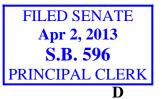
## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2013



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## SENATE DRS95053-MG-117A (03/15)

	Short Title: I	Establish Study Commission On TBI Services. (Public)	
	Sponsors: S	Senator Pate (Primary Sponsor).	
	Referred to:		
1		ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON THE	
2	SERVICE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.		
3	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:		
4 5	<b>SECTION 1.</b> There is created the Joint Legislative Study Commission on the		
6	Service Needs of Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). The purpose of the Commission is to study and make recommendations about the service needs of individuals with		
7	TBI.	to study and make recommendations about the service needs of morviduals with	
8		<b>TION 2.</b> The Commission shall consist of 19 members as follows:	
9	(1)	Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives with	
10		the following qualifications:	
11		a. Three members of the House of Representatives.	
12		b. One licensed physician with experience assessing and treating adults	
13		who have suffered TBI.	
14		c. One neuropsychologist with experience assessing and treating	
15		individuals with TBI.	
16		d. One adult survivor of TBI.	
17	(2)	Six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate with the	
18		following qualifications:	
19		a. Three members of the Senate.	
20		b. One operator of a rehabilitation facility for adults with TBI.	
21		c. One representative of the Veterans Administration with knowledge	
22		and experience in the range of TBI services available to members of	
23		the military and veterans.	
24		d. One parent of a child survivor of TBI.	
25	(3)	The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, or the	
26		Secretary's designee.	
27	(4)	The Director of the Division of Medical Assistance, or the Director's	
28 29	(5)	designee. The Director of the Division of Montel Health Developmental Dischilities	
29 30	(5)	The Director of the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, or the Director's designee.	
30 31	(6)	The Executive Director of the North Carolina Brain Injury Council, or the	
32	(0)	Executive Director's designee.	
33	(7)	The Chair of the North Carolina Brain Injury Council, or the Chair's	
33 34	$(\prime)$	designee.	
35	(8)	The Executive Director of Community Care of North Carolina, or the	
36	(0)	Executive Director's designee.	
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1	(9)	One Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of a local man	nagement entity that has		
2		been approved to operate the 1915(b)/(c) Medicaid	Waiver, who is currently		
3		managing services for children and adults with TBI	, or the CEO's designee,		
4		appointed jointly by the cochairs of the Commission			
5	SEC	SECTION 3. The Commission shall have two cochairs, one designated by the			
6	-	Iouse of Representatives and one designated by the P	-		
7		among their respective appointees. The Commission	-		
8		Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by	0 11 0		
9	authority. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the total membership of the Commission.				
10		<b>FION 4.</b> The Commission shall study all of the follow	0		
11	(1)	Existing TBI services and any deficiencies in s			
12		services, accessibility, and availability of services a			
13		persons with TBI regardless of the age at which the			
14	(2)	Existing TBI-specific service definitions for children			
15		services through federally funded programs, inclu-	-		
16		block grants, and the Veterans Administration	-		
17		programs, including the Traumatic Brain Injury	-		
18		county-funded programs; and through other funding	-		
19 20		need for additional or revised service definitions to of those with TBI.	meet the specific needs		
20 21	(3)	Current reimbursement rates tied to settings that tr	eat adults with TRI and		
21	(3)	the adequacy of these reimbursement rates.	cat adults with 1D1, and		
22	(4)	Current accessibility to TBI services, service i	nformation educational		
24	(+)	materials, and family resources; and any deficient			
25		addressed.	chere's that heed to be		
26	(5)	Current status of TBI-specific screening, assessm	ent, triage, and service		
27		referrals for children, adults, and veterans; and any	-		
28		be addressed.			
29	(6)	This State's current organizational model for providi	ing comprehensive needs		
30		assessment, information management, policy develo	opment, service delivery,		
31		monitoring, and quality assurance for children a	and adults with TBI as		
32		compared to TBI organizational structures in ot	her states; and specific		
33		organizational models to manage services for person	ns with TBI that are well		
34		coordinated for all citizens, including veterans.			
35	(7)	Any other matters related to TBI services for children	ren, adults, veterans, and		
36		their families.			
37		<b>FION 5.</b> Members of the Commission shall receive p			
38		travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate. The			
39	Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for				
40	under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet in the				
41	Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.				
42		approval of the Legislative Services Commission,	0		
43 44	Officer shall assign professional staff to assist the Commission in its work. Upon the direction of the Lagislative Services Commission, the Supervisors of Clerks of the Senate and of the				
44 45	of the Legislative Services Commission, the Supervisors of Clerks of the Senate and of the House of Representatives shall assign clerical staff to the Commission. The expenses for				
43 46	clerical employees shall be borne by the Commission. The Commission may contract for				
40 47	consultants or hire employees in accordance with G.S. 120-32.02.				
48	<b>SECTION 6.</b> The Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and				
49	recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the 2014 Regular Session of the 2013				
50	General Assembly. The Commission shall terminate upon the filing of its final report or upon				
51	the convening of the 2014 Regular Session whichever occurs first				

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**SECTION 7.** This act is effective when it becomes law.