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H 648. MEDICAL EXAMINER STUDY. TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON MEDICAL EXAMINERS. As title indicates, to study the effectiveness of the current North Carolina medical examiner system. Lists issues to be addressed, including the extent to which suspicious deaths are unreported or underreported, the adequacy of investigations, and whether county medical examiners are adequately trained. Creates 13-member commission, and provides for its administration. Pres. Pro Tem. appoints five members: three members of the Senate, a nominee of the Ass'n of County Commissioners, and a county medical examiner or licensed physician. Speaker of the House appoints five members: three members of the House, a nominee of the NC Public Health Ass'n, and a nominee of the NC Child Fatality Task Force. The Governor appoints a member of the general public. Requires final written report of findings and recommendations on or before the convening of the 2003 Session. Permits report to 2002 Session. Requires that Legislative Services Comm'n allocate funds from its 2001-03 appropriation to support the Comm'n.

Intro. by Earle.

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