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SENATE BILL 1471

Short Title: Study NC Role in Global Affairs/LRC.

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Sponsors: Senators Plexico; Odom, Plyler, Conder, Sherron, Hoyle, Kerr, and Perdue.

Referred to: Appropriations.

June 3, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ROLE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN GLOBAL
AFFAIRS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the needs of the State in the areas of international business, tourism, cultural affairs, and educational affairs, including the need for long-term, strategic planning in these areas. The study shall include:

- (1) A review of current efforts to promote and encourage the exchange of ideas with foreign governments, economies, and cultures.
- (2) A review of the information compiled from the North Carolina Global Forum and the results from the North Carolina Mission to Israel.
- (3) Recommendations for how to improve global education for North Carolina students.
- (4) Recommendations for how to encourage agencies, organizations, and the leaders in government, industry, education, and cultural affairs to work together for the benefit of the State and for the development of strong economic and cultural relationships with foreign governments, economies, and cultures.

1 (5) Consideration of the desirability and feasibility of establishing a State or
2 non-State entity, including a Cabinet post or commission, to serve as (i)
3 a clearinghouse for international program information, (ii) a provider of
4 comprehensive international information services, (iii) an arena in
5 which to discuss econometric and foreign political analysis, and (iv) a
6 coordinator of policies and activities related to international affairs.

7 The Legislative Research Commission members should include leaders in the
8 banking, manufacturing, and agriculture industries and in the tourism, education, arts, and
9 cultural communities of the State.

10 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General Assembly
11 the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year for the
12 Legislative Research Commission to implement the provisions of this act.

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