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SENATE BILL 435

Short Title: LRC/Partnership for Quality Growth.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Sherron.

Referred to: Appropriations

March 21, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
STUDY THE DEVELOPMENT OF INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE
COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE PLANNING THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP
FOR QUALITY GROWTH.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study statewide growth and development issues and the development of appropriate initiatives to promote comprehensive and coordinated planning on the local, regional, and State levels to guide growth and land use, foster economic development, preserve natural and cultural resources, promote efficient infrastructure development, transportation systems, and affordable housing, and to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of North Carolina.

(b) The study may address all issues related to the development and implementation of statewide quality growth, but shall study and evaluate:

(1) The present and anticipated consequences of population growth and patterns of development on the vitality of the State's economy, environment, land uses, natural and cultural resources, infrastructure, transportation systems, and housing needs;

- 1 (2) Comprehensive planning goals and methods that will accommodate the
2 State's growth and development needs and best serve all of the diverse
3 interests and geographic regions of the State, including consideration of
4 the appropriate State, regional, and local responsibilities, coordination
5 and enforcement of those responsibilities, and implementation; and
6 (3) Funding requirements of comprehensive planning and alternatives for
7 meeting those requirements, including consideration of the appropriate
8 State, regional, and local responsibilities therefor.
- 9 (c) The study shall include consideration of the feasibility of establishing growth
10 partnerships among State, county, municipal, and regional governments and the private
11 sector. The study shall examine governance and economies of scale in planning across
12 political boundaries.
- 13 Sec. 2. The Legislative Research Commission shall report its findings and
14 recommendations to the 1997 General Assembly and may make an interim report to the
15 1995 General Assembly, 1996 Regular Session.
- 16 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.