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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PUBLIC SETTLEMENT RESERVE FUND AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAW REQUIRING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON PUBLIC MONIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143-16.5 is repealed.

Section 2. G.S. 114-2.5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 114-2.5. Attorney General to report payment of public monies pursuant to settlement agreements and final court orders.

(a) The Attorney General shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Chairs of the Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety of the Senate and House of Representatives on the payments received by the State or a State agency pursuant to a settlement agreement or final order or judgment of the court and deposited to the Public Settlement Reserve Fund in accordance with G.S. 143-16.5. court where the amount of the funds received exceeds seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000). The Attorney General shall also report on the terms or conditions of payment and of any disbursements set forth in the agreement or order. The

1 Attorney General shall submit a written report to the Fiscal Research Division of the
2 General Assembly.

3 (b) This section only applies to executed settlement agreements and final orders or
4 judgments of the court and shall in no way affect the authority of the Attorney General to
5 negotiate the settlement of cases in which the State or a State department, agency,
6 institution, or officer is a party."

7 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to any
8 agreements or orders entered on or after November 15, 1998.