

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1137**

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Sponsors: Representatives Rapp; and Glazier.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO DATA COLLECTION BY  
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

4 Whereas, the expectations placed on the public schools by the State and  
5 federal governments, local boards of education, students, parents, and others continue to  
6 change; and

7 Whereas, school administrators, policymakers, and others constantly need  
8 additional data in useable forms to meet these expectations; and

9 Whereas, federal laws including the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001  
10 require new types of data on students; and

11 Whereas, the data system at the Department of Public Instruction is confusing  
12 and outdated; and

13 Whereas, the Department of Public Instruction does not have the ability to  
14 cross-reference data across categories; and

15 Whereas, there are several different definitions of terms such as dropout rates,  
16 high school completion rates, and graduation rates, which makes meaningful analysis of  
17 data extremely difficult; Now, therefore,

18 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

19 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study  
20 issues related to data collection by the Department of Public Instruction. In the course  
21 of the study, the Commission shall examine and recommend (i) changes and  
22 improvements to the current methods of data collection and (ii) ways to standardize  
23 definitions and methodologies for collecting, analyzing, and reporting data.

24 The Commission shall report the results of its study to the 2004 Regular  
25 Session of the 2003 General Assembly.

26 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.