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HOUSE BILL 1165
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/16/03

Short Title: Beach Preserv., Rest. & Public Access Study.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 10, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY
2 THE STATE'S POLICY ON BEACH PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, AND
3 PUBLIC ACCESS AND THE ROLE OF CITIZEN AND ADVISORY INPUT
4 INTO THESE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission is directed to study the
8 issues related to the State's policy and programs for beach preservation, restoration, and
9 public access and the role of citizen and advisory input into these policies and programs.

10 **SECTION 2.** As a part of its study, the Commission shall study the
11 following:

- 12 (1) The creation of a Beach Preservation, Restoration, and Public Access
13 Advisory Council to the Department of Environment and Natural
14 Resources.
- 15 (2) The relationship between the Department of Environment and Natural
16 Resources, the Coastal Resources Commission and a possible advisory
17 council.
- 18 (3) The creation of a North Carolina Beach Preservation, Restoration, and
19 Public Access Fund to provide grants to local communities for beach
20 preservation, beach restoration, and beach public access.
- 21 (4) The need for and details of a multiyear comprehensive State beach
22 preservation and management plan and strategy to preserve, restore
23 and manage the beaches of North Carolina.
- 24 (5) The role of public citizens and area residents in the planning and
25 implementation of State and local efforts for beach preservation,
26 restoration, and public access.

27 **SECTION 3.** The Commission may make a report of its findings and any
28 recommended legislation to the 2004 Regular Session of the 2003 General Assembly

1 and shall make a final report to the 2005 Regular Session of the 2005 General
2 Assembly.

3 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.