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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE STUDIES BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
COMMISSION, TO CREATE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, TO MAKE
OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS
THEREFOR.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I.—TITLE

Section 1.1. This act shall be known as "The Studies Act of 1992."

PART II.—LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

Sec. 2.1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the topics listed below. Listed with each topic is the 1991-92 Session bill or resolution, if any, that originally proposed the issue or study and the name of the sponsor. The Commission may consider the original bill or resolution in determining the nature, scope, and aspects of the study. The topics are:

- (1) Emergency Cardiac Care (H.B. 1051, H.B. 1604, H.B. 1605 - Green),
- (2) UNC Governance (H.B. 1481 - Mavretic),

- 1 (3) Domiciliary Care, Including That and Skilled Nursing Care at
2 Proposed State Veterans Homes (H.B. 1374, H.B. 1502 - Nye, S.B.
3 1038 - Walker),
- 4 (4) Medicaid (H.B. 1523 - Nye, S.B. 1185 - Walker),
- 5 (5) County Prison Farms for Nonviolent Misdemeanants (H.B. 1537 -
6 Holt),
- 7 (6) Allocations from the Aid to Public Libraries Fund to Local Libraries
8 (H.B. 1615 - Jeralds),
- 9 (7) Review of Proposals to Authorize New Local Occupancy Taxes or to
10 Modify the Purpose for Which an Occupancy Tax May Be Used (H.B.
11 1632 - Miller),
- 12 (8) Establishment of a Chiropractic College in North Carolina (H.B. 1645
13 - Colton, S.B. 1174 - Conder),
- 14 (9) Sales Tax and Local Occupancy Tax on Campgrounds (H.B. 1329 -
15 Beall, H.B. 1435 - Redwine, H.B. 1540 - Beall),
- 16 (10) Property Taxation of Computer Software and Other Intangibles,
- 17 (11) Bungee Jumping,
- 18 (12) Repeal of the Prison Population Stabilization Act (H.B. 1549 - Wilson,
19 S.B. 1131 - Daughtry).

20 Sec. 2.2. Toll Roads (H.B. 1098 - Bowman). The Legislative Research
21 Commission is authorized to study the feasibility of constructing toll roads in North
22 Carolina. As a part of the study, the Commission may consider:

- 23 (1) The potential for toll roads to generate revenue to supplement current
24 road construction and maintenance resources;
- 25 (2) The experience of North Carolina, and other states, in constructing and
26 operating toll roads;
- 27 (3) The availability of federal funds to construct toll roads;
- 28 (4) The possibility of private construction, operation, and ownership of
29 toll roads in the State;
- 30 (5) The feasibility of constructing major new bridge projects as toll
31 facilities; and
- 32 (6) The potential for toll roads to accelerate needed highway construction
33 and promote economic growth in the State.

34 Sec. 2.3. Basic Skills in Workplace (H.B. 1339 - Lineberry, S.B. 1102 -
35 Walker). The Legislative Research Commission may study the need and feasibility of
36 establishing education renewal programs to develop basic skills in the workplace. The
37 study may include, but is not limited to, the commitment of employers to this type of
38 program and State tax incentives to support the commitment of employers.

39 Sec. 2.4. Students at Risk (H.B. 1426 - Michaux, S.B. 1020 - Martin of
40 Guilford). The Legislative Research Commission may:

- 41 (1) Study how the delivery of educational services from preschool through
42 twelfth grade fails to address the needs of students at risk of academic,
43 social, and economic failure;

1 (2) Develop proposals for improving the delivery of educational services
2 to at-risk students; and

3 (3) Recommend the human and economic resources necessary to improve
4 each at-risk student's opportunity to reach his or her optimal potential.

