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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE STUDIES BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
3 COMMISSION, TO CREATE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, TO MAKE
4 OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS
5 THEREFOR.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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8 PART I.—TITLE

9 Section 1.1. This act shall be known as "The Studies Act of 1992."

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11 PART II.—LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

12 Sec. 2.1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the topics listed
13 below. Listed with each topic is the 1991-92 Session bill or resolution, if any, that
14 originally proposed the issue or study and the name of the sponsor. The Commission
15 may consider the original bill or resolution in determining the nature, scope, and aspects
16 of the study. The topics are:

- 17 (1) Emergency Cardiac Care (H.B. 1051, H.B. 1604, H.B. 1605 - Green),
18 (2) UNC Governance (H.B. 1481 - Mavretic),
19 (3) Domiciliary Care (H.B. 1374, H.B. 1502 - Nye, S.B. 1038 - Walker),
20 (4) Medicaid (H.B. 1523 - Nye, S.B. 1185 - Walker),

- 1 (5) County Prison Farms for Nonviolent Misdemeanants (H.B. 1537 -
- 2 Holt),
- 3 (6) Allocations from the Aid to Public Libraries Fund to Local Libraries
- 4 (H.B. 1615 - Jeralds),
- 5 (7) Review of Proposals to Authorize New Local Occupancy Taxes or to
- 6 Modify the Purpose for Which an Occupancy Tax May Be Used (H.B.
- 7 1632 - Miller),
- 8 (8) Establishment of a Chiropractic College in North Carolina (H.B. 1645
- 9 - Colton, S.B. 1174 - Conder),
- 10 (9) Sales Tax and Local Occupancy Tax on Campgrounds (H.B. 1329 -
- 11 Beall, H.B. 1435 - Redwine, H.B. 1540 - Beall),
- 12 (10) Property Taxation of Computer Software and Other Intangibles,
- 13 (11) Bungee Jumping.

14 Sec. 2.2. Toll Roads (H.B. 1098 - Bowman). The Legislative Research
15 Commission is authorized to study the feasibility of constructing toll roads in North
16 Carolina. As a part of the study, the Commission may consider:

- 17 (1) The potential for toll roads to generate revenue to supplement current
- 18 road construction and maintenance resources;
- 19 (2) The experience of North Carolina, and other states, in constructing and
- 20 operating toll roads;
- 21 (3) The availability of federal funds to construct toll roads;
- 22 (4) The possibility of private construction, operation, and ownership of
- 23 toll roads in the State;
- 24 (5) The feasibility of constructing major new bridge projects as toll
- 25 facilities; and
- 26 (6) The potential for toll roads to accelerate needed highway construction
- 27 and promote economic growth in the State.

28 Sec. 2.3. Basic Skills in Workplace (H.B. 1339 - Lineberry, S.B. 1102 -
29 Walker). The Legislative Research Commission may study the need and feasibility of
30 establishing education renewal programs to develop basic skills in the workplace. The
31 study may include, but is not limited to, the commitment of employers to this type of
32 program and State tax incentives to support the commitment of employers.

33 Sec. 2.4. Students at Risk (H.B. 1426 - Michaux, S.B. 1020 - Martin of
34 Guilford). The Legislative Research Commission may:

- 35 (1) Study how the delivery of educational services from preschool through
- 36 twelfth grade fails to address the needs of students at risk of academic,
- 37 social, and economic failure;
- 38 (2) Develop proposals for improving the delivery of educational services
- 39 to at-risk students; and
- 40 (3) Recommend the human and economic resources necessary to improve
- 41 each at-risk student's opportunity to reach his or her optimal potential.

42 Sec. 2.5. Alternative Medical Practices Access (H.B. 1636 - Colton). The
43 Legislative Research Commission may study the issue of citizen access to alternative
44 medical practices. The study may include, but is not limited to, the following matters:

- 1 (1) Recommendations for a State policy on citizen access to alternative
2 practices;
- 3 (2) Regulation of alternative medical practices in other states;
- 4 (3) Criteria for evaluating nonprevailing medical practices comparable to
5 those applied to prevailing medical practices;
- 6 (4) Comparison of the powers of the North Carolina Board of Medical
7 Examiners with the powers of similar boards in other states regarding
8 nonprevailing practices; and
- 9 (5) The existence and effectiveness of national certification boards of
10 nonprevailing medical practices in protection of the public's health.

