

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2647

Short Title: Funds for NC C-Span Study.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin; Fisher, Martin, and Tarleton.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 28, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY
2 COMMISSION ON TELEVISION ACCESS TO STATE GOVERNMENT AND
3 TO ESTABLISH THAT COMMISSION.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is created the Legislative Study Commission on
7 Television Access to State Government (Commission). The Commission shall consist
8 of 10 voting members appointed as follows:

- 9 (1) Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives, to include:
11 a. Three members of the House of Representatives.
12 b. At least one representative of the television medium.
13 (2) Five members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
14 to include:
15 a. Three members of the Senate.
16 b. At least one representative of the Executive Branch of State
17 Government.
18 c. At least one representative of the Judicial Branch of State
19 Governmnet.

20 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Commission shall:

- 21 (1) Review and assess current television access to State Government.
22 (2) Review television access to the operations of Federal Government, of
23 State Government in other states, and of local governments in North
24 Carolina.
25 (3) Study any other matter the Commission deems relevant.
26 (4) Make a final report to the 2009 General Assembly that includes
27 findings, recommendations, and legislative proposals relating to
28 providing television access to the operations of the General Assembly
29 and other branches of State Government.

1 **SECTION 1.(c)** The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
2 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint a cochair for the Commission.
3 The Commission may contract for consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.
4 Upon approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services Officer
5 shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the work of the Commission.
6 Clerical staff shall be furnished to the Commission through the offices of the House of
7 Representatives and the Senate Directors of Legislative Assistants. The Commission
8 may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the
9 approval of the Legislative Services Commission. Members of the Commission shall
10 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances at the rate established in
11 G.S. 120-3.1. The appointing authority shall fill vacancies. The Commission, while in
12 the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the
13 provisions of G.S. 120-19 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all
14 officers, agents, agencies, and departments of the State to provide any information, data,
15 or documents within their possession, ascertainable from their records, or otherwise
16 available to them and the power to subpoena witnesses.

17 **SECTION 1.(d)** The Commission shall terminate upon filing its final report.

18 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
19 Assembly the sum of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the
20 2008-2009 fiscal year to fund the work of the Legislative Study Commission on
21 Television Access to State Government created by this act.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.