

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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CHAPTER 785  
SENATE BILL 1066

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TITLE AND SCOPE OF THE AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND SEAFOOD AWARENESS STUDY COMMISSION BY DELETING SEAFOOD FROM THE COMMISSION'S TITLE AND AREA OF STUDY.

Whereas, the North Carolina General Assembly established a permanent Agriculture, Forestry, and Seafood Awareness Commission in 1985; and

Whereas, in the 1989 Session, the General Assembly made permanent the Joint Legislative Commission on Seafood and Aquaculture; and

Whereas, the activities of the two Commissions are duplicative as regards aquaculture and the seafood industry; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 120-150 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 120-150. Creation; appointment of members.**

There is created an ~~Agriculture, Forestry, and Seafood~~ Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission. Members of the Commission shall be citizens of North Carolina who are interested in the vitality of the ~~agriculture, forestry, and seafood~~ agriculture and forestry sectors of the State's economy. Members shall be as follows:

- (1) Three appointed by the Governor;
- (2) Three appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (3) Three appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (4) The chairman of the House Agriculture Committee;
- (5) The chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee;
- (6) The Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee;
- (7) A member of the Board of Agriculture designated by the chairman of the Board of Agriculture;
- (8) The President of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., or his designee;
- (9) The Master of the North Carolina State Grange or his designee; and
- (10) The Secretary of the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural ~~Resources.~~ Resources or his designee.

Members shall be appointed for two-year terms beginning October 1 of each odd-numbered year. The cochairmen of the Commission shall be the chairmen of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees respectively."

Sec. 2. G.S. 120-151 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 120-151. Advisory Committee.**

Upon proper motion and by a vote a majority of the members present, the Commission may appoint an Advisory Committee. Members of the Advisory Committee should be from the various organizations, commodity groups, associations, and councils representing ~~agriculture, forestry, and seafood.~~ agriculture and forestry. The purpose of the Advisory Committee shall be to render technical advice and assistance to the Commission. The Advisory Committee shall consist of no more than 20 members plus a chairman who shall be appointed by the cochairmen of the Commission."

Sec. 3. G.S. 120-154 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 120-154. Duties.**

The Commission shall bring to the attention of the General Assembly the influence of ~~agriculture, forestry, and seafood~~ agriculture and forestry on the economy of the State, develop alternatives for increasing the public awareness of ~~agriculture, forestry, and seafood,~~ agriculture and forestry, study the present status of ~~agriculture, forestry, and seafood,~~ agriculture and forestry, identify problems limiting future growth and development of the industry, develop an awareness of the importance of science and technological development to the future of ~~agriculture, forestry, and seafood~~ agriculture and forestry industries, and formulate plans for new State initiatives and support for ~~agriculture, forestry, and seafood~~ agriculture and forestry and for the expansion of opportunities in these sectors.

In conducting its study the Commission may hold public hearings and meetings across the State.

The Commission shall report to the General Assembly at least one month prior to the first regular session of each General Assembly."

**Sec. 4. G.S. 143-318.14A(a) reads as rewritten:**

"(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) below, all official meetings of commissions, committees, and standing subcommittees of the General Assembly (including, without limitation, joint committees and study committees), shall be held in open session. For the purpose of this section, the following also shall be considered to be 'commissions, committees, and standing subcommittees of the General Assembly':

- (1) The Legislative Research Commission;
- (2) The Legislative Services Commission;
- (3) The Advisory Budget Commission;
- (4) The Joint Legislative Utility Review Committee;
- (5) The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations;
- (6) The Joint Legislative Commission on Municipal Incorporations;
- (7) The Commission on the Family;
- (8) The Joint Select Committee on Low-Level Radioactive Waste;
- (9) The Environmental Review Commission;
- (10) The Joint Legislative Highway Oversight Committee;
- (11) The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee;
- (12) The Joint Legislative Commission on Future Strategies for North Carolina;

- (13) The Commission on Children with Special Needs;
- (14) The Legislative Committee on New Licensing Boards;
- (15) ~~The Commission on Agriculture, Forestry, and Seafood Awareness;~~  
Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission;
- (16) The North Carolina Study Commission on Aging; and
- (17) The standing Committees on Pensions and Retirement."

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective January 1, 1993.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of June, 1992.

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James C. Gardner  
President of the Senate

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Daniel Blue, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives