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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Pat McCrory, Governor
The General Assembly of North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the State of North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the State's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the following:

- The financial statements of the North Carolina State Lottery Fund, which is a major enterprise fund and represents 3 percent and 48 percent, respectively, of the assets and revenues of the business-type activities.
- The financial statements of the North Carolina Turnpike Authority, which is a major enterprise fund and represents 40 percent, 11 percent, and 1 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the business-type activities.
- The financial statements of the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, which represent 4 percent, 3 percent, and 2 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units.
- The financial statements of the State Education Assistance Authority, which represent 12 percent, 2 percent, and 1 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units.
- The financial statements of the University of North Carolina System - University of North Carolina Health Care System - Rex Healthcare, which represent 2 percent, 2 percent, and 5 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units.
- The financial statements of the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan of North Carolina, which represent 7 percent, 8 percent, and 5 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate remaining fund information.
- The financial statements of the North Carolina Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan, which represent 1 percent, 1 percent, and 1 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate remaining fund information.

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- Cash basis claims and benefits of the State Health Plan, which represent 16 percent of the expenses of the aggregate discretely presented component units.

The financial statements and transactions listed above were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as they relate to these amounts, are based on the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The financial statements of the State Education Assistance Authority and the University of North Carolina System - University of North Carolina Health Care System - Rex Healthcare were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the State of North Carolina, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 22 to the financial statements, during the year ended June 30, 2015, the State implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension-an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, and No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date-an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and other required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We and other auditors have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in

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accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the State of North Carolina's basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements and schedules, introductory section, and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining fund financial statements and schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us and other auditors in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, based on our audit, the procedures performed as described previously, and the reports of other auditors, the combining fund financial statements and schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we will also issue our report dated December 3, 2015, on our consideration of the State of North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the State of North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. The report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters will be published at a later date in the State of North Carolina's Single Audit Report.



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December 3, 2015