

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 1153\***

Short Title: Computer Services Study.

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Sponsors: Representatives N. J. Crawford, Bowman; Beard, Foster, Gist, Gray, Holmes, and Lutz.

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Referred to: Rules, Appointments, and Calendar.

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May 3, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMISSION ON COMPUTER SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is created a Computer Services Study Commission, an independent commission, to study the organization, management, and cost of State computer services. The Commission shall consist of 12 members. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint six members, four who shall be members of the House of Representatives and two who shall have a background in and familiarity with information systems or data communications. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint six members, four who shall be members of the Senate and two who shall have a background in and familiarity with information systems or data communications. Initial appointments shall be made within 30 days following adjournment of the 1991 Session of the General Assembly for a period of more than 10 days. Members of the Study Commission shall not be employed by, provide consulting services to, or serve on the board of directors or other governing body of any information systems, computer hardware, or telecommunications enterprise currently doing business with the State of North Carolina. Vacancies shall be filled by the official who made the initial appointment using the same criteria as provided by this act.

Sec. 2. The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint a cochair of the Commission from their appointees. The cochairs shall call the first meeting and preside at alternate meetings.

Sec. 3. The Study Commission on Computer Services shall examine the functions, powers, and effectiveness of the Information Technology Commission, the

1 organization and operation of the State Information Processing Service, the processes by  
2 which long-term plans for computer applications are devised and approved, the policies  
3 and practices applied to hardware and software procurement, and such other issues as  
4 may, in the judgment of the Commission, relate to the cost of computer usage in State  
5 government.

6         Sec. 4. Subject to the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the  
7 professional and clerical staff of the Legislative Services Office shall be available to the  
8 Study Commission. Upon request of the Study Commission or its staff, all State  
9 departments and agencies shall furnish to the Study Commission any information in  
10 their possession or available to them. The Study Commission may acquire by contract  
11 or purchase such other expertise or information as may be necessary to complete its  
12 report.

13         Sec. 5. Members of the Study Commission who are also members of the  
14 General Assembly shall be paid subsistence and travel expenses at the rate set forth in  
15 G.S. 120-3.1. Members of the Study Commission who are officials or employees of the  
16 State shall receive travel allowances at the rate set forth in G.S. 138-6. All other  
17 members of the Study Commission shall be paid per diem and allowances at the rates  
18 set forth in G.S. 138-5.

19         Sec. 6. Of the funds appropriated from the General Fund to the General  
20 Assembly, the sum of \$10,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$20,000 for  
21 the 1992-93 fiscal year shall be allocated for this study.

22         Sec. 7. The Study Commission on Computer Services shall report its findings  
23 and recommendations to the General Assembly upon the convening of the 1993  
24 Session.

25         Sec. 8. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.