

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 701

Short Title: Televisive Legislative Session. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Goodall; Apodaca, Berger of Franklin, Brock, Brown, Brunstetter, Cowell, Graham, Hartsell, Pittenger, and Smith.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 14, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF TELEVISIONING ALL LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS AND SELECTED COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Services Commission shall study the feasibility of televising all House of Representatives and Senate sessions and selected committee meetings and, in conducting the study, may appoint an advisory committee composed of members of the Legislative Services Commission, other legislators, and members of the public. The study shall also include the feasibility of streaming video content over the Internet. The Commission shall report to the 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly no later than May 1, 2008.

SECTION 2. The study shall include various options for handling the project, including the UNC Center for Public Television and the Agency for Public Telecommunications. The study shall examine newer technologies for more cost-efficient means of handling the broadcasts.

SECTION 3. The Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds appropriated to the General Assembly for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to conduct the study.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.