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Short Title: Regional Councils of Government.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT ALLOWING REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT TO ACQUIRE  
3 REAL PROPERTY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-475 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 160A-475. Specific powers of council.

7 The charter may confer on the regional council any of the following powers:

- 8 (1) To apply for, accept, receive, and dispense funds and grants made  
9 available to it by the State of North Carolina or any agency thereof, the  
10 United States of America or any agency thereof, any unit of local  
11 government (whether or not a member of the council), and any private  
12 or civic ~~agency;~~ agency.
- 13 (2) To employ ~~personnel;~~ personnel.
- 14 (3) To contract with ~~consultants;~~ consultants.
- 15 (4) To contract with the State of North Carolina, any other state, the  
16 United States of America, or any agency thereof, for ~~services;~~ services.
- 17 (5) To study regional governmental problems, including matters affecting  
18 health, safety, welfare, education, recreation, economic conditions,  
19 regional planning, and regional ~~development;~~ development.
- 20 (6) To promote cooperative arrangements and coordinated action among  
21 its member ~~governments;~~ governments.
- 22 (7) To make recommendations for review and action to its member  
23 governments and other public agencies which perform functions  
24 within the region in which its member governments are ~~located;~~  
25 located.
- 26 (7a) For the purpose of meeting the regional council's office space and  
27 program needs, to acquire real property by purchase, gift, or otherwise,

1                    and to improve that property. A regional council may not exercise the  
2                    power of eminent domain.

- 3            (8) Any other powers that are exercised or capable of exercise by its  
4            member governments and desirable for dealing with problems of  
5            mutual concern to the extent such powers are specifically delegated to  
6            it from time to time by resolution of the governing board of each of its  
7            member governments which are affected thereby, provided, that no  
8            regional council of governments shall have the authority to construct  
9            or purchase buildings, or acquire title to real property, except for the  
10           purposes permitted under subdivision (7a) of this section or in order to  
11           exercise the authority granted by Chapter 260 of the Session Laws of  
12           1979."

13           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.