

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2011**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR90080-LG-112 (03/24)

Sponsors: Representative Bordsen.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF USING INMATE LABOR TO
3 REHABILITATE UNUSED STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND TO SALVAGE
4 HISTORICAL PROPERTIES THAT HAVE FALLEN INTO DISREPAIR.

5 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study the
7 feasibility of using inmate labor to rehabilitate unused State-owned buildings and to salvage
8 historical properties that have fallen into disrepair. As part of the study, the Commission shall
9 develop an inventory of eligible facilities for rehabilitation and those buildings plotted on a
10 State map. The Commission shall look at issues, including, but not limited to, the State
11 purposes to be served by such expanded use of inmate labor, the value to inmate reentry when
12 sentences are complete, the means by which inmates can qualify for such work, the logistics of
13 using inmate labor for such projects, the role of the Community College System in training
14 inmates for such projects, and the skills that can be taught and utilized and their overall
15 usefulness to former inmates after the Department of Correction supervision ends. The
16 Commission may also consider whether such expanded use of inmate labor should have a
17 10-year sunset for purposes of reviewing the State benefit and the state of the economy at that
18 time.

19 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim report to
20 the 2011 General Assembly, including any proposed legislation, when it reconvenes in 2012
21 and shall make its final report, including any proposed legislation, to the 2013 General
22 Assembly.

23 **SECTION 3.** The Legislative Services Officer shall allocate funds appropriated to
24 the General Assembly for the expenditures of the Legislative Services Commission in
25 conducting this study.

26 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