11 Sec. 2.6. State Telecommunications (S.B. 402 - Sherron). The Legislative
12 Research Commission is authorized to study the operation of the State's central
13 telephone system and long distance telephone network and make recommendations
14 concerning the following:

- 15 (1) Whether the State's central telephone system should be managed and
16 operated by a private contractor;
- 17 (2) Whether the State's long distance telephone network should be
18 managed and operated by a private contractor;
- 19 (3) Whether any other telecommunications services authorized by G.S.
20 143B-426.39(14) and (15) should be managed and operated by a
21 private contractor;
- 22 (4) Whether any telecommunications services not now authorized under
23 G.S. 143B-426.39(14) and (15) should be provided and whether they
24 should be managed and operated by a private contractor.

25 Sec. 2.6A. The Legislative Research Commission may report its findings,
26 together with any recommended legislation, to the 1993 General Assembly or the 1994
27 Regular Session of the 1993 General Assembly, or both.

28 Sec. 2.7. Public Access to Information. The Legislative Research
29 Commission may study issues relating to the balancing of the public's right to know
30 about the conduct of government with the individual citizen's right to privacy. The
31 study may include, but is not limited to:

- 32 (1) The development of a:
 - 33 a. Strategic plan for transmitting, storing, using and retrieving
34 public information;
 - 35 b. Fair Information Practices Act that offers all citizens personal
36 data protection in both public and private sectors while allowing
37 public access to public information and private use of personal
38 information; and
 - 39 c. Right to Privacy Act that combines those sections of the
40 General Statutes presently protecting privacy and protections
41 presently believed contained in the common law.
- 42 (2) The establishment of a "Fair Information Practices Commission" that
43 has:

- 1 a. An administrative law function of adjudicating unclear cases of
2 what is public and what is confidential information; and
3 b. An advisory function to provide interpretive guidance for fair
4 information practices.

5 The study may include the issues raised in the "North Carolina Technological
6 Information Study" presented to Governor Martin in June 1992.

7 Sec. 2.8. Management of Low-Level Radioactive Waste. The Legislative
8 Research Commission may study the ramifications of the Supreme Court's decision in
9 New York v. United States, 60 U.S.L.W. 4603 (U.S. June 19, 1992) and recent South
10 Carolina legislation on the management of low-level radioactive waste.

11 Sec. 2.9. Committee Membership. For each Legislative Research
12 Commission Committee created during the 1991-92 biennium, the cochairs of the
13 Commission shall appoint the Committee membership.

14 Sec. 2.10. Reporting Dates. For each of the topics the Legislative Research
15 Commission decides to study under this act or G.S. 120-30.17(1), the Commission may
16 report its findings, together with any recommended legislation, to the 1993 General
17 Assembly.

18 Sec. 2.11. Funding. From the funds available to the General Assembly, the
19 Legislative Services Commission may allocate additional monies to fund the work of
20 the Legislative Research Commission.

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22 PART III.—RAILROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP CHANGE

23 Sec. 3.1. Section 3.1 of Chapter 754 of the 1991 Session Laws (First
24 Session, 1991) reads as rewritten:

25 "Sec. 3.1. There is created the Railroad Advisory Commission. The Commission
26 shall consist of ~~12~~10 members, appointed as follows:

- 27 (1) Two members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be
28 knowledgeable about the railroad business and one of whom shall be
29 an advocate of passenger rail service;
- 30 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or another member of the
31 House of Representatives serving as the Speaker's designee, and two
32 other members of the House of Representatives appointed by the
33 Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 34 (3) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate or another member of the
35 Senate serving as the President Pro Tempore's designee, and two other
36 members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
37 Senate;
- 38 (4) The Secretary of Transportation, or a member of his staff appointed by
39 the Secretary of Transportation; and
- 40 (5) The State Treasurer, or a member of his staff appointed by the
41 ~~Treasurer~~; Treasurer.
- 42 ~~(6) Two officers or directors of the North Carolina Railroad Company~~
43 ~~appointed by its Board of Directors.~~

1 The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee shall also participate and
2 attend meetings of the Commission in accordance with Section 3.12 of this Part."

