



- 1           (8) Whether substantial harm to the public health, safety, and welfare  
2 exists if the practice of naturopathy is unregulated.
- 3           (9) The appropriate structure, composition, and responsibilities of a  
4 regulatory board pertaining to the practice of naturopathy, the extent to  
5 which the responsibilities of a board can be fulfilled, and whether  
6 board operations can reasonably be financed through licensing fees.
- 7           (10) The extent to which naturopathy is regulated in other states, and the  
8 impact of that regulation.
- 9           (11) The scope of practice applicable to practitioners of naturopathy.
- 10          (12) Whether practitioners of naturopathy in North Carolina have, or  
11 propose to have, a code of ethics, a voluntary certification program, or  
12 other measures to ensure minimum quality of service.
- 13          (13) The kinds of regulatory provisions that exist in other states.
- 14          (14) How the practice of naturopathy will be regulated, including the  
15 qualifications and disciplinary proceedings to be applied to  
16 practitioners.
- 17          (15) How the public will benefit from licensure or other regulation.
- 18          (16) The fiscal impact of licensure or other regulation upon the State.
- 19          (17) Any other information the Committee considers relevant.

20           **SECTION 3.(a)** The Legislative Research Commission shall make a final  
21 report of its findings and recommendations to the 2005 General Assembly not later than  
22 the convening of the 2005 Session of the General Assembly.

23           **SECTION 3.(b)** The Legislative Research Commission shall make a final  
24 report to the Legislative Committee on New Licensing Boards within 10 calendar days  
25 after that Committee is constituted for the 2005 General Assembly.

26           **SECTION 4.** From funds appropriated to the General Assembly, the  
27 Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the purpose of conducting the  
28 study provided for in this act.

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