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Short Title: Study Increasing Glass/Plastic Recycling. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Tolson, Ray, Crawford, and Farmer-Butterfield (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
STUDY WAYS TO INCREASE THE RECYCLING OF GLASS AND PLASTIC
CONTAINERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study ways in which the recycling of glass and plastic containers can be increased and ways in which the availability of recycled glass or plastic containers can be increased for use as batch material for the manufacturing of glass and plastic containers, and the Commission may include in this study an evaluation of the effectiveness of North Carolina recycling practices for glass and plastic and compare them to the recycling practices of other states. In its study, the Commission also may consider all of the following:

- (1) Whether any businesses in North Carolina use recycled glass or plastic containers as batch material for the manufacturing of glass or plastic containers.
- (2) Whether any businesses identified under subdivision (1) of this section receive adequate supplies of recycled glass or plastic containers for their manufacturing processes.
- (3) Where the recycled glass or plastic containers used by any businesses identified under subdivision (1) of this section come from and how far the recycled glass or plastic containers are transported to the businesses.
- (4) Whether glass and plastic containers that are discarded in North Carolina are processed and recycled so as to benefit North Carolina businesses.

1 (5) Whether glass and plastic containers that are discarded in North
2 Carolina are processed and recycled in keeping with the State's solid
3 waste management policy and the forty percent (40%) municipal solid
4 waste reduction goal established by the State under G.S. 130A-309.04.

5 (6) Any other issues the Commission considers relevant to this topic.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim
7 report to the 2007 General Assembly, Regular Session 2008, and shall make its final
8 report to the 2009 General Assembly.

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

12 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.