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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 275*

Sponsors: Representatives Brawley, Bowen, McLaughlin, Robinson; Buchanan, Easterling, and Luebke.

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

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO STUDY WAYS TO PROMOTE ENERGY
3 CONSERVATION AND THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN
4 NORTH CAROLINA.

5 Whereas, the Legislative Research Commission was authorized in 1991 to
6 study Ways to Promote the Conservation of Energy and the Use of Renewable Energy
7 Sources in Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Public Facilities; and

8 Whereas, this study committee proved to be an excellent forum for different
9 State agencies that have a role in promoting energy conservation, architects and
10 engineers, industry, and environmental groups to present their respective opinions for
11 needed changes and improvements in promoting energy conservation in buildings; and

12 Whereas, this study committee found that energy conservation can save the
13 State and its citizens substantial sums of money by reducing energy costs and at the
14 same time protect the environment; and

15 Whereas, the Legislative Research Commission was authorized in 1993 to
16 continue its study of Energy Conservation and Use of Renewable Energy Sources; and

17 Whereas, this study committee continued to look into energy conservation
18 projects in public buildings that would save substantial sums of money in avoided utility
19 bills; and

20 Whereas, this study committee also studied alternative transportation fuels
21 and found that the use of these fuels would reduce our dependence on foreign oil as well
22 as serve to reduce toxic air emissions, thereby protecting air quality; and

1 Whereas, even after four years, there is much work remaining for the study
2 committee to do; and

3 Whereas, energy conservation remains a largely untapped method of saving
4 money and protecting our natural resources;

5 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

6 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study ways
7 to promote energy conservation and the use of renewable sources of energy in North
8 Carolina. The study committee may address all issues that bear on energy conservation
9 in this State. In the course of its work, the study committee shall:

10 (1) Monitor the conversion of State motor vehicle fleets to alternative
11 fueled vehicles, as required by the federal Energy Policy Act of 1992,
12 42 U.S.C. § 13201, et seq.

13 (2) Monitor other federal legislation related to alternative fuels.

14 (3) Receive and review reports from and advise the working group
15 established by the Department of Administration, the Department of
16 Commerce, the Department of Transportation, and the Office of the
17 Governor to plan for the State to meet its alternative fueled vehicles
18 purchasing requirements under the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

19 (4) Conduct public hearings in the State regarding the use of alternative
20 transportation fuels.

21 (5) Serve as a focal point for discussion and proposals leading to the
22 development of North Carolina's public policy on the use of alternative
23 fuels for vehicles and energy conservation in general.

24 Sec. 2. The study committee may submit an interim report to the 1996
25 Regular Session of the 1995 General Assembly. The study committee shall submit a
26 final report of its recommendations and legislative proposals to the 1997 General
27 Assembly.

28 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.