



1 Tempore of the Senate from among their respective appointees. The Commission shall meet  
2 upon the call of the cochairs.

3 **SECTION 4.** Quorum. – A quorum of the Commission shall consist of 13  
4 members.

5 **SECTION 5.** Vacancies. – Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by the  
6 original appointing authority.

7 **SECTION 6.** Purpose and duties. – The Study Commission shall study issues  
8 related to economic growth by the creation of measures and metrics which define the readiness  
9 of a community to deliver, to all stakeholders, the services that equip the workforce to be  
10 competitive in a STEM-intensive economy, including ensuring students throughout the  
11 education pipeline gain the skills learned from science, technology, engineering, math, and  
12 other rigorous subjects.

13 As a part of its study, the Commission may examine issues related to:

- 14 (1) A replicable model for aligning efforts of local business, industry, policy,  
15 and education stakeholders in community engagement for visioning  
16 student-centered learning.
- 17 (2) The documenting and study of the innovative education programs critical for  
18 communities to be competitive in the STEM environment in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- 19 (3) A framework to network these regions, aligning State, regional, and external  
20 investment in replicable innovation.
- 21 (4) Any other topics deemed relevant by the Commission.

22 **SECTION 7.** Expenses of members. – Members of the Commission shall receive  
23 per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6,  
24 as appropriate.

25 **SECTION 8.** Staff. – Upon the prior approval of the Legislative Services  
26 Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to the  
27 Commission to aid in its work.

28 **SECTION 9.** Meetings. – The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building  
29 or the Legislative Office Building upon the approval of the Legislative Services Commission.

30 **SECTION 10.** Report. – The Commission shall make a final report, including any  
31 proposed legislation, to the 2010 Session of the General Assembly upon its convening. The  
32 Commission shall terminate upon filing its final report or upon the convening of the 2010  
33 Session of the General Assembly, whichever is earlier.

34 **SECTION 11.** Funding. – From funds appropriated to the General Assembly, the  
35 Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the purpose of conducting the study  
36 provided for in this act.

37 **SECTION 12.** Effective date. – This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.