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BODY**

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A Bill to Prevent Cabinet Vacancies

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Cosponsored By Speaker Kiley

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Attest:

Secretary of the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body

___ day of ___, 2026

Section 1. Short Title

The short title of this bill shall be the “Cabinet Stability” Act.

Section 2. Amendments to the General Statutes

Title IX

Chapter 2

Article V: Tier IV Appointments

Section 140: Tier IV Positions

A. The following appointments shall be considered Tier IV Appointments:

1. Deputy Legal Officers; ~~and~~
2. Deputy Solicitor Generals; ~~and~~
3. Deputy Cabinet Directors.

Section 141: Appointment of Tier IV Appointments

A. The Solicitor General shall appoint the following positions:

1. Deputy Solicitor Generals.

B. The Chief Legal Officer shall appoint the following positions:

1. Deputy Legal Officers.

C. Cabinet Directors, except the Director of Basic Needs and the Director of Civic Engagement, shall appoint the following positions:

1. Deputy Cabinet Department Directors.

D. The appointer must use a competitive application process to select appointees which in this case shall mean that in addition to the rules provided elsewhere by law:

1. The period of the application process shall be no less than two (2) days.

Section 3. Amendments to the General Statutes

Chapter 3: The Cabinet and Other Political Subdivisions of the Undergraduate Executive Council

Article I: Structure and Purpose of The Cabinet

Section 300: Duties and Responsibilities

A. The Cabinet, in addition to the powers vested in the Cabinet by law, shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. To advise The President;

2. To coordinate the activities of the Cabinet Departments;
3. To coordinate the execution of the policy priorities of The Council; and
4. Represent the needs of the Undergraduate Student Body to the University Administration.

Section 301: Membership

- A. The Cabinet shall be composed of the following:
 1. The Chief of the Cabinet,
 2. The Secretary, and
 3. All Cabinet Department Directors.

Section 302: Rules and Procedures

- A. The Chief of the Cabinet shall promulgate such rules and procedures as are necessary for the conduct of Cabinet meetings.
- B. The Chief of the Cabinet shall organize all meetings of the Cabinet.
- C. The Secretary shall act as a secretary and take the minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall see that all notices of meetings of the Cabinet are duly given and that agendas and other relevant documents are distributed.

Section 303: Time for Appointment and Term of Service

- A. All positions composing the Cabinet shall be nominated by the President, Chief of the Cabinet, or other Officer of the Undergraduate Student Body as is appropriate when vacancies occur.
- B. Cabinet Department Directors shall serve until the first Tuesday of April on the year of their expected graduation, or until they resign, participate in a University sanctioned leave of absence or program which prevents them performing their duties for longer than a single academic semester, or are otherwise unable to perform the duties of their office.
- C. Deputy Cabinet Department Directors shall be appointed by the respective Cabinet Department Directors, with the exception of the Director of Basic Needs, the Director of Civic Engagement, and all Assistant Cabinet Directors.
- D. Upon the vacancy of a Cabinet Department Director position, with the exception of the Director of Basic Needs and the Director of Civic Engagement, the respective Deputy Cabinet Department Director shall exercise the powers and duties of the position, provided that the Chief of the Cabinet may, without cause, substitute an interim appointment in the place of the Deputy Cabinet Department Director.
- E. Upon the vacancy of the Director of Basic Needs, the Director of the Carolina Closet Commission shall exercise the powers and duties of the position, provided that the Chief of the Cabinet may, without cause, substitute an interim appointment in the place of the Director of the Carolina Closet Commission.
- F. Upon the vacancy of the Director of Civic Engagement, the Assistant Director for Civic Engagement for Current Events shall exercise the powers and duties of the position, provided that the Chief of the Cabinet may, without cause, substitute an interim

appointment in the place of the Assistant Director for Civic Engagement for Current Events.

Section 304: Qualifications

- A. Individuals shall meet the following qualifications in order to seek and hold a composing the as Cabinet:
1. Have no active sanctions from the Honor System for violations of the Honor Code;
 2. Have no active sanctions from the Supreme Court of the Student Body for violations of the law;
 3. Be appointed in accordance with the law;
 4. Must be a duly registered fee-paying undergraduate student in good standing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and
 5. Must not be subject to automatic disqualification for violation of any provision of the Constitution of the Student Body.

Section 305: Resignation

- A. Any individual holding a position composing the Cabinet wishing to resign shall direct their letter of resignation to The President and The Chief of the Cabinet.

Section 306: Provisions not exclusive

- A. The provisions of this article are not exclusive and other laws shall not be considered subordinate to these provisions.

Article II: Cabinet Departments

Section 310: General Responsibilities of Members of The Cabinet

- A. Individuals which are members of The Cabinet shall:
1. Attend all Cabinet meetings;
 2. Communicate regularly with a representative of the Graduate and Professional Student Government that works in a similar capacity, when necessary;
 3. Serve on university boards, committees, or commissions as appropriate; and
 4. Keep detailed records of their work to facilitate the transition process.

Section 311: General Provisions Relating to the Functioning of Cabinet Departments

- A. Each Cabinet Department shall be overseen by no more than one Department Director.
- B. All Cabinet Department Directors outlined in this Chapter shall report to the Chief of the Cabinet.
- C. All Deputy Cabinet Department Directors shall report to Cabinet Department Directors.

Section 4. Transitional Provisions

This Bill shall become effective on May 31, 2026.

In the 107th Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body read and adopted this the 21st day of April, 2026.

Attest:

Liam Kiley
Speaker of the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body
_____ day of _____, 202_

And made law the 22nd day of April, 2026.

Devin Duncan
President of the Undergraduate Student Body
_____ day of _____, 202_