5 Sec. 2.5. Alternative Medical Practices Access (H.B. 1636 - Colton). The
6 Legislative Research Commission may study the issue of citizen access to alternative
7 medical practices. The study may include, but is not limited to, the following matters:

8 (1) Recommendations for a State policy on citizen access to alternative
9 practices;

10 (2) Regulation of alternative medical practices in other states;

11 (3) Criteria for evaluating nonprevailing medical practices comparable to
12 those applied to prevailing medical practices;

13 (4) Comparison of the powers of the North Carolina Board of Medical
14 Examiners with the powers of similar boards in other states regarding
15 nonprevailing practices; and

16 (5) The existence and effectiveness of national certification boards of
17 nonprevailing medical practices in protection of the public's health.

18 Sec. 2.6. State Telecommunications (S.B. 402 - Sherron). The Legislative
19 Research Commission is authorized to study the operation of the State's central
20 telephone system and long distance telephone network and make recommendations
21 concerning the following:

22 (1) Whether the State's central telephone system should be managed and
23 operated by a private contractor;

24 (2) Whether the State's long distance telephone network should be
25 managed and operated by a private contractor;

26 (3) Whether any other telecommunications services authorized by G.S.
27 143B-426.39(14) and (15) should be managed and operated by a
28 private contractor;

29 (4) Whether any telecommunications services not now authorized under
30 G.S. 143B-426.39(14) and (15) should be provided and whether they
31 should be managed and operated by a private contractor.

32 Sec. 2.6A. The Legislative Research Commission may report its findings,
33 together with any recommended legislation, to the 1993 General Assembly or the 1994
34 Regular Session of the 1993 General Assembly, or both.

35 Sec. 2.7. Public Access to Information. The Legislative Research
36 Commission may study issues relating to the balancing of the public's right to know
37 about the conduct of government with the individual citizen's right to privacy. The
38 study may include, but is not limited to:

39 (1) The development of a:

40 a. Strategic plan for transmitting, storing, using and retrieving
41 public information;

42 b. Fair Information Practices Act that offers all citizens personal
43 data protection in both public and private sectors while allowing

1 public access to public information and private use of personal
2 information; and

- 3 c. Right to Privacy Act that combines those sections of the
4 General Statutes presently protecting privacy and protections
5 presently believed contained in the common law.

6 (2) The establishment of a "Fair Information Practices Commission" that
7 has:

- 8 a. An administrative law function of adjudicating unclear cases of
9 what is public and what is confidential information; and
10 b. An advisory function to provide interpretive guidance for fair
11 information practices.

12 The study may include the issues raised in the "North Carolina Technological
13 Information Study" presented to Governor Martin in June 1992.

14 Sec. 2.8. Management of Low-Level Radioactive Waste. The Legislative
15 Research Commission may study the ramifications of the Supreme Court's decision in
16 New York v. United States, 60 U.S.L.W. 4603 (U.S. June 19, 1992) and recent South
17 Carolina legislation on the management of low-level radioactive waste.

18 Sec. 2.9. Committee Membership. For each Legislative Research
19 Commission Committee created during the 1991-92 biennium, the cochairs of the
20 Commission shall appoint the Committee membership.

21 Sec. 2.10. Reporting Dates. For each of the topics the Legislative Research
22 Commission decides to study under this act or G.S. 120-30.17(1), the Commission may
23 report its findings, together with any recommended legislation, to the 1993 General
24 Assembly.

25 Sec. 2.11. Funding. From the funds available to the General Assembly, the
26 Legislative Services Commission may allocate additional monies to fund the work of
27 the Legislative Research Commission.

28 29 PART III.—RAILROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP CHANGE

30 Sec. 3.1. Section 3.1 of Chapter 754 of the 1991 Session Laws (First
31 Session, 1991) reads as rewritten:

32 "Sec. 3.1. There is created the Railroad Advisory Commission. The Commission
33 shall consist of ~~12~~10 members, appointed as follows:

- 34 (1) Two members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be
35 knowledgeable about the railroad business and one of whom shall be
36 an advocate of passenger rail service;
37 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or another member of the
38 House of Representatives serving as the Speaker's designee, and two
39 other members of the House of Representatives appointed by the
40 Speaker of the House of Representatives;
41 (3) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate or another member of the
42 Senate serving as the President Pro Tempore's designee, and two other
43 members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
44 Senate;

