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SENATE BILL 1040

Short Title: State Aircraft Consolidation Study.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hoyle.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

April 5, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
2 STUDY STATE-OWNED AIRCRAFT.
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4 Whereas, Section 10.4 of Chapter 324 of the 1995 Session Laws directed the
5 Office of State Budget and Management to study State-owned aircraft; and

6 Whereas, in the report filed in April 1996, several recommendations were
7 made that could enhance the oversight of the use of State-owned aircraft; and

8 Whereas, a study and overhaul of State policies and procedures involving
9 State-owned aircraft is in order; Now, therefore,

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission may study State-owned
12 aircraft. The Commission may make recommendations, including necessary statutory
13 changes, on how to accomplish the following:

14 (1) To clarify the purposes for all air operations.

15 (2) To improve oversight and planning for the overall aircraft operation
16 for the State, from acquisition to maintenance to training and actual
17 usage.

18 (3) To improve the organization of air operations, including elimination of
19 duplicate functions and possible consolidation of other functions.

20 (4) To strengthen approval mechanisms for acquisition of all aircraft,
21 donated or purchased.

22 (5) To improve budgeting and accounting for all aircraft-related
23 operations.

24 (6) To improve information and standard definitions in air operations.

25 (7) To sell or transfer certain aircraft and other assets to reduce the aircraft
26 fleet size.

27 (8) To make any other changes that would enhance the cost-effective
28 operation of the State-owned aircraft fleet of airplanes and helicopters.

- 1 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission shall report its findings
2 and recommendations to the 2002 General Assembly.
3 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.