



1 State public health officials; coordination between State departments  
2 of public health, crime control and public safety, and agriculture;  
3 establishment of public education infrastructure for any necessary  
4 emergency vaccination program; assessment of needs of public health  
5 infrastructure; and hospital capacity to respond.

6 (3) Hurricane preparedness, evacuation, and response.

7 (4) Energy security, including: identifying the State's energy profile;  
8 determining the State's essential energy facilities and their  
9 connections; evaluating potential threats and the possible  
10 consequences of disruptive events; reviewing long-term strategies;  
11 outlining strategies for communication to the media and public;  
12 offering response options for each type of emergency; identifying the  
13 response measures and options that industry and government can take;  
14 coordinating local, State, and federal level issues; ensuring protection  
15 from cyber attack of computer control systems; and monitoring of  
16 State's energy supply.

17 (5) Bioterrorism preparedness and response.

18 (6) Flood and natural disaster preparation and response.

19 (7) Any other topic the Committee believes is related to its purpose.

20 **SECTION 3.** The Committee shall meet upon the call of its House and  
21 Senate Cochairs. A quorum of the Committee shall be a majority of its members. The  
22 Committee may be organized into Subcommittees in order to facilitate discussion and to  
23 develop recommendations on the several important specialized issues for statewide  
24 consideration.

25 **SECTION 4.** The Committee, while in discharge of its official duties, may  
26 exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and Article 5A of Chapter 120 of  
27 the General Statutes. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or  
28 consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

29 **SECTION 5.** Members of the Committee shall receive per diem,  
30 subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1. The expenses of the  
31 Committee shall be considered expenses incurred for the joint operation of the General  
32 Assembly. Individual expenses of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less, including per  
33 diem, travel, and subsistence expenses of members of the Committee, and clerical  
34 expenses shall be paid upon the authorization of a Cochair of the Committee.  
35 Individual expenses in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall be paid upon the  
36 written approval of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
37 House of Representatives. All expenses of the Committee shall be paid from the  
38 Legislative Services Commission's Reserve for Studies.

39 **SECTION 6.** The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and  
40 clerical staff to assist the Committee in its work. The House of Representatives' and the  
41 Senate's Directors of Legislative Assistants shall assign clerical support staff to the  
42 Committee. The Committee may meet at various locations around the State in order to  
43 promote greater public participation in its deliberations. The Legislative Services

1 Commission shall grant adequate meeting space to the Committee in the State  
2 Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

3           **SECTION 7.** The Committee may submit an interim report on the results of  
4 its study, including any proposed legislation, at any time. The Committee shall submit a  
5 final report on the results of its study, including any proposed legislation, to the  
6 members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, on or before December 31,  
7 2009. The Committee shall file a copy of each Committee report with the President Pro  
8 Tempore's office, the Speaker's office, and the Legislative Library. The Committee shall  
9 terminate on December 31, 2009, or upon the filing of its final report, whichever occurs  
10 first.

11           **SECTION 8.** This act is effective when it becomes law.