- 1 (4) The Secretary of Transportation, or a member of his staff appointed by
2 the Secretary of Transportation; and
3 (5) The State Treasurer, or a member of his staff appointed by the
4 ~~Treasurer; Treasurer.~~
5 (6) ~~Two officers or directors of the North Carolina Railroad Company~~
6 ~~appointed by its Board of Directors.~~

7 The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee shall also participate and
8 attend meetings of the Commission in accordance with Section 3.12 of this Part."
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10 PART IV.—JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

11 Sec. 4.1. Teacher Leave (H.B. 334 - Bowman). In addition to its other
12 authorized studies, the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee shall study
13 annual vacation leave for teachers. In particular, the Committee shall study (i) whether
14 the number of days of accumulated leave that are carried over to the next year should be
15 increased, and (ii) whether the maximum number of hours for which a teacher is paid a
16 lump sum for accumulated annual leave when the teacher is separated from service due
17 to resignation, dismissal, reduction in force, death, or service retirement should be
18 increased. The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the 1993
19 General Assembly upon its convening.

20 Sec. 4.2. Section 2.1(61) of Chapter 754 of the 1991 Session Laws (First
21 Session, 1991) is repealed.
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23 PART V.—JOINT SELECT FISCAL TRENDS AND BUDGET REFORM
24 COMMISSION TO STUDY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

25 Sec. 5.1. In addition to its other studies, the Joint Select Fiscal Trends and
26 Budget Reform Commission, as created by Section 348 of Chapter 689 of the 1991
27 Session Laws, shall study the need for the creation of the Office of Inspector General
28 within the Department of Administration. The Commission shall report its findings to
29 the General Assembly by February 15, 1993.
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31 PART VI.—CAPITAL NEEDS STUDY COMMISSION

32 Sec. 6.1. The General Assembly finds that:

- 33 (1) State government agencies and institutions have many unmet capital
34 needs for new capital construction and repairs and renovations to
35 existing capital facilities.
36 (2) Among the agencies and institutions that have unmet capital needs are
37 the public schools, community colleges, The University of North
38 Carolina, State mental institutions, State parks and recreation areas, the
39 State Bureau of Investigation, correctional facilities and the
40 Department of Agriculture.
41 (3) The amount of unmet needs may exceed the amount of funds available
42 to the State.
43 (4) The Fiscal Trends Study Commission will be reporting to the 1993
44 General Assembly, which will allow the General Assembly to better

1 estimate the funds that it may have available to fund capital needs,
2 either through direct appropriations, bond issues, or a combination
3 thereof.

4 Sec. 6.2. The Capital Needs Study Commission is created to study the unmet
5 capital needs of the State. The Commission is to be composed of 18 members: nine
6 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and nine appointed by the
7 President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Of the members appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives, six shall be members of the House of Representatives at the
9 time of their appointment and three shall be public members who are not members of
10 the General Assembly. Of the members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
11 Senate, six shall be members of the Senate at the time of their appointment and three
12 shall be public members who are not members of the General Assembly. A vacancy in
13 the membership of the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
14 appointment.

15 The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore
16 of the Senate shall each designate a cochair from their appointees. Either cochair may
17 call the first meeting of the Commission.

18 Sec. 6.3. (a) In conducting the study, the Commission may investigate and
19 determine the following:

- 20 (1) The capital needs, immediate and over the next 10 years, of State
21 agencies and institutions, and the ability of the State to meet these
22 needs.
- 23 (2) Specific projects that need to be funded and the priorities of the
24 projects.
- 25 (3) Sources of funding for meeting capital needs and, if bonds are
26 identified as a source, the best method of structuring the issuance of
27 the bonds so the identified needs are filled in the most economic and
28 efficient manner.
- 29 (4) The most appropriate allocation of funds derived from the issuance of
30 any education bonds between the educational divisions, which are the
31 public schools, the community colleges, and The University of North
32 Carolina, and among each division's individual components.
- 33 (5) The extent of repairs and renovations needed by existing capital
34 facilities.

