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**SENATE BILL 37\***

Short Title: PED Study Occ. Lic Bd. Agency. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hartsell (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

February 4, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM EVALUATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO DIRECT THE PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION TO STUDY THE STRUCTURE, ORGANIZATION, AND OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS INDEPENDENT OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS AND TO CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A SINGLE STATE AGENCY TO OVERSEE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BOARDS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee shall include in the 2013-2014 Work Plan for the Program Evaluation Division of the General Assembly a study to evaluate the structure, organization, and operation of the various independent occupational licensing boards. For purposes of this act, the term "occupational licensing board" has the same meaning as defined in G.S. 93B-1. The Program Evaluation Division shall include the following within this study:

- (1) Consideration of the feasibility of establishing a single state agency to oversee the administration of all or some of the occupational licensing boards.
- (2) Whether greater efficiency and cost-effectiveness can be realized by combining the administrative functions of the boards, while allowing the boards to continue performing the regulatory functions.
- (3) Whether the total number of boards should be reduced by combining and/or eliminating some boards.

**SECTION 2.** The Program Evaluation Division shall submit its findings and recommendations from Section 1 of this act to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee at a date to be determined by the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee.

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

