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HOUSE BILL DRH10436-NB-125

Short Title: Study the Abolition of Contrib. Negligence. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Longest.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE
3 ABOLITION OF CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) shall study the abolition
6 of contributory negligence in this State. As part of the study, the LRC shall do all of the following:

- 7 (1) Determine whether the abolition of contributory negligence would improve
8 measure outcomes for the citizens of this State.
9 (2) Determine whether maintaining contributory negligence is harming citizens,
10 and in what primary ways.
11 (3) Evaluate the fiscal impacts of the adoption of a new negligence framework,
12 including costs to individuals, consumers, businesses, insurance, and other
13 appropriate areas.
14 (4) Make a recommendation as to what negligence framework would be most
15 beneficial to the State, including modified and pure comparative negligence.

16 **SECTION 2.** The LRC shall submit a report on its study, including any legislative
17 recommendations, to the 2026 Regular Session of the 2025 General Assembly upon its
18 convening.

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