35 (b) The Commission shall submit a final written report of its findings and
36 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the General Assembly by
37 February 15, 1993, so that any recommended legislation calling for a referendum on the
38 issuance of bonds can be considered and a referendum held no later than the end of May
39 1993.

40 (c) The report shall be filed with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
41 Speaker of the House of Representatives. Upon filing its final report, the Commission
42 shall terminate.

43 Sec. 6.4. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
44 Legislative Administrative Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in

1 the work of the Commission. Clerical staff shall be furnished to the Commission
2 through the Offices of the House and Senate Supervisors of Clerks. The expenses of
3 employment of the clerical staff shall be borne by the Commission. With the prior
4 approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Study Commission may hold its
5 meetings in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

6 Sec. 6.5. Members of the Commission shall be paid per diem, subsistence,
7 and travel allowances as follows:

8 (1) Commission members who are also members of the General
9 Assembly, at the rate established in G.S. 120-3.1;

10 (2) Commission members who are officials or employees of the State or of
11 local government agencies, at the rate established in G.S. 138-6;

12 (3) All other Commission members, at the rate established in G.S. 138-5.

13 Sec. 6.6. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Capital Needs
14 Study Commission for the 1992-93 fiscal year the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
15 (\$100,000).

16 17 PART VII.—CHILD DEVELOPMENT FACILITY

18 Sec. 7.1. The Department of Public Instruction shall study the feasibility of
19 operating an experimental child development facility in the new education building.
20 The Department shall report the results of its study to the General Assembly prior to the
21 convening of the 1993 General Assembly.

22 23 PART VIII.—DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO STUDY METHODS 24 FOR ENCOURAGING STATE EMPLOYEES TO USE PUBLIC 25 TRANSPORTATION IN COMMUTING TO WORK

26 Sec. 8.1. The Department of Administration shall, in consultation with the
27 Department of Transportation, study and recommend methods for encouraging State
28 employees to use public transit, including car pools and van pools, in commuting to
29 work. The Department of Administration shall report its findings and recommendations
30 to the 1993 General Assembly by March 15, 1993.

31 32 PART IX.—VOTER PARTICIPATION STUDY COMMISSION

33 (H.B. 1408 - Michaux)

34 Sec. 9.1. There is created the Voter Participation Study Commission;
35 hereafter referred to in this Part as 'Commission.'

36 Sec. 9.2. The Commission shall consist of 15 members who are citizens of
37 North Carolina who are interested in devising methods to encourage and facilitate the
38 participation of qualified North Carolinians in the electoral process. Members shall be
39 appointed as follows:

40 (1) Five shall be appointed by the Governor. Of these, the Governor shall
41 appoint two elections supervisors.

42 (2) Five shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House. Of these, the
43 Speaker shall appoint a county official, a city official, and an official
44 with the State Board of Elections.

1 (3) Five shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Of
2 these, the President Pro Tempore shall appoint two local election
3 officials.

4 Sec. 9.3. The Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the
5 Senate shall each designate a Cochair of the Commission from one of his five
6 appointees. The Cochairs shall call the first meeting of the Commission as soon as all
7 members are appointed. Each member of the Commission shall serve a term of two
8 years.

9 Sec. 9.4. The members of the Commission who are members of the General
10 Assembly shall receive subsistence and travel allowances at the rate set forth in G.S.
11 120-3.1. Members who are officials or employees of the State of North Carolina shall
12 receive subsistence and travel allowances at the rate set forth in G.S. 138-6. All other
13 members shall be paid the per diem allowances at the rates set forth in G.S. 138-5.

14 Sec. 9.5. The Commission may hold its meetings in the State Legislative
15 Building or the Legislative Office Building with the prior approval of the Legislative
16 Services Commission. The Legislative Services Commission shall provide necessary
17 professional and clerical assistance to the Commission. If necessary, the Commission
18 may enter into contracts for services of experts outside the legislative staff in order to
19 fulfill its duties.

