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Short Title: Preserve Biological Evidence/Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier and Stam (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT SELECT STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE
3 PRESERVATION OF BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** The Joint Select Study Committee on the Preservation of Biological
6 Evidence is established. The membership shall be as follows:

- 7 (1) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
8 Senate.
- 9 (2) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
10 the House of Representatives.
- 11 (3) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee.
- 12 (4) The Director of the SBI or the Director's designee.
- 13 (5) The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts or the Director's
14 designee.
- 15 (6) The President of the North Carolina Association of Clerks of Superior Court
16 or the President's designee.
- 17 (7) The President of the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police or the
18 President's designee.
- 19 (8) The President of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association or the President's
20 designee.
- 21 (9) The President of North Carolina Advocates for Justice or the President's
22 designee.
- 23 (10) One North Carolina district attorney appointed by the Speaker of the House
24 of Representatives.
- 25 (11) One North Carolina district attorney appointed by the President Pro Tempore
26 of the Senate.
- 27 (12) One public member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
28 Representatives.
- 29 (13) One public member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

30 The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
31 each appoint one legislative member of the Committee to serve as cochair. The Committee
32 shall meet upon the call of the cochairs. A quorum of the Committee shall be a majority of its
33 members.

34 **SECTION 2.** The Committee shall review matters related to the preservation of
35 DNA and biological evidence, including:



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- 1 (1) The costs associated with the promulgation of minimum guidelines for the
2 retention and preservation of biological evidence.
3 (2) Emerging technologies with regard to the retention and preservation of
4 biological evidence.
5 (3) Procedures for the interagency transfer of biological evidence.
6 (4) Any other topic the Committee believes is related to its purpose.

7 **SECTION 3.** Members of the Committee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and
8 travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate. The expenses of
9 the Committee shall be considered expenses incurred for the joint operation of the General
10 Assembly. All expenses of the Committee shall be paid from the Legislative Services
11 Commission's Reserve for Studies. The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional
12 and clerical staff to assist the Committee in its work.

13 **SECTION 4.** The Committee shall submit a final report on the results of its study,
14 including any proposed legislation, to the General Assembly on or before April 1, 2014. The
15 Committee shall file a copy of its report with the President Pro Tempore's office, the Speaker's
16 office, and the Legislative Library. The Committee shall terminate on April 1, 2014, or upon
17 the filing of its final report, whichever occurs first.

18 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.