

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**SENATE BILL 1841**

Short Title: Study Urban Growth Issues. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators McKissick; Albertson, Allran, Atwater, Boseman, Brunstetter, Clodfelter, Dalton, Dannelly, Foriest, Forrester, Goss, Hartsell, Jenkins, Jones, Kerr, Nesbitt, Purcell, Snow, Stevens, Swindell, and Weinstein.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT CREATING THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON URBAN  
2 GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is created the Legislative Study Commission on Urban  
6 Growth and Infrastructure Issues. The purpose of the Commission is to determine what  
7 measures the General Assembly may take to foster regional water resource and  
8 transportation planning, incentive-based local land use planning, and more responsive  
9 and cost-effective planning to accommodate rapid population growth in North  
10 Carolina's urban areas.

11 **SECTION 2.(a)** The Commission shall consist of 14 members as follows:

12 (1) Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives.

14 (2) Five members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

15 (3) Four members representing North Carolina's urban areas appointed  
16 jointly by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
17 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, including at least one member  
18 from Wake, Durham, or Orange County, one member from Forsyth or  
19 Guilford County, and one member from Mecklenburg County.

20 **SECTION 2.(b)** The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
21 designate one Representative as cochair, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
22 shall designate one Senator as cochair. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by  
23 the same appointing authority that made the initial appointment.

24 **SECTION 3.** The Commission shall study the following issues relating to  
25 urban growth and infrastructure:

26 (1) Options for fostering regional planning for water and transportation  
27 infrastructure.

1           (2) Strategies (including additional local land use regulatory tools) for  
2 encouraging the use of incentive-based planning by urban area local  
3 governments.

4           (3) Strategies to help urban communities maximize the benefits of growth  
5 and cope with the challenges presented by rapid growth in population,  
6 school enrollment, vehicle miles traveled on urban roads and  
7 highways, and related demands for other public services while  
8 preserving a viable economic climate and building greater regional  
9 cooperation.

10          (4) Any other matters the Commission considers necessary in furtherance  
11 of the purpose for which it is established.

12           **SECTION 4.** The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties,  
13 may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through  
14 G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of the  
15 cochairs. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative  
16 Office Building.

17           The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services  
18 Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist the Commission in its work. The House  
19 of Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisors of Clerks shall assign clerical staff to  
20 the Commission, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by  
21 the Commission. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant  
22 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. If the Commission hires a consultant, the  
23 consultant shall not be a State employee or a person currently under contract with the  
24 State to provide services.

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

28           The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services  
29 Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist the Commission in its work. The House  
30 of Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisors of Clerks shall assign clerical staff to  
31 the Commission, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by  
32 the Commission.

33           **SECTION 5.** The Commission shall report the results of its study and its  
34 recommendations to the 2009 General Assembly upon its convening.

35           **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated to the General Assembly, the  
36 Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the expenses of the  
37 Commission established by this act.

38           **SECTION 7.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.