

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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SENATE BILL 1522\*

Short Title: African-American Center Study.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Jordan; and Soles.

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Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

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May 25, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER  
STUDY COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The African-American Cultural Center Study Commission is created. The Commission shall consist of nine members as follows:

- (1) Two legislators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (2) Two legislators appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (3) One member of the general public appointed by the Governor.
- (4) One member of the City Council of Wilmington appointed by the mayor of the City of Wilmington.
- (5) One member of the Board of County Commissioners of New Hanover County appointed by the Chair of the County Commissioners.
- (6) The Secretary of Commerce or his designee.
- (7) The Secretary of Cultural Resources or her designee.

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

Sec. 3. The Commission shall study the statewide need for an African-American museum and cultural center, the feasibility of locating that museum and center in Wilmington, and any other relevant issues.

Sec. 4. The Commission shall submit a final report to the 1995 General Assembly. Upon filing its final report, the Commission shall terminate.

1           Sec. 5. The Commission, while in the discharge of official duties, may  
2 exercise all the powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 through G.S.  
3 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs.  
4 The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office  
5 Building.

6           Sec. 6. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel  
7 expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1.

8           Sec. 7. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant  
9 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services Commission, through  
10 the Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist in the  
11 work of the Commission. The House of Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisors  
12 of Clerks shall assign clerical staff to the Commission, upon the direction of the  
13 Legislative Services Commission. The expenses relating to clerical employees shall be  
14 borne by the Commission.

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

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

20           Sec. 10. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General  
21 Assembly the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year  
22 for the expenses of the Commission.

23           Sec. 11. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.