

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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CHAPTER 790  
SENATE BILL 636

AN ACT AUTHORIZING STUDIES BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
COMMISSION, MAKING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND TO  
MAKE OTHER AMENDMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Studies Authorized. The Legislative Research Commission may study the topics listed below. Listed with each topic is the 1985 bill or resolution that originally proposed the issue or study and the name of the sponsor. The Commission may consider the original bill or resolution in determining the nature, scope and aspects of the study. The topics are:

- (1) Continuation of the Study of Revenue Laws (H.J.R. 17-Lilley),
- (2) Continuation of the Study of Water Pollution Control (H.J.R. 141-Evans),
- (3) Adolescent Sexuality Teaching (H.J.R. 275-Jerals),
- (4) Continuation of the Study on the Problems of the Aging (H.J.R. 322-Greenwood),
- (5) Continuation of the Study of Municipal Incorporations (H.J.R. 389-Greenwood),
- (6) School Discipline (H.J.R. 861-Colton),
- (7) Bail Bondsmen and Bail Bond Forfeiture (H.B. 967- Watkins),
- (8) Preventative Medicine (H.B. 1052-Locks),
- (9) Life Care Arrangements (H.B. 1053-Locks),
- (10) State Personnel System (H.B. 1064-Wiser),
- (11) Long-Term Health Care Insurance (H.B. 1103-Locks),
- (12) Itinerant Merchants (H.B. 1170-Lancaster),
- (13) Manufactured Housing Zoning (H.B. 1178-Ballance; S.B. 636-Plyler),
- (14) Interest Rate Regulation (H.J.R. 1227-Evans),
- (15) Underground Storage Tank Leakage Hazards and other ground water hazards (H.B. 1281-Locks),
- (16) Mental Patient Commitments (H.J.R. 1313-Miller),
- (17) High-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal (H.B. 1373- Diamont; S.B. 655-Hipps),
- (18) Stun Guns (H.J.R. 1390-McDowell),
- (19) Continuation of the Study of Water Quality in Haw River and B. Everett Jordan Reservoir (H.J.R. 1393-Hackney),

- (20) Authority of Boards of County Commissioners in Certain Counties over Commissions, Boards and Agencies (H.J.R. 1405-Holroyd),
- (21) Superintendent of Public Instruction and State Board of Education (H.J.R. 1412-Nye),
- (22) Rental Referral Agencies (H.B. 1421-Stamey),
- (23) Child Abuse Testimony Study (S.B. 165-Hipps),
- (24) Home Schooling Programs (S.J.R. 224-Winner),
- (25) Pretrial Release (S.J.R. 297-Winner),
- (26) Inmate Substance Abuse Therapy Program (S.J.R. 317-Plyler),
- (27) Inmate Work-Release Centers (S.B. 406-Swain),
- (28) Community College System (S.B. 425-Martin),
- (29) Community Service Alternative Punishment and Restitution (S.B. 495-Swain),
- (30) State Employee Salaries and Benefits (S.B. 514- Jordan),
- (31) State Infrastructure Needs (S.B. 541-Royall),
- (32) Commercial Laboratory Water Testing (S.B. 573- Taft),
- (33) Outdoor Advertising (S.B. 611-Thomas, R.P.),
- (34) Premium Tax Rate on Insurance Companies (S.B. 633- Hardison)
- (35) Continuation of the Study of Child Support (S.B. 638-Marvin),
- (36) Local Government Financing (S.B. 670-Rauch),
- (37) Medical Malpractice and Liability (S.B. 703-Taft),
- (38) Marketing of Perishable Food (S.B. 718-Basnight),
- (39) Child Protection (S.B. 802-Hipps),
- (40) Legislative Ethics and Lobbying (S.B. 829-Rauch),
- (41) Satellite Courts (S.B. 850-Barnes),
- (42) Substantive Legislation in Appropriations Bills (S.B. 851-Rand),
- (43) School Finance Act (S.B. 848-Taft).

Sec. 2. Transportation Problems at Public Facilities.

The Legislative Research Commission may identify and study transportation problems at public transportation facilities in North Carolina.

Sec. 2.1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the feasibility of the prohibition of investment by the State Treasurer of stocks of the retirement systems listed in G.S. 147- 69.2(b)(6), or of the assets of the trust funds of The University of North Carolina and its constituent institutions deposited with the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 116-36.1 and G.S. 147- 69.2(19) in a financial institution that has outstanding loans to the Republic of South Africa or in stocks, securities, or other obligations of a company doing business in or with the Republic of South Africa.

Sec. 3. Reporting Dates. For each of the topics the Legislative Research Commission decides to study under this act or pursuant to G.S. 120-30.17(1), the Commission may report its findings, together with any recommended legislation, to the 1987 General Assembly, or the Commission may make an interim report to the 1986 Session and a final report to the 1987 General Assembly.

Sec. 4. Bills and Resolution References. The listing of the original bill or resolution in this act is for reference purposes only and shall not be deemed to have

incorporated by reference any of the substantive provisions contained in the original bill or resolution.

Sec. 5. The last sentence of G.S. 120-19.4(b) is amended by deleting the citation "G.S. 5-4" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "G.S. 5A-12 or G.S. 5A-21, whichever is applicable".

Sec. 6. G.S. 120-99 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

"The provisions of G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.8 shall apply to the proceedings of the Legislative Ethics Committee as if it were a joint committee of the General Assembly, except that the chairman shall sign all subpoenas on behalf of the Committee."

Sec. 7. G.S. 120-30.17 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(9) For studies authorized to be made by the Legislative Research Commission, to request another State agency, board, commission or committee to conduct the study if the Legislative Research Commission determines that the other body is a more appropriate vehicle with which to conduct the study. If the other body agrees, and no legislation specifically provides otherwise, that body shall conduct the study as if the original authorization had assigned the study to that body and shall report to the General Assembly at the same time other studies to be conducted by the Legislative Research Commission are to be reported. The other agency shall conduct the transferred study within the funds already assigned to it."

Sec. 8. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 18th day of July, 1985.