

1 **"§ 120-86.2. Legislature Freedom to Serve.**

2 (a) This section may be cited as the North Carolina Legislature Freedom to Serve
3 Without Leadership Coercion Act.

4 (b) It shall be unlawful for any officer of either house of the General Assembly,
5 or any party caucus officer or whip in either house of the General Assembly, to coerce,
6 dictate, or otherwise force a member of either house of the General Assembly to vote
7 for or against any legislative measure in exchange for a promise of funding of projects
8 or promises of other items. Such legislative action is against the public policy of North
9 Carolina because it prevents members from serving their constituents or fulfilling the
10 duties and responsibilities of their office.

11 (c) Violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor, and in accordance with
12 Article XI, Section 1 of the North Carolina Constitution, a person found guilty of such
13 offense shall be removed from office."

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