



CHAPTER 122C
ARTICLE 4 - ORGANIZATION AND SYSTEM FOR DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

N.C.G.S. § 122C-121.

Area director.

SOURCE	LAST AMENDMENT IN THIS TEXT	RETRIEVED	SOURCE FINGERPRINT
General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2023-134, s. 9G.7A(d3) — fourteenth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 04:15 UTC	2497d926dec3c1485bfcc6cd - 3f6bb2f8c4711805f8e09ab7 - 4421cb95842bd0f6

§ 122C-121(a) The area director is an employee of the area board, shall serve at the pleasure of the board, and shall be appointed in accordance with G.S. 122C-117(a)(7). As used in this subsection, "employee" means an individual and does not include a corporation, a partnership, a limited liability corporation, or any other business association.

§ 122C-121(a1) The area board shall establish the area director's salary under Article 3 of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes. Notwithstanding G.S. 126-9(b), an area director may be paid a salary that is in excess of the salary ranges established by the State Human Resources Commission. Any salary that is higher than the maximum of the applicable salary range shall be supported by documentation of comparable salaries in comparable operations within the region and shall also include the specific amount the board proposes to pay the director. The area board shall not authorize any salary adjustment that is above the normal allowable salary range without obtaining prior approval from the Director of the Office of State Human Resources.

§ 122C-121(a2) The area board shall not provide the director with any benefits that are not also provided by the area board to all permanent employees of the area authority, except that the area board may, in its discretion, offer severance benefits, relocation expenses, or both, to an applicant for the position of director as an incentive for the applicant to accept an offer of employment. The director shall be reimbursed only for allowable employment-related expenses at the same rate and in the same manner as other employees of the area authority.

§ 122C-121(b)

The area board shall evaluate annually the area director for performance based on criteria established by the Secretary and the area board. In conducting the evaluation, the area board shall consider comments from the board of county commissioners.

§ 122C-121(c)

The area director is the administrative head of the area authority. In addition to the duties under G.S. 122C-111, the area director shall:

- (1) Appoint, supervise, and terminate area authority staff.
- (2) Administer area authority services.
- (3) Develop the budget of the area authority for review by the area board.
- (4) Provide information and advice to the board of county commissioners through the county manager.
- (5) Act as liaison between the area authority and the Department.

§ 122C-121(d)

Except when specifically waived by the Secretary, the area director shall meet all the following minimum qualifications:

- (1) Holds a master's, or higher, degree in business, healthcare administration, public health, finance, law, medicine, or a related field deemed acceptable by the area board.
- (2) Has related experience.
- (3) Has management experience.
- (4) Meets any other qualifications required by any contracts, as defined in G.S. 122C-124.2(g).

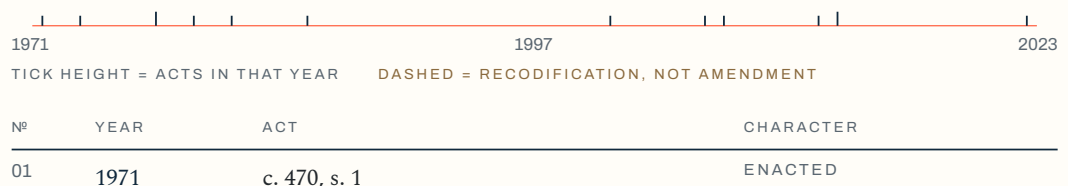
END OF SECTION TEXT

APPARATUS FOLLOWS — DERIVED, NOT ENACTED

APPARATUS I
14 ACTS

Amendment lineage

The State prints this history as a single parenthetical at the foot of the section. It is reproduced verbatim in the colophon and unpacked below in order of enactment.



02	1973	c. 476, s. 133	AMENDED
03	1977	c. 568, s. 1	AMENDED
04	1977	c. 679, s. 7	AMENDED
05	1979	c. 358, s. 14	AMENDED
06	1981	c. 51, s. 3	AMENDED
07	1985	c. 589, s. 2	AMENDED
08	2001	S.L. 2001-437, s. 1.12	AMENDED
09	2006	S.L. 2006-142, s. 4(k)	AMENDED
10	2007	S.L. 2007-323, s. 6.20(a)	AMENDED
11	2012	S.L. 2012-151, s. 11(c)	AMENDED
12	2013	S.L. 2013-339, s. 1	AMENDED
13	2013	S.L. 2013-382, s. 9.1(c)	AMENDED
14	2023	S.L. 2023-134, s. 9G.7A(d3)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
4 AUTHORITIES

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. 122C-117(a)(7)	(a)	"shall be appointed in accordance with"
G.S. 126-9(b)	(a1)	"126 of the General Statutes. Notwithstanding"
G.S. 122C-111	(c)	"In addition to the duties under"
G.S. 122C-124.2(g)	(d)(4)	"by any contracts, as defined in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 122C-121 (2023).

PINPOINT

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 122C-121(a) (2023).

Pinpoint keys are set in the left margin of the text rather than line numbers: subsection designators are stable across editions and paper sizes, line numbers are not.

COLOPHON

Provenance

This document reproduces the text of one section of the General Statutes of North Carolina from a source file whose SHA-256 digest is printed on every page. The digest fixes the bytes this export was made from; if the State's file changes, the digest will not match.

The text of the section is unaltered. Subsection designators have been moved from the run of text into the margin. The amendment history and the table of authorities are derived from the section by mechanical extraction — they add no characterization of the law.

This is not the official text. The official text is published by the General Assembly of North Carolina.

HISTORY PARENTHETICAL, AS PRINTED BY THE STATE

(1971, c. 470, s. 1; 1973, c. 476, s. 133; 1977, c. 568, s. 1; c. 679, s. 7; 1979, c. 358, s. 14; 1981, c. 51, s. 3; 1985, c. 589, s. 2; 2001-437, s. 1.12; 2006-142, s. 4(k); 2007-323, s. 6.20(a); 2012-151, s. 11(c); 2013-339, s. 1; 2013-382, s. 9.1(c); 2023-134, s. 9G.7A(d3).)

SET IN SPECTRAL AND ARCHIVO
NORTH CAROLINA LAW — STATUTE EXPORT, FORMAT V1

