

- 1 (10) Five public members appointed by the Governor; one of whom shall
2 be professionally engaged in environmental engineering, one of whom
3 shall be actively engaged in highway construction, one of whom shall
4 be knowledgeable in public financing, one of whom shall be
5 professionally involved with urban transportation management, and
6 one of whom shall be actively involved with rural economic
7 development.

8 The appointing authorities shall make their appointments to reflect the
9 urban-rural diversity of the population of the State, within 30 days of the effective date
10 of this act.

11 **SECTION 1.(c) Duties of the Study Commission.** – The Commission shall
12 study all aspects of transportation, including planning and scheduling of projects,
13 legislative and executive oversight, revenues, funding, and expenditures of the Highway
14 Fund, the Highway Trust Fund, and Federal Aid programs for transportation. The study
15 shall include an examination of all the following:

- 16 (1) The effectiveness of legislative oversight of the Department of
17 Transportation and all other transportation-related programs in North
18 Carolina.
19 (2) The gap between transportation funding structures and the actual
20 transportation needs of the State.
21 (3) Historical and projected application of funds within the several
22 transportation funding sources.
23 (4) Deficiencies in matching funding and expenditures between the
24 several Funds.
25 (5) Economic feasibility of alternate transportation modes, including
26 cost/benefit comparisons of planning, construction, and operation of
27 alternate transportation programs.
28 (6) Alternative methods of funding, financing, and planning transportation
29 construction, maintenance, and operations.
30 (7) Delivery of construction and maintenance projects, including
31 alternative management structures, outsourcing, and privatization.
32 (8) Any other issue related to transportation, transportation funding,
33 project planning, and management of transportation programs.

34 **SECTION 1.(d) Vacancies.** – The appointing authority shall fill any
35 vacancy on the Study Commission.

36 **SECTION 1.(e) Cochairs.** – The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and
37 the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate Cochairs of the Study
38 Commission. The Study Commission shall meet upon the call of the Cochairs. A
39 quorum of the Study Commission shall be a majority of the members.

40 **SECTION 1.(f) Expenses of Members.** – Members of the Study
41 Commission shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance
42 with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

43 **SECTION 1.(g) Staff.** – The Legislative Services Office shall assign
44 professional and clerical staff to assist the Study Commission in its work.

1 **SECTION 1.(h)** Consultants. – The Study Commission may hire consultants
2 to examine specific issues and subjects related to the study, in accordance with
3 G.S. 120-32.02.

4 **SECTION 1.(i)** Meetings During Legislative Session. – The Study
5 Commission may meet during a regular or extra session of the General Assembly.

6 **SECTION 1.(j)** Meeting Location. – The Study Commission may meet at
7 various locations around the State in order to promote greater public participation in its
8 deliberations. The Legislative Services Commission shall grant adequate meeting space
9 to the Study Commission in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office
10 Building.

11 **SECTION 1.(k)** Report. – The Commission may make interim reports and
12 shall make a final report to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2008.
13 Regardless of whether it has filed an interim or final report, the Commission shall
14 terminate on November 1, 2008. The final report shall include Commission
15 recommendations for legislation to implement recommendations made by the
16 Commission.

17 **SECTION 1.(l)** Funding. – The Study Commission shall be funded from
18 funds available to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, in
19 accordance with G.S. 120-70.52.

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