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HOUSE BILL 18*

Short Title: Job Training Study.

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Sponsors: Representatives Howard; Shubert, Baker, Davis, Gardner, Capps, Watson, Rayfield, and Morris.

Referred to: Commerce.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON JOB TRAINING
2 PROGRAMS TO REORGANIZE THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
3 SYSTEM IN NORTH CAROLINA.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. (a) The General Assembly intends to reorganize its workforce
7 development system to improve the delivery of job training programs and services in
8 North Carolina.

9 (b) There is created a Legislative Study Commission on Job Training
10 Programs. The purpose of the Commission is to review State and federally funded job
11 training programs and services currently in existence to determine the feasibility of
12 eliminating or consolidating those which are duplicative, inefficient, or ineffective in
13 carrying out their purposes and activities.

14 (c) The Commission shall consist of six members appointed by the
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least three of whom shall be members of the
16 House of Representatives, and six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
17 the Senate, at least three of whom shall be members of the Senate. The Speaker shall
18 designate one Representative as cochair and the President Pro Tempore shall designate
19 one Senator as cochair. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the same
20 appointing officer who made the initial appointment. The Commission shall expire
21 upon delivering its final report to the 1997 General Assembly (1998 Regular Session).

22 The Commission, while in the discharge of official duties, may exercise all
23 powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through

1 G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of the
2 cochairs. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative
3 Office Building. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant
4 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

5 The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Administrative
6 Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist the Commission in its work. The House
7 of Representatives' and the Senate's Supervisors of Clerks shall assign clerical staff to
8 the Commission, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by
9 the Commission. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel
10 expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

11 (d) The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- 12 (1) To review State and federal laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to
13 job training programs to determine the purpose of each program, the
14 population served, and each program's annual outcomes in terms of
15 type of training received, work search efforts, and job placement;
- 16 (2) To ascertain as far as possible the intention of the United States
17 Congress with respect to continued funding of federally mandated job
18 training programs and any changes in funding formulae;
- 19 (3) To review the amount of State and federal dollars appropriated for
20 each job training program conducted in this State and to review federal
21 requirements for continuous federal funding of the programs;
- 22 (4) To review the number of different State agencies that administer State
23 and federal job training programs, the number of persons employed to
24 implement each job training program, and the amount of State dollars
25 needed annually to implement the program;
- 26 (5) To determine whether federally funded job training programs in this
27 State may lawfully be abolished or reduced in size by the General
28 Assembly, and the impact of such reduction or elimination;
- 29 (6) To conduct public hearings to receive citizen, State agency, and local
30 government comment and experience with the job training programs;
- 31 (7) To conduct other studies or activities to aid the Commission in
32 carrying out its purpose and duties, including reviewing reorganization
33 and consolidation efforts in other states; and
- 34 (8) To ensure program evaluation and accountability for all workforce
35 development programs and to create a comprehensive statewide focus
36 on workforce development.

37 (e) The Commission shall report to the 1997 General Assembly (1998
38 Regular Session), the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, and
39 the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee not later than May 1, 1998. The
40 report shall identify each job training program operating in the State and recommend
41 whether each program should be expanded, continued without change, abolished,
42 consolidated with another program, or otherwise modified, including implementation
43 components.

1 (f) All State departments and agencies and local governments and their
2 subdivisions shall furnish the Commission with any information in their possession or
3 available to them.

4 (g) Notwithstanding G.S. 96-5(f), there is appropriated from the Worker
5 Training Trust Fund to the General Assembly the sum of fifty thousand dollars
6 (\$50,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year to implement this section.

7 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.