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**HOUSE BILL 711
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/15/13**

Short Title: Define Parental Rights Standard/Statutory Law.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 11, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY
ISSUES RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall study issues relating to parental rights in North Carolina. In conducting its study, the Commission may study the following issues related to the rights of parents:

- (1) The manner in which other state legislatures and the United States Congress have addressed the issue of the rights of parents in the upbringing of their children.
- (2) Legislation which may be necessary to ensure the protection and preservation of parental rights.
- (3) What compelling governmental interests could justify interfering with parental rights on various issues.
- (4) Whether parental rights extend to other than biological parents.
- (5) Any other matters necessary in conducting the study.

SECTION 2. The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim report to the 2013 General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2014 and shall make its final report to the 2015 General Assembly when it convenes.

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

