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Short Title: Env. Sci./Tech. Policy Study.

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Sponsors: Representatives Woodard; and Bowman.

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Referred to: Rules, Appointments and Calendar.

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April 23, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON  
2 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY.  
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4 Whereas, wise stewardship of the environment is essential to the survival,  
5 public health, and well-being of the State's inhabitants; and

6 Whereas, the quality of the environment is vital to the economy of North  
7 Carolina; and

8 Whereas, the formulation of public policy should be integrated with  
9 knowledge of the science of the environment; and

10 Whereas, there exist within North Carolina abundant human and capital  
11 resources, both public and private, for the scientific investigation of the environment;  
12 and

13 Whereas, coordination and development of resources in environmental  
14 science, technology, and public policy would enhance State and local governmental  
15 decision making, the research community, and the economy of North Carolina; Now,  
16 therefore,

17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

18 Section 1. The Legislative Study Commission on Environmental Science and  
19 Technology Policy is hereby created to study alternatives for the integration of  
20 environmental science and public policy in North Carolina. The Commission shall  
21 consist of 12 members: four Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
22 Representatives, four Senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,  
23 and four nonlegislative members appointed by the Governor. All initial appointments

1 shall be made by 1 August 1991. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the  
2 same manner as initial appointments.

3           Sec. 2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one Senator  
4 as Cochairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one  
5 Representative as Cochairman.

6           Sec. 3. The Commission shall study alternatives that promote the  
7 development of environmental science in North Carolina and that bridge environmental  
8 science and technology with public policy decision making. The Commission shall  
9 make recommendations on initiatives to promote the development of environmental  
10 science, technology, and policy in North Carolina which enhance State and local  
11 governmental decision making on environmental issues, which coordinate and  
12 strengthen the research community in environmental science, and which strengthen the  
13 ability of those engaged in environmental research to compete for federal and private  
14 research support.

15           Sec. 4. The Commission may submit an interim report to the 1992 Session of  
16 the 1991 General Assembly. The Commission shall submit a final report of its findings  
17 and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before the first day of the 1993  
18 Session of the General Assembly by filing the report with the President Pro Tempore of  
19 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

20           Sec. 5. The Commission, while in discharge of official duties, may exercise  
21 all the powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1  
22 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of  
23 the Cochairmen. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the  
24 Legislative Office Building with the approval of the Legislative Services Commission.

25           Sec. 6. Members of the Commission shall receive travel and subsistence  
26 expenses as follows:

- 27           (1) Commission members who are members of the General Assembly, at  
28           the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1;  
29           (2) Commission members who are also employees of the State, at the rates  
30           set forth in G.S. 138-6; and  
31           (3) All other Commission members, at the rates set forth in G.S. 138-5.

32           Sec. 7. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant  
33 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services Commission, through  
34 the Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist in the  
35 work of the Commission. The Supervisor of Clerks of the House of Representatives  
36 and the Supervisor of Clerks of the Senate shall assign clerical staff to the Commission  
37 when directed to do so by the Legislative Services Commission. Expenses relating to  
38 clerical employees shall be borne by the Commission.

39           Sec. 8. The Commission may request staff support from the North Carolina  
40 Board of Science and Technology and from the Office of Environmental Education of  
41 the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources in carrying out its  
42 responsibilities.

1           Sec. 9. All State departments and agencies, local governments, and public  
2 colleges and universities shall furnish to the Commission upon request any information  
3 in their possession or available to them.

4           Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General  
5 Assembly the sum of \$15,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$15,000 for the  
6 1992-93 fiscal year to fund the work of the Commission.

7           Sec. 11. This act becomes effective 1 July 1991.