



1 d. One member of the general public.

2 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Commission shall study and develop a coordinated  
3 approach to promoting economic growth in North Carolina through the promotion of  
4 emerging nanotechnologies, the science of the very small. In particular, the Commission  
5 shall examine, and make recommendations concerning, the following:

6 (1) The promotion and development of a critical mass of coordinated  
7 nano-capabilities in North Carolina.

8 (2) The development and exploitation of leading-edge nanotechnologies.

9 (3) The promotion of industries and economic development centered on  
10 these new engineering, materials, and biological technologies.

11 **SECTION 2.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President  
12 Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint a cochair for the Commission. The  
13 Commission may contract for consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. Upon  
14 approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall  
15 assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the work of the Commission. Clerical  
16 staff shall be furnished to the Commission through the offices of the House of  
17 Representatives and the Senate Directors of Legislative Assistants. The Commission  
18 may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the  
19 approval of the Legislative Services Commission. Members of the Commission shall  
20 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances at the rate established in  
21 G.S. 120-3.1. The appointing authority shall fill vacancies.

22 The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all  
23 the powers provided under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 through G.S. 120-19.4,  
24 including the power to request all officers, agents, agencies, and departments of the  
25 State to provide any information, data, or documents within their possession,  
26 ascertainable from their records, or otherwise available to them, and the power to  
27 subpoena witnesses.

28 **SECTION 3.** The Commission's interim and final reports shall include the  
29 results of the Commission's study as well as recommendations, legislative and  
30 otherwise. The Commission shall submit an interim report to the 2006 Regular Session  
31 of the 2005 General Assembly. The Commission shall make a final report to the 2007  
32 General Assembly and shall terminate upon filing its final report.

33 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General  
34 Assembly the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal  
35 year and the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal  
36 year to fund the work of the Commission.

37 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.