



North Carolina Progress Board



A report about the future of North Carolina.

This report is prepared for the North Carolina General Assembly and the people of North Carolina by the North Carolina Progress Board in compliance with the following statutory provisions:

GS 143B-372.2. Responsibilities

(c) The North Carolina Progress Board shall:

(1) Encourage a discussion toward understanding the critical, global, national, statewide, regional, and local demographic, social, economic, and environmental trends and conditions that exist or are emerging in North Carolina today, and how those issues will impact living in North Carolina in 10 to 20 years.

(5) Formulate and submit to North Carolinians a report every five years, beginning 2001, that updates the 10- to 20-year vision for North Carolina that describes and explains a vision for North Carolina's progress over the next 10 to 20 years.

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The North Carolina Progress Board's mission is to define a long-term vision for the future of the state, set clear goals for attaining that future, and measure North Carolina's progress in reaching those goals. The vision allocated to eight "imperatives" that must be attained – and sustained. The "imperatives" are: ***Healthy Children and Families, Quality Education for All, A High Performance Workforce, A Prosperous Economy, A Sustainable Environment, 21st Century Infrastructure, Safe and Vibrant Communities, and Active Citizenship/Accountable Government.***

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