

- 1 (9) One member nominated by the North Carolina Association of County
2 Commissioners appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
3 (10) Five public members appointed by the Governor; one of whom shall
4 be professionally engaged in environmental engineering, one of whom
5 shall be actively engaged in highway construction, one of whom shall
6 be knowledgeable in public financing, one of whom shall be
7 professionally involved with urban transportation management, and
8 one of whom shall be actively involved with rural economic
9 development.

10 The appointing authorities shall make their appointments to reflect the
11 urban-rural diversity of the population of the State, within 30 days of the effective date
12 of this act.

13 **SECTION 1.(c)** Duties of the Study Commission. – The Commission shall
14 study all aspects of transportation, including planning and scheduling of projects,
15 legislative and executive oversight, revenues, funding, and expenditures of the Highway
16 Fund, the Highway Trust Fund, and Federal Aid programs for transportation. The study
17 shall include an examination of all the following:

- 18 (1) The effectiveness of legislative oversight of the Department of
19 Transportation and all other transportation-related programs in North
20 Carolina.
21 (2) The gap between transportation funding structures and the actual
22 transportation needs of the State.
23 (3) Historical and projected application of funds within the several
24 transportation funding sources.
25 (4) Deficiencies in matching funding and expenditures between the
26 several Funds.
27 (5) Economic feasibility of alternate transportation modes, including
28 cost/benefit comparisons of planning, construction, and operation of
29 alternate transportation programs.
30 (6) Alternative methods of funding, financing, and planning transportation
31 construction, maintenance, and operations.
32 (7) Delivery of construction and maintenance projects, including
33 alternative management structures, outsourcing, and privatization.
34 (8) Any other issue related to transportation, transportation funding,
35 project planning, and management of transportation programs.

36 **SECTION 1.(d)** Vacancies. – The appointing authority shall fill any
37 vacancy on the Study Commission.

38 **SECTION 1.(e)** Cochairs. – The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and
39 the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate Cochairs of the Study
40 Commission. The Study Commission shall meet upon the call of the Cochairs. A
41 quorum of the Study Commission shall be a majority of the members.

42 **SECTION 1.(f)** Expenses of Members. – Members of the Study
43 Commission shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance
44 with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

1 **SECTION 1.(g)** Staff. – The Legislative Services Office shall assign
2 professional and clerical staff to assist the Study Commission in its work.

3 **SECTION 1.(h)** Consultants. – The Study Commission may hire consultants
4 to examine specific issues and subjects related to the study, in accordance with
5 G.S. 120-32.02.

6 **SECTION 1.(i)** Meetings During Legislative Session. – The Study
7 Commission may meet during a regular or extra session of the General Assembly.

8 **SECTION 1.(j)** Meeting Location. – The Study Commission may meet at
9 various locations around the State in order to promote greater public participation in its
10 deliberations. The Legislative Services Commission shall grant adequate meeting space
11 to the Study Commission in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office
12 Building.

13 **SECTION 1.(k)** Report. – The Commission may make interim reports and
14 shall make a final report to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2008.
15 Regardless of whether it has filed an interim or final report, the Commission shall
16 terminate on November 1, 2008. The final report shall include Commission
17 recommendations for legislation to implement recommendations made by the
18 Commission.

19 **SECTION 1.(l)** Funding. – The Study Commission shall be funded from
20 funds available to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, in
21 accordance with G.S. 120-70.52.

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