers, duties and functions vested in the Commissioner of Insurance are transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Insurance. (1971, c. 864, s. 11.)

**§ 143A-76:** Repealed by Session Laws 1985, c. 666, s. 11.

**§ 143A-77:** Repealed by Session Laws 1985, c. 666, s. 12.

**§ 143A-78. Building Code Council; transfer.**

The Building Code Council, as contained in Article 9 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type II transfer to the Department of Insurance. (1971, c. 864, s. 11.)

**§ 143A-79. State Volunteer Fire Department; transfer.**

The State Volunteer Fire Department, as contained in Article 3 of Chapter 69 of the General Statutes and the laws of this State, is hereby transferred by a Type I transfer to the Department of Insurance. (1971, c. 864, s. 11.)

**§ 143A-79.1. Public Officers and Employees Liability Insurance Commission; transfer.**

The Public Officers and Employees Liability Insurance Commission, as contained in Part 20 of Article 9 of General Statutes Chapter 143B, is transferred by a Type II transfer to the Department of Insurance. (1985, c. 666, s. 78.)

**§ 143A-79.2. State Fire Commission; transfer.**

The State Fire Commission, described in Part 4 of Article 11 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, is transferred from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to the Department of Insurance. This transfer shall include all elements of a Type I transfer as defined in G.S. 143A-6. (1985, c. 757, s. 167(a); 2011-145, s. 19.1(g); 2012-194, s. 39.)

**§ 143A-79.3. North Carolina Industrial Commission; transfer.**

The statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the Industrial Commission are transferred to the Department of Insurance with all of the elements of a Type II transfer as defined by G.S. 143A-6. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter the statutory duties or the independent operation of the Industrial Commission. (2017-57, s. 15.19A(a).)

Article 10.

Department of Administration.

**§§ 143A-80 through 143A-96. Repealed by Session Laws 1975, c. 879, s. 46.**

**§ 143A-96.1:** Repealed by Session Laws 2021-88, s. 14(a), effective July 22, 2021.

Article 11.

Department of Transportation and Highway Safety.

**§§ 143A-97 through 143A-108. Repealed by Session Laws 1975, c. 716, s. 5.**

Article 12.

Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

**§§ 143A-109 through 143A-129. Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 1262, s. 86.**

Article 13.

Department of Human Resources.

**§§ 143A-130 through 143A-162. Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 476, s. 183.**

Article 14.

Department of Social Rehabilitation and Control.

**§§ 143A-163 through 143A-170. Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 1262, s. 10.**

Article 15.

Department of Commerce.

**§§ 143A-171 through 143A-180. Repealed by Session Laws 1977, c. 198, s. 25.**

**§§ 143A-180.1 through 143A-180.2. Recodified as §§ 143B-448, 143B-449 by Session Laws 1977, c. 198, s. 26.**

**§ 143A-181. Recodified as § 143B-439 by Session Laws 1977, c. 198, s. 26.**

**§§ 143A-182 through 143A-185.1. Repealed by Session Laws 1977, c. 198, s. 25.**

Article 16.

Department of Revenue.

**§§ 143A-186 through 143A-190. Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 476, s. 193.**

Article 17.

Department of Art, Culture and History.

**§§ 143A-191 through 143A-230. Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 476, s. 16.**

Article 18.

Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

**§§ 143A-231 through 143A-238. Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 620, s. 9.**

Article 19.

Transfers to Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

**§ 143A-239. North Carolina National Guard.**

The North Carolina National Guard as provided for in Chapter 127A is hereby transferred by a Type I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6, to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. (1977, c. 70, s. 1; 2009-281, s. 1; 2011-145, s. 19.1(g); 2012-194, s. 39.)

**§ 143A-240. North Carolina Civil Preparedness Agency.**

The State Civil Preparedness Agency as provided for in Chapter 166 is hereby transferred by a Type I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6, to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. (1977, c. 70, s. 1; 2011-145, s. 19.1(g); 2012-194, s. 39.)

**§ 143A-241. State Civil Air Patrol.**

The State Civil Air Patrol as provided for in G.S. 167-2 is hereby transferred by a Type I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6, to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. (1977, c. 70, s. 1; 2011-145, s. 19.1(g); 2012-194, s. 39.)

**§ 143A-242. State Highway Patrol.**

The State Highway Patrol as provided for in Article 4 of Chapter 20 is hereby transferred by a Type I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6, to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. (1977, c. 70, s. 1; 2011-145, s. 19.1(g); 2012-194, s. 39.)

**§ 143A-243. North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Enforcement Division.**

The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Enforcement Division as provided for in Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 18A is hereby transferred by a Type I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6, to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. (1977, c. 70, s. 1; 1981, c. 412, s. 4; 2011-145, s. 19.1(g); 2012-194, s. 39.)

**§ 143A-244. Governor's Crime Commission.**

The Governor's Crime Commission as provided for in Part 23 of Article 7 of Chapter 143B and 1977 Session Laws, Chapter 11 is hereby transferred by a Type II transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6, to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. (1977, c. 70, s. 1; 2011-145, s. 19.1(g); 2012-194, s. 39.)

**§ 143A-245. Crime Control Division.**

The Crime Control Division, Department of Natural and Economic Resources, as provided for in Part 23 of Article 7 of Chapter 143B and 1977 Session Laws, Chapter 11 is hereby transferred by a Type I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6, to the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. (1977, c. 70, s. 1; 2011-145, s. 19.1(g); 2012-194, s. 39.)