GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

SENATE BILL 1319

Sponsors:Senators Berger of Rockingham; and Stevens.Referred to:Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO	CREATE THE GOOD ROADS COMMISSION TO STUDY
3	TRANSPOR	TATION FINANCING, FUNDING, PLANNING, AND
4	MANAGEM	IENT ISSUES.
5	The General Ass	sembly of North Carolina enacts:
6	SECT	TION 1. Good Roads Study Commission. (a) Study Commission
7		here is established a Good Roads Issues Study Commission to report to
8	the 2008 Regula	r Session of the 2007 General Assembly.
9	SECT	TION 1.(a) Membership. – The Study Commission shall be composed
10	of members as fe	ollows:
11	(1)	The Chairs of the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight
12		Committee.
13	(2)	A Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, appointed by the
14		President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
15	(3)	A Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, appointed by the
16		Speaker of the House of Representatives.
17	(4)	A Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, appointed by the President
18		Pro Tempore of the Senate.
19	(5)	A Chair of the House Finance Committee, appointed by the Speaker of
20		the House of Representatives.
21	(6)	Two members of the Senate with one appointed by the Senate Majority
22		Leader and one appointed by the Senate Minority Leader.
23	(7)	Two members of the House with one appointed by the House Majority
24		Leader and one appointed by the House Minority Leader.
25	(8)	One member nominated by the League of Municipalities, appointed by
26		the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
27	(9)	One member nominated by the North Carolina Association of County
28		Commissioners appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(Public)

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	SEC	FION 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	SEC	TION 1.(d) Vacancies. – The appointing authority shall fill any
35		Study Commission.
36	•	TION 1.(e) Cochairs. – The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and
37		the House of Representatives shall designate Cochairs of the Study
38		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	-	TION 1.(f) Expenses of Members. – Members of the Study
41		all receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance
42		5.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.
43		FION 1.(g) Staff. – The Legislative Services Office shall assign
44		d 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 shall make a final report to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2008. 12 13 Regardless of whether it has filed an interim or final report, the Commission shall terminate on November 1, 2008. The final report shall include Commission 14 15 recommendations for legislation to implement recommendations made by the 16 Commission. 17 **SECTION 1.(I)** 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.

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