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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE  
REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) The General Assembly intends to reorganize the Department of Human Resources, using the report of KPMG Peat Marwick, L.L.P. to the General Assembly dated March 20, 1997, to provide an alternative and improved approach to the organization and delivery of human services in North Carolina.

(b) There is established the Legislative Oversight Committee on the Reorganization of the Department of Human Resources to oversee the reorganization of the Department.

(c) The Committee shall be composed of 16 members, as follows:

- (1) Eight members of the House of Representatives at the time of their appointment, five appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one other a chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Resources, one other a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Resources, and one other the House of Representatives chair or other member of the Subcommittee

1 on Human Resources of the Joint Legislative Commission on  
2 Governmental Operations; and

- 3 (2) Eight members of the Senate at the time of their appointment, five  
4 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one other the  
5 chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Resources,  
6 one other a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on  
7 Human Resources, and one other the Senate chair or other member of  
8 the Subcommittee on Human Resources of the Joint Legislative  
9 Commission on Governmental Operations.

10 (d) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of  
11 the Senate shall each select a member from their respective chambers to serve as cochair  
12 of the Committee.

13 (e) The Committee, while in the discharge of official duties, may exercise all  
14 the powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through  
15 G.S. 120-19.4. The Committee may meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs.  
16 The Committee may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

17 (f) Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at  
18 the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1.

19 (g) The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant  
20 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services Commission, through  
21 the Legislative Services Officer, shall assign professional and clerical staff to staff the  
22 Committee. The House of Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisors of Clerks shall  
23 assign clerical staff to the Committee, upon the direction of the Legislative Services  
24 Commission. The expenses relating to professional and clerical employees supplied  
25 through the Legislative Services Commission shall be borne by the Legislative Services  
26 Commission.

27 Notwithstanding any Legislative Services Office policy to the contrary, the  
28 Committee may meet during any session of the General Assembly, and legislative staff  
29 may serve the Committee during session.

30 (h) Members serve at the pleasure of their appointing officer. When a vacancy  
31 occurs in the membership of the Committee, the vacancy shall be filled by the same  
32 appointing officer who made the initial appointment.

33 (i) All State departments and agencies and local governments and their  
34 subdivisions shall furnish the Committee with any information in their possession or  
35 available to them.

36 (j) The Committee shall report on the progress of the reorganization and any  
37 recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the General Assembly by  
38 December 1, 1998, and then by April 1 and November 1 every year until April 1, 2003,  
39 or until the Committee completes its work, at which time the Committee shall terminate.

40 (k) There is appropriated to the General Assembly the sum of twenty thousand  
41 dollars (\$20,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of twenty thousand dollars  
42 (\$20,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to fund this act.

43 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.