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**SENATE BILL 593
Judiciary Committee Substitute Adopted 4/25/17**

Short Title: Arbitration and Mediation for Business Court.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 5, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARBITRATION AND
2 MEDIATION PROGRAM FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS COURT.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** In order to make North Carolina a leading jurisdiction for the
6 resolution of business, commercial, financial, and other legal disputes, the Director of the
7 Administrative Office of the Courts, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Supreme
8 Court, shall submit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro
9 Tempore a report recommending whether and how to establish an arbitration program within
10 the North Carolina Business Court, including how parties may make themselves subject to the
11 jurisdiction of said program, required qualifications and trainings for arbitrators, and
12 requirements for persons who may represent parties in arbitration proceedings before the
13 Business Court. Such recommendations may include suggestions on the form of appeal for both
14 binding and nonbinding arbitrations in cases arbitrated under such a proposal. The Director of
15 the Administrative Office of the Courts or through the North Carolina Dispute Resolution
16 Commission may also include recommendations for establishing a mediation program operated
17 by the Business Court, including suggestions as to how parties may make themselves subject to
18 the jurisdiction of said program, required qualifications for mediators, and for persons who may
19 represent parties in mediation proceedings.

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

