

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE BILL 7

Short Title: Urban Mobility Needs Study Committee. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Saunders; and Ross.

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

January 27, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO EXTEND TO MAY 1, 2005, THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO
2 STUDY NORTH CAROLINA'S URBAN MOBILITY NEEDS.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 5 of S. L. 2003-383 reads as rewritten:

6 "**SECTION 5.(a)** Commission Established. – There is established in the General
7 Assembly a Blue Ribbon Commission to study the unique mobility needs of urban areas
8 in North Carolina.

9 **SECTION 5.(b)** Membership. – The Commission shall be composed of 27
10 members as follows:

11 (1) Fifteen members of the public appointed by the Governor, two of
12 whom shall represent the Regional Transportation Alliance, one of
13 whom shall represent the environmental community, two of whom
14 shall represent the Business Coalition for Regional Transportation
15 Solutions, two of whom shall represent the North Carolina Citizens for
16 Business and Industry, two of whom shall represent the transportation
17 industry, and four of whom shall be mayors from among the 10 most
18 populous municipalities in the State.

19 (2) Six members of the House of Representatives, representing the diverse
20 geographic regions of the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House
21 of Representatives.

22 (3) Six members of the Senate, representing the diverse geographic
23 regions of the State, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
24 Senate.

25 **SECTION 5.(c)** Secretary of Transportation. – The Commission shall invite the
26 Secretary of Transportation to attend each meeting of the Commission and encourage
27 his participation in the Commission's deliberations.

28 **SECTION 5.(d)** Duties of Commission. – The Commission shall study the
29 following matters related to North Carolina's urban needs:

- 1 (1) Innovative financing approaches to mitigate urban congestion.
- 2 (2) Local revenue options which would give urban areas more control
- 3 over their regional mobility future.
- 4 (3) Any other urban transportation issues if approved by the cochairs or
- 5 recommended by the Secretary of Transportation and approved by the
- 6 cochairs.

7 **SECTION 5.(e)** Vacancies. – Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by
8 the appointing authority.

9 **SECTION 5.(f)** Cochairs. – Cochairs of the Commission shall be designated by the
10 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
11 from among their respective appointees. The Commission shall meet upon the call of
12 the chairs. A quorum of the Commission shall be 11 members.

13 **SECTION 5.(g)** Expenses of Members. – Members of the Commission shall
14 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1,
15 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

16 **SECTION 5.(h)** Staff. – Adequate staff shall be provided to the Commission by the
17 Legislative Services Office.

18 **SECTION 5.(i)** Consultants. – The Commission may hire consultants to assist with
19 the study. Before expending any funds for a consultant, the Commission shall report to
20 the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the consultant
21 selected, the work products to be provided by the consultant, and the cost of the
22 contract, including an itemization of the cost components.

23 **SECTION 5.(j)** Cooperation. – The Commission may call upon any department,
24 agency, institution, or officer of the State or any political subdivision thereof for
25 facilities, data, or other assistance.

26 **SECTION 5.(k)** Meetings During Legislative Session. – The Commission may
27 meet during a regular or extra session of the General Assembly, subject to approval of
28 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
29 Senate.

30 **SECTION 5.(l)** Meeting Location. – The Commission shall meet at various
31 locations around the State in order to promote greater public participation in its
32 deliberations. The Legislative Services Commission shall grant adequate meeting space
33 to the Commission in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

34 **SECTION 5.(m)** Report. – The Commission shall make an interim report of its
35 findings and recommendations to the 2004 Regular Session of the 2003 General
36 Assembly and shall make a final report of its findings and recommendations to the 2005
37 ~~General Assembly~~ Assembly on May 1, 2005. The terms of the initial appointees to this
38 Commission shall continue until May 1, 2005. The Committee shall submit copies of
39 the reports to the Governor and the Secretary of Transportation. Upon the filing of its
40 final report, the Commission shall terminate.

41 **SECTION 5.(n)** Funding. – The Commission may apply for, receive, and accept
42 grants of non-State funds or other contributions as appropriate to assist in the
43 performance of its duties.

1 **SECTION 5.(o)** Appropriation. – Of the funds appropriated to the General
2 Assembly, the Legislative Services Commission shall allocate sufficient funds for the
3 expenses of the Commission.

4 **SECTION 5.(p)** This section is effective when it becomes law."

5 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.