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Senator Bill Rabon, Chairman  
Legislative Research Commission  
North Carolina Senate  
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2010  
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

Representative David Lewis, Chairman  
Legislative Research Commission  
N.C. House of Representatives  
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2301  
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

Dear Sen. Rabon and Rep. Lewis:

Pursuant to G.S. § 120-30.13, Senator Rabon has been designated as the Senate Cochair of the 2017-2018 Legislative Research Commission ("Commission" or "LRC"). Representative Lewis has been designated as the House Cochair of the Commission.

As you prepare your agenda for the Commission, pursuant to G.S. § 120-30.17, we authorize the Commission to appoint Study Committees to study the matters outlined in this letter. Each of you shall serve as an ex officio member of each Study Committee. The Cochairs and appointees to each Study Committee are also identified. Please restrict each Study Committee to a maximum of four meetings unless additional meetings are pre-approved by our offices.

Unless directed otherwise in this letter, the Commission shall report its recommendations of the foregoing Study Committees, including recommended legislation, to the 2018 Session of the 2017 General Assembly. Individual Study Committees must submit their final reports for the 2018 Session of the 2017 General Assembly to the Commission on or before April 20, 2018.

## Authorized Joint Committees

### **I. Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

The Committee shall study and recommend changes in policy for consideration by the General Assembly regarding the quality and availability of evidence-based services to support individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (“IDD”) in retaining employment. The Committee may examine the following:

1. The current resources and programs available in North Carolina to transition those with IDD into integrated, paid, competitive employment;
2. Review what services and supports are necessary to provide transition from education to employment for those with IDD;
3. Review what programs the State should support and invest in to allow more individuals with IDD to become employed, including programs within State and Local Governments to employ those with IDD;
4. Review what role the North Carolina Education System can play in the transition from education to employment for those with IDD;
5. Reviewing County-level coordination between programs and agencies serving individuals with IDD and how to increase awareness of available services to local governments and target populations; and
6. Care solutions and opportunities for those with IDD that are not capable of fully transitioning into a work environment.

<b>Senate Members</b>		<b>House Members</b>	
Sen. Rabon	Ex Officio	Rep. Lewis	Ex Officio
Sen. Lee	Chair	Rep. Bradford	Chair
Sen. Barefoot		Rep. Dollar	
Sen. Barringer		Rep. Malone	
Sen. Edwards		Rep. Sauls	
Sen. Chaudhuri		Rep. Insko	

### **II. Committee on Private Process Servers**

The Committee shall study the safety and efficiency of the use of private process servers in summary ejectment proceedings. In doing so, the Committee may consider the following:

1. The percentage of North Carolina summary ejectment cases where each Sheriff fails to effectuate service of process within the five-day period required by G.S. § 42-29;
2. The safety and efficiency of the use of private process servers in summary ejectment proceedings in other states;
3. The safety and efficiency of the use of private process servers in those circumstances where private process servers are already allowed under North Carolina or Federal law; and
4. The economic impact of delayed service of process in summary ejectment proceedings.

<b>Senate Members</b>		<b>House Members</b>	
Sen. Rabon	Ex Officio	Rep. Lewis	Ex Officio
Sen. Daniel	Chair	Rep. Jordan	Chair
Sen. Britt		Rep. Stone	
Sen. Randleman		Rep. Szoka	
Sen. Sanderson		Rep. Earle	
Sen. McKissick		Rep. Duane Hall	

**III. Committee on Dispute Resolution Options For Local Governments and Owners and Developers of Property**

Pursuant to Section 24.3 of S.L. 2017-57, the Committee shall study the issues raised therein and make recommendations to the General Assembly on:

1. Fee and charge setting by units of local government in the operation of a water or sewer system, including collection rates of those fees and charges;
2. Proper accounting controls to ensure transparency in budgeting and accounting for expenditures and interfund transfers of public enterprise services by units of local government;
3. Legislation that may be necessary to ensure proper funding of infrastructure maintenance and improvements for the provision of water and sewer services, including whether regionalization could facilitate financially healthy systems with lower fees and charges to customers; and
4. Legislation that may be necessary to ensure that units of local government monitor aging water and sewer infrastructure to ensure proper maintenance and repair, including how this responsibility impacts the financial health of the public enterprise.

As part of the study, the Committee shall consult with the Local Government Commission, the School of Government, the Department of Environmental Quality, the North Carolina League of Municipalities, the North Carolina County Commissioners Association, and others.

*Note that for this Study Committee, the Commission is to make an interim report to the 2018 Session of the General Assembly prior to its reconvening in 2018 and shall make a final report to the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly.*

<b>Senate Members</b>		<b>House Members</b>	
Sen. Rabon	Ex Officio	Rep. Lewis	Ex Officio
Sen. Newton	Chair	Rep. McGrady	Chair
Sen. J. Davis		Rep. Ford	
Sen. Tarte		Rep. Brawley	
Sen. Tucker		Rep. Goodman	
Sen. Smith-Ingram		Rep. Hanes	

**IV. Committee on Dispute Resolution Options for Homeowners, Associations and Governing Entities**

Pursuant to S.L. 2017-211, the Committee shall study issues surrounding the creation of a mediation and arbitration board to resolve disputes between the owners of property located in a homeowners or property owners association and the governing entities of such homeowners or property owners associations.

<b>Senate Members</b>		<b>House Members</b>	
Sen. Rabon	Ex Officio	Rep. Lewis	Ex Officio
Sen. Bishop	Chair	Rep. Stevens	Chair
Sen. Cook		Rep. Floyd	
Sen. Gunn		Rep. Grange	
Sen. Wells		Rep. Destin Hall	
Sen. Ford		Rep. R. Moore	

**V. Committee on Access to Healthcare in Rural North Carolina**

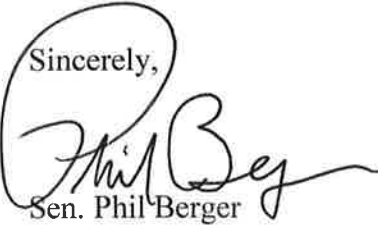
The Committee shall study issues surrounding the access rural communities in North Carolina have to health care. As part of the study, the Committee may consider the following:

1. The physician shortage in North Carolina and its impact on medically underserved areas in the state;
2. Potential solutions to address the shortage and its impacts, including approaches used by other states facing similar issues; and
3. Availability of eye care in rural communities and ways to increase provision of related services.

<b>Senate Members</b>		<b>House Members</b>	
Sen. Rabon	Ex Officio	Rep. Lewis	Chair
Sen. Curtis	Chair	Rep. Murphy	
Sen. Harrington		Rep. Dobson	
Sen. Krawiec		Rep. Terry	
Sen. Wade		Rep. Hunter	
Sen. D. Davis			

We will look forward to reviewing the Commission's report regarding the study results, as well as any recommended legislation, prior to dissolution of the Commission on January 15, 2019 pursuant to G.S. § 120-30.11. Please let us know if we, or our staff, may be of assistance.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,  
  
Sen. Phil Berger

Pro Tempore of the Senate



Rep. Tim Moore

Speaker of the House