## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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## SENATE BILL 330\* Finance Committee Substitute Adopted 7/7/99

Short Title: Spay/Neuter Program.	(Public)
Sponsors:	<u> </u>
Referred to:	_

## March 11, 1999

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUES OF ESTABLISHING A SPAY/NEUTER FUND AND OF ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ON THE BENEFITS OF SPAYING AND NEUTERING PETS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1.(a) The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study issues related to the establishment of a State Spay/Neuter Fund and a statewide educational program on the benefits of spaying and neutering pets.

Section 1.(b) The study shall include the assessment of fees to fund the Spay/Neuter Fund and the distribution of the money in the Fund (i) to establish a statewide education program to educate the public on the benefits of having dogs and cats spayed and neutered, and (ii) to assist units of local government in providing programs that lower the cost of spaying and neutering dogs and cats.

Section 2. The Legislative Research Commission shall make a final report of its findings and recommendations to the 2001 General Assembly and may make an interim report to the 1999 General Assembly, 2000 Regular Session.

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.