

**§ 7A-413. Powers of Conference.**

(a) The Conference may:

- (1) Cooperate with citizens and other public and private agencies to promote the effective administration of criminal justice.
- (2) Assist prosecutors in the effective prosecution and trial of criminal offenses, and develop an advisory trial manual.
- (3) Develop advisory manuals to assist prosecutors in the organization and administration of their offices, case management, calendaring, case tracking, filing, and office procedures.
- (4) Cooperate with the Administrative Office of the Courts and the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill concerning education and training programs for prosecutors and staff.
- (5) Provide legal counsel and advice to the district attorneys and their staff related to the performance of their duties through attorneys employed by the Conference.

(b) The Conference may not adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 150B of the General Statutes.

(c) The Conference shall approve all transfers of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the offices of district attorneys prior to the Administrative Office of the Courts completing the transfer.

(d) Any legal counsel or advice provided by attorneys employed by the conference provided pursuant to subdivision (2) or (5) of subsection (a) of this section is confidential and privileged, including any documents or other communications made or used in connection with that legal counsel or advice. All communications or documents made confidential by this subsection are not "public records" as defined by G.S. 132-1 and shall not be open to public inspection, examination, or copying except as provided by G.S. 132-1.4(g). (1983, c. 761, s. 152; 1987, c. 827, s. 1; 2006-264, s. 29(b); 2022-47, s. 19; 2023-34, s. 3.)