A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON CIVICS
AND ECONOMICS EDUCATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is established the Joint Legislative Study Committee on Civics
and Economics Education (Committee). The Committee shall consist of three members of the
Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and three members of the House
of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The President
Pro Tempore and the House of the Representatives shall each appoint a cochair of the
Committee from among its membership. The Committee and the terms of the members shall
expire when the Committee submits a final report to the General Assembly. Members shall
serve at the pleasure of the appointing officer.

SECTION 2. The Committee shall study and make recommendations on the
following:

(1) Ways of improving the civic literacy course required pursuant to
G.S. 115C-81(g).

(2) How the course described in subdivision (1) of this section could enhance
students' financial literacy and understanding of the principles of economics.

(3) Whether to include as an element of the course a test identical to the civics
portion of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and
Immigration Services.

(4) Any other issue the Committee considers relevant to this study.

SECTION 3. The Committee shall meet upon the call of its cochairs. A quorum of
the Committee is a majority of its members. No action may be taken except by a majority vote
at a meeting at which a quorum is present. The Committee, while in the discharge of its official
duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and Article 5A of Chapter 120
of the General Statutes. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant
services, as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. Members of the Committee shall receive per diem,
subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1. The expenses of the Committee
shall be considered expenses incurred for the joint operation of the General Assembly.

SECTION 4. The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and
clerical staff to assist the Committee in its work. The Director of Legislative Assistants of the
House of Representatives and the Director of Legislative Assistants of the Senate shall assign
clerical support to staff the Committee.

SECTION 5. The Committee shall submit a final report on the results of its study,
including any proposed legislation, to the members of the Senate and the House of
Representatives on or before May 1, 2018, by filing a copy of the report with the Office of the
President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of
Representatives, the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, and the Legislative
Library. The Committee shall terminate on May 1, 2018, or upon the filing of its final report,
whichever occurs first.

SECTION 6. This act is effective when it becomes law.