

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 1178**

Short Title: State Purchasing Study.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Sherron.

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Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

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May 17, 1993

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT STUDY COMMISSION TO STUDY  
THE STATE PURCHASING SYSTEM.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The State Purchasing Study Commission is created. The Commission shall consist of 12 members appointed as follows:

- (1) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint three Senators and three persons who are not members of the General Assembly; and
- (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the House of Representatives and three persons who are not members of the General Assembly.

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

Sec. 3. The Commission shall:

- (1) Conduct an independent study of the State purchasing system;
- (2) Examine the implementation of changes to the State purchasing system enacted by the 1993 General Assembly;
- (3) Evaluate proposed changes made by the Government Performance Audit Committee which were not enacted by the 1993 General Assembly; and
- (4) Propose revisions and updates to laws and regulations concerning the State purchasing system as it deems appropriate.

1           Sec. 4. The Commission shall submit an interim report of its findings and  
2 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before May 1, 1994, and a final report  
3 of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before the first day  
4 of the 1995 Session of the General Assembly by filing the report with the President Pro  
5 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Upon filing its  
6 final report, the Commission shall terminate.

7           Sec. 5. The Commission, while in the discharge of official duties, may  
8 exercise all the powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19, and G.S. 120-  
9 19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call  
10 of the cochairmen. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the  
11 Legislative Office Building.

12           Sec. 6. Members of the Commission shall receive per diem, subsistence and  
13 travel expenses at the rates set forth by law.

14           Sec. 7. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant  
15 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services Commission, through  
16 the Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist in the  
17 work of the Commission. The House of Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisors of  
18 Clerks shall assign clerical staff to the commission or committee, upon the direction of  
19 the Legislative Services Commission. The expenses relating to clerical employees shall  
20 be borne by the Commission.

21           Sec. 8. When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Commission the  
22 vacancy shall be filled by the same appointing officer who made the initial appointment.

23           Sec. 9. All State departments and agencies and local governments and their  
24 subdivisions shall furnish the Commission with any information in their possession or  
25 available to them.

26           Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General  
27 Assembly the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and  
28 the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the expenses  
29 of the Commission.

30           Sec. 11. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.