

April 9, 2009

**H 1308. DEFINE PARENTING EDUCATION/FAMILY LAW.** Filed 4/8/09. *TO DEFINE PARENTING EDUCATION UNDER THE LAWS PERTAINING TO FAMILY LAW.*

Enacts new GS 50-105 to define *parenting educator* as a person certified or credentialed by the NC Parenting Education Network as having met both the experience and education requirements to provide *parenting education* as defined by act.

**Intro. by M. Alexander.**

GS 50

April 21, 2009

**H 1308. DEFINE PARENTING EDUCATION/ FAMILY LAW.** Filed 4/8/09. House committee substitute deletes all the provisions of the 1st edition and replaces it with *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON PARENTING EDUCATION.*

Creates the 16-member Joint Legislative Study Commission on Parenting Education (Commission). States the purpose of the Commission is to review current practices relating to providing parent education in North Carolina in order to enhance parents' and parenting partners' competence and confidence to improve child-rearing knowledge and skills. Designates the composition of the Commission to include members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, persons receiving parent education services, and directors or their designees from a variety of state entities working on issues related to parenting, families, and children. Makes provisions for the operation of the Commission, including the filling of vacancies; staffing, subsistence and travel expenses for members; and contracting for professional, clerical, or consultant services. Directs the Commission to consider specified issues related to parenting education but does not limit the scope of the study to consideration of only the indicated issues. Provides that the Commission may make an interim report to the 2009 General Assembly no later than the convening of the 2010 General Assembly. Directs the Commission to make its final report to the 2011 General Assembly, Regular Session 2011, upon its convening.

Directs all state departments and agencies, and local governments and their subdivisions, to furnish the Commission with any information in their possession or available to them.

Appropriates \$10,000 for 2009-10 and \$10,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the General Assembly to carry out the purposes of this act.

Effective July 1, 2009.