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HOUSE BILL 477

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Sponsors: Representative Cansler.

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Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS TO ADMINISTER COMPUTER-BASED  
EXAMINATIONS AND TO KEEP CERTAIN RECORDS CONFIDENTIAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 93-12(4) reads as rewritten:

"(4) To hold ~~written or oral-written~~, oral, and computer-based examinations of applicants for certificates of qualification at least once a year, or more often, as may be deemed necessary by the Board."

Section 2. Chapter 93 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 93-12.2. Board records are confidential.**

Records, papers, and other documents containing information collected or compiled by the Board, its members, or employees, as a result of a complaint, investigation, inquiry, or interview in connection with an application for examination, certification, or registration, or in connection with a certificate holder's professional ethics and conduct, shall not be considered public records within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. Any notice or statement of charges against a certificate holder or applicant, or any notice to a certificate holder or applicant of a hearing to be held by the Board is a public record, even though it may contain information collected and compiled as a result

1 of a complaint, investigation, inquiry, or interview conducted by the Board. If any  
2 record, paper, or other document containing information collected and compiled by the  
3 Board is admitted into evidence in a hearing held by the Board, it shall then be a public  
4 record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes."

5 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.