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HOUSE BILL 1292*

Short Title: Welfare Study Comm. Continued.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Berry; Howard, Hill, and Watson.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

May 22, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT RECOMMENDED BY THE STUDY COMMISSION ON WELFARE
2 REFORM TO CONTINUE THE STUDY OF WELFARE REFORM AND REPORT
3 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. (a) Section 47 of Chapter 24 of the 1993 Session Laws, Extra
7 Session 1994, as continued and amended by Section 23.8B of Chapter 507 of the 1995
8 Session Laws, and as amended by Part XXIII, Section 23.1 of Chapter 542 of the 1995
9 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

10 "(a) There is created the Legislative Study Commission on Welfare Reform. The
11 Commission shall consist of 12 members as follows:

12 (1) Six members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker
13 of the House of Representatives; and

14 (2) Six Senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

15 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one representative
16 as cochair and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one Senator as
17 cochair.

18 (c) The Commission shall study the whole issue of the need for welfare reform in
19 light of the current social crisis caused, in part, by the rapidly increasing incidence of
20 violent crimes. This study shall include:

- 1 (1) A reexamination of the whole purpose of the welfare system and an
2 identification of those disincentives to raising responsible, independent
3 participants in society that are built into the system;
- 4 (2) An analysis of the federal welfare reform proposals and of other states'
5 initiatives; and
- 6 (3) A compilation and detailed examination, including detailed fiscal
7 analysis, of proposals to reform the welfare system.
- 8 (d) Repealed by Section 23.8B(a) of Chapter 507 of the 1995 Session Laws.
- 9 (e) Repealed by Section 23.8B(a) of Chapter 507 of the 1995 Session Laws.
- 10 (f) The Commission, while in the discharge of official duties, may exercise all the
11 powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S.
12 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs. The
13 Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.
- 14 (g) Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at
15 the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1.
- 16 (h) The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services
17 as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services Commission, through the
18 Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist in the work of
19 the Commission. The House of Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisors of Clerks
20 shall assign clerical staff to the Commission or committee, upon the direction of the
21 Legislative Services Commission. The expenses relating to clerical employees shall be
22 borne by the Commission.
- 23 (i) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Commission, the vacancy
24 shall be filled by the same appointing officer who made the initial appointment.
- 25 (j) All State departments and agencies and local governments and their
26 subdivisions shall furnish the Commission with any information in their possession or
27 available to them.
- 28 (k) The Legislative Study Commission on Welfare Reform shall submit a final
29 report to the General Assembly on or before the first day of the 1997 General Assembly.
30 Upon filing its final report, the Commission shall terminate, unless reauthorized by the
31 General Assembly."
- 32 (b) Subsection (b) of Section 23.8B of Chapter 507 of the 1995 Session Laws is
33 repealed.
- 34 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.