

Whereas, proponents of this idea believe that since private charities have been working efficiently and successfully, a greater portion of tax dollars would reach those in need, rather than support the bureaucratic process of the current welfare programs; and

Whereas, proponents also believe that since the private charities are part of the communities that they serve and know the members of their communities, they would be better suited to distribute donations to those in need; and

Whereas, implementation of the Taxpayer Choice proposal at the State level merits study by the Legislative Research Commission; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. (a) The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study the
3 Taxpayer Choice proposal for shifting responsibility for assistance to the economically
4 disadvantaged from government to private charity.

5 (b) The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the 1997
6 General Assembly.

7 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative
8 Research Commission the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal
9 year to conduct the study authorized by this act.

10 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1996.