



CHAPTER 120
ARTICLE 17 - CONFIDENTIALITY OF LEGISLATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

N.C.G.S. § 120-131.

Documents produced by legislative employees.

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§ 120-131(a) Documents prepared by legislative employees upon the request of legislators are confidential. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the existence of the document may not be revealed nor may a copy of the document be provided to any person who is not a legislative employee without the consent of the legislator.

- § 120-131(b)** A document prepared by a legislative employee upon the request of a legislator becomes available to the public when the document is one of the following:
- (1) A bill or resolution once introduced.
 - (2) A proposed amendment or committee substitute for a bill or resolution once offered at a committee meeting or on the floor of a house.
 - (3) A proposed conference committee report once offered at a joint meeting of the conference committees.
 - (4) A bill, resolution, memorandum, written analysis, letter, or other document resulting from a drafting or information request once distributed at a legislative commission or standing committee or subcommittee meeting not held in executive session, closed session, or on the floor of a house.
 - (5) A letter or other written communication appointing an individual to serve on a board, commission, or other position in accordance with this Chapter.

§ 120-131(b1)

A document prepared by a legislative employee upon the request of any legislator, that pursuant to this Article does not become available to the public, is not a "public record," as defined by G.S. 132-1.

§ 120-131(c) This section does not prohibit the dissemination of information or language contained in any document which has been prepared by a legislative employee in response to a substantially similar request from another legislator, provided that the identity of the requesting legislator and the fact that he or she had made such a request is not divulged.

§ 120-131(d) Administrative documents prepared by legislative employees shall become available to the public, and subject to retention schedules thereof, in accordance with policies adopted by the Legislative Services Commission.

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APPARATUS I
4 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1983	c. 900, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1983	1983 (Reg. Sess., 1984), c. 1038, s. 4	AMENDED
03	1983	1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 9	AMENDED
04	2023	S.L. 2023-134, s. 27.7(b)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 132-1	(b1)	"a "public record," as defined by"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 120-131 (2023).

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(1983, c. 900, s. 1; 1983 (Reg. Sess., 1984), c. 1038, s. 4; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 9; 2023-134, s. 27.7(b).)

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