20 Sec. 9.6. (a) With regard to statewide computerized voter registration, the
21 Commission shall:

22 (1) Design a statewide computerized voter registration system;
23 (2) Decide where the system shall be housed administratively;
24 (3) Develop a timetable for establishment of the system; and
25 (4) Recommend legislation to the General Assembly to implement
26 subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) of this section.

27 (b) With regard to campaign regulation, the Commission shall:

28 (1) Review Articles 22, 22A, 22B, and 22C of Chapter 163 of the General
29 Statutes; and
30 (2) Recommend to the General Assembly needed changes to those
31 Articles.

32 (c) The Commission shall report its progress to the General Assembly prior to
33 February 1 of each year and shall issue a final report before March 15, 1994. The
34 Commission shall terminate upon the filing of its final report.

35 Sec. 9.7. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina
36 Commission to Improve Voter Participation the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
37 (\$100,000) for the 1992-93 fiscal year to implement the provisions of this Part.
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39 PART X.—JOINT LEGISLATIVE SELECT COMMITTEE ON A
40 COMPREHENSIVE COMPENSATION SYSTEM FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

41 (H.B. 1452 - Fitch, S.B. 1035 - Johnson)

42 Sec. 10.1. The Joint Legislative Select Committee on a Comprehensive
43 Compensation System for State Employees is created. The Committee shall consist of
44 12 members.

1 Six members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
2 as follows:

- 3 (1) Four Senators;
- 4 (2) A State employee; and
- 5 (3) One person from the private sector with expertise in compensation.

6 Six members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives as follows:

- 8 (1) Four members of the House of Representatives;
- 9 (2) A State employee; and
- 10 (3) One person from the private sector with expertise in compensation.

11 Members appointed because they are members of the Senate or members of
12 the House of Representatives may serve until completion of the Committee's work
13 notwithstanding that they may no longer be members of that body.

14 Sec. 10.2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one
15 Senator as cochairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate
16 one Representative as cochairman.

17 Sec. 10.3. The Committee shall consider the comprehensive compensation
18 system issues contained in the Third Edition of Senate Bill 1035 of the 1991 General
19 Assembly which was identical as introduced to House Bill 1425. The Committee shall
20 make proposals as to the revision, if necessary, of that proposed system as will permit
21 the system's implementation not later than July 1, 1993.

22 Sec. 10.4. The Committee shall submit a final report of its findings and
23 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before March 15, 1993, by filing the
24 report with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives. Upon filing its final report, the Committee shall terminate.

26 Sec. 10.5. The Committee may meet at any time upon the joint call of the
27 cochairmen. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
28 Committee may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

29 Sec. 10.6. Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel
30 expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, and 138-6, as appropriate.

31 Sec. 10.7. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or
32 consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services
33 Commission, through the Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional
34 staff to assist in the work of the Committee. The House of Representatives' and the
35 Senate's Supervisor of Clerks shall assign clerical staff to the Commission or
36 Committee, upon the direction of the Legislative Services Commission. The expenses
37 relating to clerical employees shall be borne by the Committee.

38 Sec. 10.8. When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Committee the
39 vacancy shall be filled by the same appointing officer who made the initial appointment.

40 Sec. 10.9. All State departments and agencies and local governments and
41 their subdivisions shall furnish the Committee with any information in their possession
42 or available to them.

1 Sec. 10.10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
2 Assembly the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the 1992-93 fiscal year for
3 the expenses of the Committee established by this Part.
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5 PART XI.—COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO HEALTH INSURANCE

6 Sec. 11.1. Health Care Access and Cost Control Plan (H.B. 1458 - Gamble).
7 In addition to its other duties, the Commission on Access to Health Insurance shall
8 study the need and feasibility of establishing a North Carolina Health Care Access and
9 Cost Control Plan, as proposed in House Bill 1458 of the 1991 General Assembly
10 (Regular Session 1992).

