

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1256**

Short Title: 2007 Studies Bill.

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Sponsors: Senator Rand.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR STUDIES BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
3 COMMISSION, STATUTORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES AND  
4 COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER AGENCIES, COMMITTEES, AND  
5 COMMISSIONS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **PART I. TITLE**

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9                   **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known as "The Studies Act of 2007."  
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11 **PART II. LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION**

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13                   **SECTION 2.1.** The Legislative Research Commission may study any of the  
14 topics listed below. When applicable, the bill or resolution that originally proposed the  
15 issue or study and the name of the sponsor is listed. The Commission may consider the  
16 original bill or resolution in determining the nature, scope, and aspects of the study. The  
17 following groupings are for reference only:

- 18                   (1) Government Regulatory Issues.  
19                   (2) Transportation Issues.  
20                   (3) Consumer Issues.  
21                   (4) Insurance Issues.  
22                   (5) Criminal Law Issues.  
23                   (6) State/Local Government Employee Issues.  
24                   (7) Labor, Employment, and Economic Development Issues.  
25                   (8) Other.

26                   **SECTION 2.2.** For each Legislative Research Commission committee  
27 created during the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the cochairs of the Legislative Research  
28 Commission shall appoint the committee membership.

1           **SECTION 2.3.** For each of the topics the Legislative Research Commission  
2 decides to study under this part or pursuant to G.S. 120-30.17(1), the Commission may  
3 report its findings, together with any recommended legislation, to the 2008 Regular  
4 Session of the 2007 General Assembly and shall make a final report to the 2009 General  
5 Assembly upon its convening.

6           **SECTION 2.4.** From the funds available to the General Assembly, the  
7 Legislative Services Commission may allocate additional monies to fund the work of  
8 the Legislative Research Commission.

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10 **PART III. STATUTORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

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12           **SECTION 3.1.** The various statutory oversight committees and commissions  
13 may study a range of topics and report their findings, together with any recommended  
14 legislation, to the 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly upon its  
15 convening.

16           **SECTION 3.2.** From funds appropriated to the General Assembly, the  
17 Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the purpose of conducting the  
18 studies provided for in this part.

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20 **PART IV. OTHER AGENCIES, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS**

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22           **SECTION 4.1.** Members of the commissions authorized by this part shall  
23 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1,  
24 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate. The Legislative Services Office shall provide adequate  
25 staff for the commissions. The commissions may hire consultants to assist with the  
26 study as provided in G.S. 120-32.02(b). The commissions, while in the discharge of  
27 their official duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the provisions of  
28 G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request  
29 all officers, agents, agencies, and departments of the State to provide any information,  
30 data, or documents within their possession, ascertainable from their records, or  
31 otherwise available to them and the power to subpoena witnesses. The commissions  
32 may meet during a regular or extra session of the General Assembly, subject to approval  
33 of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the  
34 Senate.

35           **SECTION 4.2.** From funds appropriated to the General Assembly, the  
36 Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the purpose of conducting the  
37 studies provided for in this part.

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39 **PART V. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY**

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41           **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.