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## **POOL PROFILE**

About the Pool

Investment Adviser

Portfolio Manager

**Pool Rated Since** 

Custodian

Distributor

Rationale

AAAm

Stable NAV Government

Public Trust Advisors, LLC

Investment Pool

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Fifth Third Bank

North Carolina Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities

System (North Carolina CLASS) is rated 'AAAm' by

S&P Global. The rating signifies our forward-looking

maintain principal value (i.e., stable net asset value,

or 'NAV'). This is accomplished through conservative

investment practices and strict internal controls.

Standard & Poor's monitors the portfolio on a

opinion about a fixed-income fund's ability to

Pool Rating

Pool Type

CP

57.6%

## Principal Stability Fund **Ratings Definitions**

### AAAm A fund rated 'AAAm' demonstrates extremely strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk 'AAAm' is the highest principal stability fund rating assigned by S&P Global Ratings **AAm** A fund rated 'AAm'

demonstrates very strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. It differs from the highest-rated funds only to a small degree.

Am A fund rated 'Am' demonstrates strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk, but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than funds in higher-rated categories

BBBm A fund rated 'BBBm' demonstrates adequate capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a reduced capacity to maintain principal stability.

BBm A fund rated 'BBm' demonstrates speculative characteristics and uncertain capacity to maintain principal stability. It is vulnerable to principal losses due to credit risk. While such funds will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

Dm A fund rated 'Dm' has failed to maintain principal stability resulting in a realized or unrealized loss of principal.

#### Plus (+) or Minus (-) The ratings may be modified

by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating categories.

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Participants should consider the investment objectives, risks and charges and expenses of the pool before investing. The investment guidelines which can be obtained from your broker-dealer, contain this and other information about the pool and should be read carefully before investina.

REPO 20.9% Public Trust Advisors, LLC (Public Trust) CP - Commercial Paper; REPO - Repurchase Agreement; ABS - Asset-backed security; COLL-BD - Collateralized Bank Deposits mutual funds certified by the Local Government

# weekly basis.

Overview North Carolina CLASS is a commingled investment pool established by interlocal agreement pursuant to N.C.G.S. Chapter 160, Article 20. The pool is managed to comply with the requirements of North Carolina law, specifically N.C.G.S. Section 159-30 or other laws of the State of North Carolina governing the investment of monies of a local government unit. The investment objective of North Čarolina CLASS is to preserve principal, provide daily liquidity, earn a competitive rate of return, and maintain a stable \$1.00 net asset value per share.

## Management

Public Trust Advisors LLC (PTA), based in Denver, is the investment adviser and administrator for the fund. PTA currently manages 12 local government investment pools rated 'AAAm' by S&P Global Ratings, including North Carolina CLASS. As of March, 2024, PTA's discretionary assets under management and administration totaled US \$88 billion. Fifth Third Bank N.A. is the custodian for North Carolina CLASS.

**Portfolio Assets** 

North Carolina CLASS seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing in various money market security types, including: U.S. Treasury securities, certain U.S. agencies, municipal obligations of North Carolina, commercial paper, savings certificates, repurchase agreements, and

Commission. All participants are voluntary, and the net asset value in the fund is calculated daily using a mark-to-market method. The maximum weighted average maturity of the portfolio is 60 days, and the maximum weighted average life to maturity of the fund's portfolio can range from 90 to 120 days, in accordance with the stated metrics for 'AAAm' PSFRs. In our view, a portfolio's weighted average maturity is a key measure of a fund's tolerance and sensitivity to rising interest rates

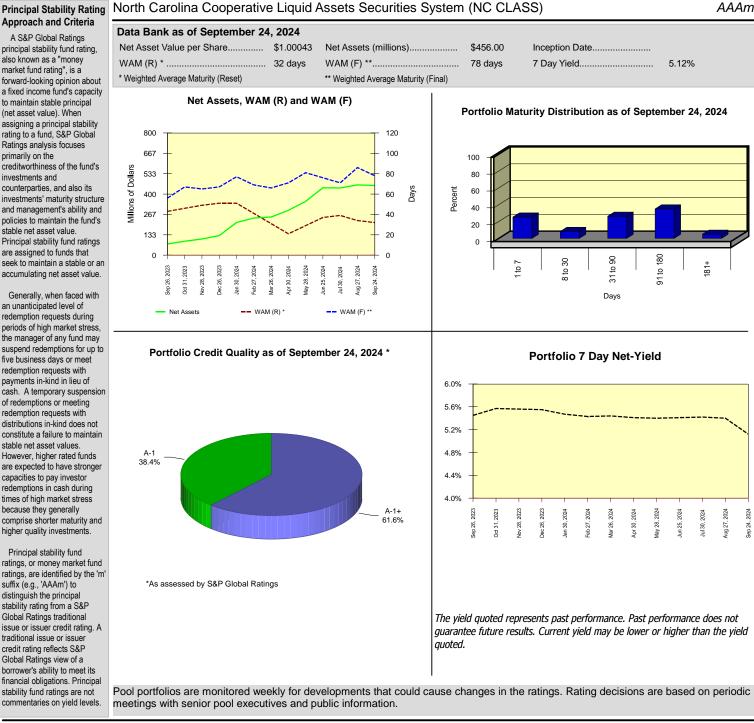
Portfolio Composition as of September 24, 2024

COLL-BD

2.5%

ABCP 19.0%

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