11 Sec. 11.2. One Day Conference (H.B. 1614 - Jeralds). Section 9.1 of Chapter
12 754 of the 1991 Session Laws is amended by adding the following new subdivision to
13 read:

14 "(6) The feasibility of using resources made available from the business
15 community and from philanthropic sources to hold during 1992 a one-
16 day conference on the subject of 'access to health care'. If the
17 Commission determines that a conference is feasible through these
18 resources, then the Commission shall use the resources to arrange for
19 the conference to take place."

20 Sec. 11.3. Access to Primary Care (H.B. 1564 - R. Hunter, S.B. 1108 -
21 Forrester). In addition to its other duties, the Commission on Access to Health
22 Insurance shall study and make recommendations on the issues involved with the
23 critical shortage of primary care physicians and the impact of this shortage on access to
24 health care. The Commission may consider the provisions of House Bill 1564 and
25 Senate Bill 1108 of the 1991 General Assembly (Regular Session 1992) in determining
26 the nature, scope, and aspects of this study.
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28 PART XII.—CANCER CONTROL STUDY COMMISSION

29 (H.B. 1617 - Jeralds, S.B. 1116, S.B. 1166 - Daniel)

30 Sec. 12.1. The Cancer Control Study Commission is created. The
31 Commission shall consist of 20 members who shall be appointed as follows:

- 32 (1) Ten members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as
33 follows:
34 a. Five members of the Senate;
35 b. One person from each of the three North Carolina
36 Comprehensive Cancer Centers;
37 c. A member of the North Carolina Nurses Association; and
38 d. The State Health Director, or his designee; and
39 (2) Ten members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
40 Representatives as follows:
41 a. Five members of the House of Representatives;
42 b. A member of the Cancer Committee of the North Carolina
43 Medical Society;
44 c. A member of the Old North State Medical Society;

- 1 d. A volunteer of the American Cancer Society, North Carolina
2 Division, Inc.;
- 3 e. A representative of the North Carolina Hospital Association;
4 and
- 5 f. A member of the Local Health Directors' Association.

6 Sec. 12.2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one
7 Senator as cochair and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one
8 Representative as cochair. The cochairs shall call the first meeting and preside at
9 alternate meetings.

10 Sec. 12.3. The Commission shall study cancer control activities and services
11 in North Carolina and make recommendations that will assure coordinated and
12 adequately financed statewide cancer control efforts.

13 Sec. 12.4. The Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and
14 recommendations to the General Assembly by filing the report with the President Pro
15 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than
16 March 31, 1993. Upon filing its final report, the Commission shall terminate.

17 Sec. 12.5. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of the
18 cochairs. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
19 Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

20 Sec. 12.6. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel
21 expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, and 138-6, as applicable.

22 Sec. 12.7. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or
23 consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02, and may purchase or contract for the
24 materials and services it needs. The Legislative Services Commission, through the
25 Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist in the work
26 of the Commission. The House of Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisor of
27 Clerks shall assign clerical staff to the Commission, upon the direction of the
28 Legislative Services Commission. The expenses relating to clerical employees shall be
29 borne by the Commission.

30 Sec. 12.8. When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Commission, the
31 vacancy shall be filled by the same appointing officer who made the initial appointment.

32 Sec. 12.9. All State departments and agencies and local governments and
33 their subdivisions shall furnish the Commission with any information in their possession
34 or available to them.

35 Sec. 12.10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
36 Assembly the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the
37 expenses of the Commission established by this Part.

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39 **PART XIII.—BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERENCES**

40 Sec. 13.1. The listing of the original bill or resolution in this act is for
41 information purposes only and shall not be deemed to have incorporated by reference
42 any of the substantive provisions contained in the original bill or resolution.

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44 **PART XIV.—APPROPRIATION FOR STUDIES**

1 Sec. 14.1. In addition to other appropriations, there is appropriated from the
2 General Fund to the General Assembly's Legislative Research Commission the sum of
3 one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 1992-93 fiscal year to fund its
4 work.

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6 **PART XV.—EFFECTIVE DATE**

7 Sec. 15.1. Except as otherwise specifically provided, this act becomes
8 effective July 1, 1992.