

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 96

Short Title: Eastern Convention Ctr/Study.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jordan.

Referred to: Commerce.

January 31, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO CONDUCT A
FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AN
EASTERN CONVENTION CENTER.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Department of Commerce shall conduct a feasibility study on the construction and operation of a convention center to serve the eastern region of North Carolina. The study shall include recommendations on the following:

- (1) The necessity for a convention center to serve the eastern region of the State;
- (2) Whether a convention center would significantly contribute to economic development in the region it serves;
- (3) The counties in the eastern region that would be best served by a convention center;
- (4) The county or municipality in which the convention center should be constructed and the reasons therefor;
- (5) The estimated cost to construct and to operate the center annually; and
- (6) The likelihood of obtaining non-State funding for construction and operation and the possible sources of such funding.

1 Sec. 2. The Department of Commerce shall report the progress of the
2 feasibility study to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations at its
3 December 1995 meeting, and shall make its final report to the General Assembly on or
4 before May 1, 1996.

5 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
6 Commerce the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 1995-96 fiscal year to
7 conduct the study authorized under Section 1 of this act.

8 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.