

- 1 (1) Study the feasibility of giving to every public school student in North
2 Carolina an incentive of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year
3 beginning at grade 1 and extending to grade 12 if the student meets
4 successfully specific academic, disciplinary, attendance, character, and
5 parental involvement goals and benchmarks.
- 6 (2) Determine the amount of money needed to adequately fund the
7 incentive program, including the costs of grants to students and the
8 costs of staffing and tracking for accountability. In determining
9 funding requirements, the Commission shall review how prudent
10 long-term investment strategies might yield income to offset the costs
11 to the State of an incentives program.
- 12 (3) Study any other matters that the Commission deems relevant.
- 13 (4) Make an interim report to the General Assembly by the convening of
14 the 2008 Regular Session.
- 15 (5) Make a final report to the 2009 General Assembly that includes
16 findings, recommendations, and legislative proposals relating to the
17 incentive program and related educational innovations.

18 **SECTION 2.(c)** The Commission shall terminate upon filing its final report.

19 **SECTION 2.(d)** The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
20 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint a cochair for the Commission.
21 The Commission may contract for consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.
22 Upon approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services Officer
23 shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the work of the Commission.
24 Clerical staff shall be furnished to the Commission through the offices of the House of
25 Representatives and the Senate Directors of Legislative Assistants. The Commission
26 may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the
27 approval of the Legislative Services Commission. Members of the Commission shall
28 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances at the rate established in
29 G.S. 120-3.1. The appointing authority shall fill vacancies. The Commission, while in
30 the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the
31 provisions of G.S. 120-19 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all
32 officers, agents, agencies, and departments of the State to provide any information, data,
33 or documents within their possession, ascertainable from their records, or otherwise
34 available to them and the power to subpoena witnesses.

35 **SECTION 3.** Appropriation. – There is appropriated from the General Fund
36 to the General Assembly the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2007-2008
37 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year
38 to fund the work of the Innovations in Education Legislative Study Commission created
39 by this act.

40 **SECTION 4.** Effective Date. – This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.