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4 PART IV.—JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

5 Sec. 4.1. Teacher Leave (H.B. 334 - Bowman). In addition to its other
6 authorized studies, the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee shall study
7 annual vacation leave for teachers. In particular, the Committee shall study (i) whether
8 the number of days of accumulated leave that are carried over to the next year should be
9 increased, and (ii) whether the maximum number of hours for which a teacher is paid a
10 lump sum for accumulated annual leave when the teacher is separated from service due
11 to resignation, dismissal, reduction in force, death, or service retirement should be
12 increased. The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the 1993
13 General Assembly upon its convening.

14 Sec. 4.2. Section 2.1(61) of Chapter 754 of the 1991 Session Laws (First
15 Session, 1991) is repealed.

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17 PART V.—JOINT SELECT FISCAL TRENDS AND BUDGET REFORM
18 COMMISSION TO STUDY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

19 Sec. 5.1. In addition to its other studies, the Joint Select Fiscal Trends and
20 Budget Reform Commission, as created by Section 348 of Chapter 689 of the 1991
21 Session Laws, shall study the need for the creation of the Office of Inspector General
22 within the Department of Administration. The Commission shall report its findings to
23 the General Assembly by February 15, 1993.

24
25 PART VI.—CAPITAL NEEDS STUDY COMMISSION

26 Sec. 6.1. The General Assembly finds that:

- 27 (1) State government agencies and institutions have many unmet capital
28 needs for new capital construction and repairs and renovations to
29 existing capital facilities.
- 30 (2) Among the agencies and institutions that have unmet capital needs are
31 the public schools, community colleges, The University of North
32 Carolina, State mental institutions, State parks and recreation areas, the
33 State Bureau of Investigation, correctional facilities and the
34 Department of Agriculture.
- 35 (3) The amount of unmet needs may exceed the amount of funds available
36 to the State.
- 37 (4) The Fiscal Trends Study Commission will be reporting to the 1993
38 General Assembly, which will allow the General Assembly to better
39 estimate the funds that it may have available to fund capital needs,
40 either through direct appropriations, bond issues, or a combination
41 thereof.

42 Sec. 6.2. The Capital Needs Study Commission is created to study the unmet
43 capital needs of the State. The Commission is to be composed of 18 members: nine
44 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and nine appointed by the

1 President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Of the members appointed by the Speaker of the
2 House of Representatives, six shall be members of the House of Representatives at the
3 time of their appointment and three shall be public members who are not members of
4 the General Assembly. Of the members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
5 Senate, six shall be members of the Senate at the time of their appointment and three
6 shall be public members who are not members of the General Assembly. A vacancy in
7 the membership of the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
8 appointment.

9 The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore
10 of the Senate shall each designate a cochair from their appointees. Either cochair may
11 call the first meeting of the Commission.

12 Sec. 6.3. (a) In conducting the study, the Commission may investigate and
13 determine the following:

- 14 (1) The capital needs, immediate and over the next 10 years, of State
15 agencies and institutions, and the ability of the State to meet these
16 needs.
- 17 (2) Specific projects that need to be funded and the priorities of the
18 projects.
- 19 (3) Sources of funding for meeting capital needs and, if bonds are
20 identified as a source, the best method of structuring the issuance of
21 the bonds so the identified needs are filled in the most economic and
22 efficient manner.
- 23 (4) The most appropriate allocation of funds derived from the issuance of
24 any education bonds between the educational divisions, which are the
25 public schools, the community colleges, and The University of North
26 Carolina, and among each division's individual components.
- 27 (5) The extent of repairs and renovations needed by existing capital
28 facilities.

