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Short Title: Study Free and Reduced Lunch. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative R. Brawley.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY NORTH CAROLINA'S
3 PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** Establishment. – There is established a Committee to Study North
6 Carolina's Participation in the National School Lunch Program (Committee).

7 **SECTION 1.(b)** Membership. – The Committee shall be composed of 12 members
8 as follows:

- 9 (1) Six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; the
10 persons appointed may be members of the Senate or public members.
11 (2) Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the
12 persons appointed may be members of the House of Representatives or
13 public members.

14 The Committee shall have two cochairs, one designated by the President Pro
15 Tempore of the Senate and one designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
16 from among their appointees. The Committee shall meet upon the call of the cochairs.
17 Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority. A quorum of the Committee shall be a
18 majority of the members.

19 **SECTION 1.(c)** Duties. – The Committee shall study the State's participation in the
20 federal National School Lunch Program and any flexibility on the State level to address the
21 sustainable, continued operation of a child nutrition program for students in the public schools.
22 In doing so, the Committee shall consider at least all of the following:

- 23 (1) Nutrition standards required by the State that exceed federal requirements.
24 (2) Current guidelines on indirect cost assessment at the local school
25 administrative unit level and a potential requirement for fiscal solvency
26 before allowing the assessment of indirect costs.
27 (3) The development of a pilot program reflecting changes in federal regulation
28 of the National School Lunch Program to assess cost and implementation of
29 new nutrition guidelines.
30 (4) Funding options to promote cost-savings and reduce expenses in the delivery
31 of child nutrition programs, including use of the North Carolina Child
32 Nutrition Procurement Alliance.
33 (5) The provision of State funding beyond what is required as a match to federal
34 funds under the National School Lunch Program.

35 **SECTION 1.(d)** Compensation; Administration. – Members of the Committee
36 shall receive subsistence and travel allowances at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or



1 138-6, as appropriate. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Task Force, the
2 Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the work of
3 the Committee. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
4 Committee may hold its meetings in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office
5 Building. The Committee may also meet at various locations around the State in order to
6 promote greater public participation in its deliberations. The Committee, while in the discharge
7 of its official duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the provisions of G.S. 120-19
8 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all officers, agents,
9 agencies, and departments of the State to provide any information, data, or documents within
10 their possession, ascertainable from their records, or otherwise available to them and the power
11 to subpoena witnesses.

12 **SECTION 1.(e)** Report. – The Committee shall submit a report of its findings and
13 recommendations, including any recommendations for action by the General Assembly, to the
14 Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on or before March 15, 2014. The Committee
15 shall terminate upon the filing of the report.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.