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HOUSE BILL 2350
Committee Substitute Favorable 7/10/08

Short Title: Study LEO 25-Year Retirement.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON
2 TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR RETIREMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is established the Legislative Study Commission on
6 25-Year Retirement for Law Enforcement Officers. The Study Commission shall study
7 the feasibility of providing for law enforcement officers who are members of the
8 Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System or the Local Governmental
9 Employees' Retirement System to retire with unreduced benefits after reaching age 50
10 and completing 25 years of service. In conducting the study, the Study Commission
11 shall consider the benefits to employees, the cost, and the number of positions likely to
12 be affected.

13 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Study Commission shall consist of 10 members
14 appointed as follows:

15 (1) Five members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
16 all five shall be members of the Senate at the time of appointment; one
17 individual shall have served within the last two years as a chair,
18 cochair, or vice-chair of the Senate Committee on Pensions and
19 Retirement and Aging.

20 (2) Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives; all five shall be members of the House of
22 Representatives at the time of appointment; one individual shall have
23 served within the last two years as a chair, cochair, or vice-chair of the
24 House of Representatives Committee on Pensions and Retirement.

25 **SECTION 1.(c)** The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker
26 of the House of Representatives shall each designate a cochair of the Study Commission
27 from their appointees.

28 **SECTION 1.(d)** With the prior approval of the Legislative Services
29 Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional staff to assist in

1 the work of the Legislative Study Commission on 25-Year Retirement for Law
2 Enforcement Officers. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission,
3 the Study Commission may hold its meetings in the Legislative Building or the
4 Legislative Office Building.

5 **SECTION 1.(e)** The Study Commission shall submit a final report of its
6 findings and recommendations on or before the convening of the 2009 Regular Session
7 of the 2009 General Assembly. All reports shall be filed with the President Pro Tempore
8 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative
9 Librarian. Upon filing its final report, the Study Commission shall terminate.

10 **SECTION 1.(f)** Members of the Study Commission shall be paid per diem,
11 subsistence, and travel allowances at the rates established in G.S. 120-3.1.

12 **SECTION 1.(g)** All State departments and agencies shall cooperate with the
13 Study Commission and, upon request, shall furnish to the Study Commission and its
14 staff any information in their possession or available to them.

15 **SECTION 2.** From funds appropriated to the General Assembly for the
16 2007-2008 fiscal year, the Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the
17 expenses of the Legislative Study Commission on 25-Year Retirement for Law
18 Enforcement Officers.

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