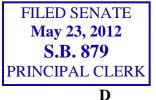
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2011



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SENATE DRS95216-SVz-11A* (02/15)

Short Title:	Establish Efficiency & Cost-Savings Commn.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Hise, Soucek (Primary Sponsors), and Brock.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EFFICIENCY AND COST SAVINGS IN STATE GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LRC COMMITTEE ON EFFICIENCIES IN STATE GOVERNMENT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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6 **SECTION 1.** There is established the Joint Legislative Efficiency and Cost 7 Savings in State Government Study Commission.

8 SECTION 2. The Commission shall be composed of 10 members appointed as 9 follows:

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(1) Five senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

11 12 Five representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the appointing authority. The
President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
each designate a cochair. A quorum of the Commission shall be a majority of its members.

16 The Commission may meet at any time upon call of the chairs. The Commission 17 may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building. The Commission may 18 contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all officers, agents, agencies, and departments of the State to provide any information, data, or documents within their possession, ascertainable from their records, or otherwise available to them, and the power to subpoena witnesses and documents.

24 The Director of the Fiscal Research Division shall advise and provide staff support 25 to assist the Commission in its work. The Director of the Program Evaluation Division shall advise the Commission. The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative 26 27 Services Officer, shall assign other professional staff to assist the Commission in its work. The 28 House of Representatives' and Senate's Directors of Legislative Assistants shall assign clerical 29 staff to the Commission, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by 30 the Commission. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at 31 the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

32 **SECTION 3.** The Commission shall use a zero-based budgeting review process to 33 study whether there are obsolete programs, cost-reduction opportunities in State government, 34 and any cases where existing funds can be redirected to meet new and changing demands for 35 public services. At its first meeting, the Commission shall determine which agency or agencies



1		Commission may require any agency under review to submit written		
2	information in a form specified by the Commission by a specified time. The Commission may			
3	accept or reject any or part of any information submitted and require revision or resubmission.			
4		n may require information as follows:		
5	(1)	Identification of decision units. – The agency shall identify decision units		
6		representing any group of services with a common set of objectives or		
7		comprising an agency program or administrative support unit.		
8	(2)	Impact of discontinuing each decision unit The agency shall provide a		
9		quantitative estimate of any adverse impacts that could reasonably be		
10		expected should the State discontinue a decision unit, together with a full		
11		description of the methods by which the adverse impact is estimated.		
12	(3)	Division of decision units into decision packages The agency shall divide		
13		each decision unit into the following four discrete decision packages:		
14		a. Minimum. – A quantitative estimate of any adverse impacts that		
15		could reasonably be expected and an itemized account of		
16		expenditures that would be required to maintain the activity at the		
17		minimum level of service required by any statutory authorization and		
18		below which would effectively eliminate all services, together with a		
19		concise statement of the resulting quantity and quality of services.		
20		This service level shall be below the level described by		
21		sub-subdivision b. of this subdivision.		
22		b. Reduced. – A quantitative estimate of any adverse impacts that could		
23		reasonably be expected and an itemized account of expenditures that		
24		would be required if funding were reduced by the percentage or		
25		amount specified by the Commission below the current level as		
26		defined by sub-subdivision c. of this subdivision and a concise		
27		statement of the resulting quantity and quality of services.		
28		c. Current A quantitative description of benefits from and an		
29		itemized account of expenditures that would be required to maintain		
30		the activity at the current level of service, together with a full		
31		description of the methods by which the current level is determined		
32		and a concise statement of the resulting quantity and quality of		
33		services.		
34		d. Enhanced. – A quantitative estimate of benefits that could reasonably		
35		be expected and an itemized account of expenditures that would be		
36		required to increase the current level of service, together with a full		
37		description of the methods by which the enhanced level is estimated		
38		and a concise statement of the resulting quantity and quality of		
39		services.		
40	(4)	Service delivery alternatives For each decision package, a description of		
41		alternative methods for delivering services which may include, but not be		
42		limited to, shedding one or more services and relying upon the free market		
43		for delivery, delegation to another level of government, using Requests for		
44		Information or competitive selection to outsource to private for-profit or		
45		nonprofit organizations, in whole or in part, including franchising, assisting		
46		or providing incubator arrangements for current State employees to form		
47		non-State organizations to compete for outsourcing opportunities, or through		
48		methods used by other states or nations.		
49	(5)	Ranking. – As instructed by the Commission, a ranking of all decision		
50		packages compared with each other without ties.		

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1 **SECTION 4.** The Commission shall make an interim report to the 2013 Regular 2 Session of the 2013 General Assembly and shall make a final report to the 2014 Regular 3 Session of the General Assembly. The reports may include any proposed legislation. The 4 Commission shall terminate upon filing its final report or upon the convening of the 2014 5 Regular Session of the General Assembly, whichever is earlier.

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