29 (b) The Commission shall submit a final written report of its findings and
30 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the General Assembly by
31 February 15, 1993, so that any recommended legislation calling for a referendum on the
32 issuance of bonds can be considered and a referendum held no later than the end of May
33 1993.

34 (c) The report shall be filed with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
35 Speaker of the House of Representatives. Upon filing its final report, the Commission
36 shall terminate.

37 Sec. 6.4. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
38 Legislative Administrative Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in
39 the work of the Commission. Clerical staff shall be furnished to the Commission
40 through the Offices of the House and Senate Supervisors of Clerks. The expenses of
41 employment of the clerical staff shall be borne by the Commission. With the prior
42 approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Study Commission may hold its
43 meetings in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

1 Sec. 6.5. Members of the Commission shall be paid per diem, subsistence,
2 and travel allowances as follows:

- 3 (1) Commission members who are also members of the General
4 Assembly, at the rate established in G.S. 120-3.1;
- 5 (2) Commission members who are officials or employees of the State or of
6 local government agencies, at the rate established in G.S. 138-6;
- 7 (3) All other Commission members, at the rate established in G.S. 138-5.

8 Sec. 6.6. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Capital Needs
9 Study Commission for the 1992-93 fiscal year the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
10 (\$100,000).

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12 PART VII.—CHILD DEVELOPMENT FACILITY

13 Sec. 7.1. The Department of Public Instruction shall study the feasibility of
14 operating an experimental child development facility in the new education building.
15 The Department shall report the results of its study to the General Assembly prior to the
16 convening of the 1993 General Assembly.

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18 PART VIII.—DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO STUDY METHODS
19 FOR ENCOURAGING STATE EMPLOYEES TO USE PUBLIC
20 TRANSPORTATION IN COMMUTING TO WORK

21 Sec. 8.1. The Department of Administration shall, in consultation with the
22 Department of Transportation, study and recommend methods for encouraging State
23 employees to use public transit, including car pools and van pools, in commuting to
24 work. The Department of Administration shall report its findings and recommendations
25 to the 1993 General Assembly by March 15, 1993.

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27 PART IX.—VOTER PARTICIPATION STUDY COMMISSION

28 (H.B. 1408 - Michaux)

29 Sec. 9.1. There is created the Voter Participation Study Commission;
30 hereafter referred to in this Part as 'Commission.'

31 Sec. 9.2. The Commission shall consist of 15 members who are citizens of
32 North Carolina who are interested in devising methods to encourage and facilitate the
33 participation of qualified North Carolinians in the electoral process. Members shall be
34 appointed as follows:

- 35 (1) Five shall be appointed by the Governor. Of these, the Governor shall
36 appoint two elections supervisors.
- 37 (2) Five shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House. Of these, the
38 Speaker shall appoint a county official, a city official, and an official
39 with the State Board of Elections.
- 40 (3) Five shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Of
41 these, the President Pro Tempore shall appoint two local election
42 officials.

43 Sec. 9.3. The Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the
44 Senate shall each designate a Cochair of the Commission from one of his five

1 appointees. The Cochairs shall call the first meeting of the Commission as soon as all
2 members are appointed. Each member of the Commission shall serve a term of two
3 years.

4 Sec. 9.4. The members of the Commission who are members of the General
5 Assembly shall receive subsistence and travel allowances at the rate set forth in G.S.
6 120-3.1. Members who are officials or employees of the State of North Carolina shall
7 receive subsistence and travel allowances at the rate set forth in G.S. 138-6. All other
8 members shall be paid the per diem allowances at the rates set forth in G.S. 138-5.

9 Sec. 9.5. The Commission may hold its meetings in the State Legislative
10 Building or the Legislative Office Building with the prior approval of the Legislative
11 Services Commission. The Legislative Services Commission shall provide necessary
12 professional and clerical assistance to the Commission. If necessary, the Commission
13 may enter into contracts for services of experts outside the legislative staff in order to
14 fulfill its duties.

