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HOUSE BILL 784

Short Title: Study/Contract Savings Through Partnerships. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative L. Hall (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY
MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THIS STATE
AND MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH UNIVERSITIES AS A MEANS OF
REDUCING THE COST TO OPERATE THOSE INSTALLATIONS.

Whereas, North Carolina has a proud tradition of mutually beneficial cooperation
with the military; and

Whereas, North Carolina is home to many military installations; and

Whereas, some of those installations may be vulnerable to closure as part of the
federal Base Realignment and Closure initiative; and

Whereas, those military installations that operate efficiently and cheaply are less
likely to be closed as part of the initiative; and

Whereas, municipalities that are adjacent to military installations in this State may
be able to enter into agreements with the installations that can help reduce the cost of operating
those facilities; and

Whereas, reducing the cost of operating military installations through such
agreements may reduce participating installations' vulnerability to closure under the Base
Realignment and Closure initiative; and

Whereas, reducing the vulnerability of military installations to closure leads
adjacent municipalities to be more economically dynamic and stable; and

Whereas, universities and municipalities frequently enter into various forms of
contracts; and

Whereas, the larger an order of goods or services under a particular contract is, the
greater discount the entity letting the contract is likely to obtain; and

Whereas, there is substantial overlap between the types of contracts that universities
and municipalities enter into; and

Whereas, partnerships between universities and municipalities for the purpose of
letting contracts would likely yield greater savings to both than either could get when
contracting on their own; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) shall study agreements
between military installations and municipalities that are adjacent to them as a means of
reducing the operating costs of military installations. As part of its study, the LRC shall
examine all of the following:



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- 1 (1) Efforts undertaken in other states, including those undertaken by the city of
2 Monterey, California.
3 (2) The types of agreements that can be entered into and the potential effect that
4 such agreements may have on the operating costs of participating military
5 installations and on the municipalities that are adjacent to them.
6 (3) Any obstacles that stand in the way of entering those agreements.
7 (4) Any other matter that the Commission deems relevant.

8 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) shall study agreements
9 between universities and municipalities for purposes of jointly letting contracts as a means of
10 reducing the cost of contracting for each type of entity. As part of its study, the LRC shall
11 examine all of the following:

- 12 (1) Efforts undertaken between universities and municipalities in this and other
13 states.
14 (2) The types of agreements that can be entered into and the potential effect that
15 such agreements are likely to have on the contracting costs of universities
16 and municipalities.
17 (3) Any obstacles that stand in the way of entering those agreements.
18 (4) Any other matter that the Commission deems relevant.

19 **SECTION 3.** The LRC shall report its findings, together with any proposed
20 legislation, to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly upon its convening.

21 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.