15 Sec. 9.6. (a) With regard to statewide computerized voter registration, the
16 Commission shall:

- 17 (1) Design a statewide computerized voter registration system;
18 (2) Decide where the system shall be housed administratively;
19 (3) Develop a timetable for establishment of the system; and
20 (4) Recommend legislation to the General Assembly to implement
21 subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) of this section.

22 (b) With regard to campaign regulation, the Commission shall:

- 23 (1) Review Articles 22, 22A, 22B, and 22C of Chapter 163 of the General
24 Statutes; and
25 (2) Recommend to the General Assembly needed changes to those
26 Articles.

27 (c) The Commission shall report its progress to the General Assembly prior to
28 February 1 of each year and shall issue a final report before March 15, 1994. The
29 Commission shall terminate upon the filing of its final report.

30 Sec. 9.7. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina
31 Commission to Improve Voter Participation the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
32 (\$100,000) for the 1992-93 fiscal year to implement the provisions of this Part.

33
34 PART X.—JOINT LEGISLATIVE SELECT COMMITTEE ON A
35 COMPREHENSIVE COMPENSATION SYSTEM FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

36 (H.B. 1452 - Fitch, S.B. 1035 - Johnson)

37 Sec. 10.1. The Joint Legislative Select Committee on a Comprehensive
38 Compensation System for State Employees is created. The Committee shall consist of
39 12 members.

40 Six members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
41 as follows:

- 42 (1) Four Senators;
43 (2) A State employee; and
44 (3) One person from the private sector with expertise in compensation.

1 Six members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives as follows:

- 3 (1) Four members of the House of Representatives;
- 4 (2) A State employee; and
- 5 (3) One person from the private sector with expertise in compensation.

6 Members appointed because they are members of the Senate or members of
7 the House of Representatives may serve until completion of the Committee's work
8 notwithstanding that they may no longer be members of that body.

9 Sec. 10.2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one
10 Senator as cochairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate
11 one Representative as cochairman.

12 Sec. 10.3. The Committee shall consider the comprehensive compensation
13 system issues contained in the Third Edition of Senate Bill 1035 of the 1991 General
14 Assembly which was identical as introduced to House Bill 1425. The Committee shall
15 make proposals as to the revision, if necessary, of that proposed system as will permit
16 the system's implementation not later than July 1, 1993.

17 Sec. 10.4. The Committee shall submit a final report of its findings and
18 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before March 15, 1993, by filing the
19 report with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives. Upon filing its final report, the Committee shall terminate.

21 Sec. 10.5. The Committee may meet at any time upon the joint call of the
22 cochairmen. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
23 Committee may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

24 Sec. 10.6. Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel
25 expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, and 138-6, as appropriate.

26 Sec. 10.7. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or
27 consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services
28 Commission, through the Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional
29 staff to assist in the work of the Committee. The House of Representatives' and the
30 Senate's Supervisor of Clerks shall assign clerical staff to the Commission or
31 Committee, upon the direction of the Legislative Services Commission. The expenses
32 relating to clerical employees shall be borne by the Committee.

33 Sec. 10.8. When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Committee the
34 vacancy shall be filled by the same appointing officer who made the initial appointment.

35 Sec. 10.9. All State departments and agencies and local governments and
36 their subdivisions shall furnish the Committee with any information in their possession
37 or available to them.

38 Sec. 10.10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
39 Assembly the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the 1992-93 fiscal year for
40 the expenses of the Committee established by this Part.

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42 **PART XI.—COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO HEALTH INSURANCE**

43 Sec. 11.1. Health Care Access and Cost Control Plan (H.B. 1458 - Gamble).
44 In addition to its other duties, the Commission on Access to Health Insurance shall

1 study the need and feasibility of establishing a North Carolina Health Care Access and
2 Cost Control Plan, as proposed in House Bill 1458 of the 1991 General Assembly
3 (Regular Session 1992).

4 Sec. 11.2. One Day Conference (H.B. 1614 - Jeralds). Section 9.1 of Chapter
5 754 of the 1991 Session Laws is amended by adding the following new subdivision to
6 read:

7 "(6) The feasibility of using resources made available from the business
8 community and from philanthropic sources to hold during 1992 a one-
9 day conference on the subject of 'access to health care'. If the
10 Commission determines that a conference is feasible through these
11 resources, then the Commission shall use the resources to arrange for
12 the conference to take place."

13 Sec. 11.3. Access to Primary Care (H.B. 1564 - R. Hunter, S.B. 1108 -
14 Forrester). In addition to its other duties, the Commission on Access to Health
15 Insurance shall study and make recommendations on the issues involved with the
16 critical shortage of primary care physicians and the impact of this shortage on access to
17 health care. The Commission may consider the provisions of House Bill 1564 and
18 Senate Bill 1108 of the 1991 General Assembly (Regular Session 1992) in determining
19 the nature, scope, and aspects of this study.

20 21 PART XII.—CANCER CONTROL STUDY COMMISSION

22 (H.B. 1617 - Jeralds, S.B. 1116, S.B. 1166 - Daniel)

23 Sec. 12.1. The Cancer Control Study Commission is created. The
24 Commission shall consist of 20 members who shall be appointed as follows:

- 25 (1) Ten members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as
26 follows:
- 27 a. Five members of the Senate;
 - 28 b. One person from each of the three North Carolina
29 Comprehensive Cancer Centers;
 - 30 c. A member of the North Carolina Nurses Association; and
 - 31 d. The State Health Director, or his designee; and
- 32 (2) Ten members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
33 Representatives as follows:
- 34 a. Five members of the House of Representatives;
 - 35 b. A member of the Cancer Committee of the North Carolina
36 Medical Society;
 - 37 c. A member of the Old North State Medical Society;
 - 38 d. A volunteer of the American Cancer Society, North Carolina
39 Division, Inc.;
 - 40 e. A representative of the North Carolina Hospital Association;
41 and
 - 42 f. A member of the Local Health Directors' Association.

43 Sec. 12.2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one
44 Senator as cochair and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one

1 Representative as cochair. The cochairs shall call the first meeting and preside at
2 alternate meetings.

3 Sec. 12.3. The Commission shall study cancer control activities and services
4 in North Carolina and make recommendations that will assure coordinated and
5 adequately financed statewide cancer control efforts.

6 Sec. 12.4. The Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and
7 recommendations to the General Assembly by filing the report with the President Pro
8 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than
9 March 31, 1993. Upon filing its final report, the Commission shall terminate.

10 Sec. 12.5. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of the
11 cochairs. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
12 Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

13 Sec. 12.6. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel
14 expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, and 138-6, as applicable.

15 Sec. 12.7. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or
16 consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02, and may purchase or contract for the
17 materials and services it needs. The Legislative Services Commission, through the
18 Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist in the work
19 of the Commission. The House of Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisor of
20 Clerks shall assign clerical staff to the Commission, upon the direction of the
21 Legislative Services Commission. The expenses relating to clerical employees shall be
22 borne by the Commission.

23 Sec. 12.8. When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Commission, the
24 vacancy shall be filled by the same appointing officer who made the initial appointment.

25 Sec. 12.9. All State departments and agencies and local governments and
26 their subdivisions shall furnish the Commission with any information in their possession
27 or available to them.

28 Sec. 12.10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
29 Assembly the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 1992-93 fiscal year for the
30 expenses of the Commission established by this Part.

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32 PART XIII.—BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERENCES

33 Sec. 13.1. The listing of the original bill or resolution in this act is for
34 information purposes only and shall not be deemed to have incorporated by reference
35 any of the substantive provisions contained in the original bill or resolution.

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37 PART XIV.—APPROPRIATION FOR STUDIES

38 Sec. 14.1. In addition to other appropriations, there is appropriated from the
39 General Fund to the General Assembly's Legislative Research Commission the sum of
40 one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 1992-93 fiscal year to fund its
41 work.

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43 PART XV.—EFFECTIVE DATE

1 Sec. 15.1. Except as otherwise specifically provided, this act becomes
2 effective July 1, 1992.