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**SENATE BILL 1328**

Short Title: Job Training Study Commission.

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Sponsors: Senator Dalton.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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May 27, 1998

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO CONTINUE THE JOB TRAINING STUDY COMMISSION.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is created a Legislative Study Commission on Job Training Programs. The purpose of the Commission is to review State and federally funded job training programs and services currently in existence to determine the feasibility of eliminating or consolidating those which are duplicative, inefficient, or ineffective in carrying out their purposes and activities.

Section 2. The Commission shall consist of six members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least three of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives, and six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, at least three of whom shall be members of the Senate. The Speaker shall designate one Representative as cochair and the President Pro Tempore shall designate one Senator as cochair. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the same appointing officer who made the initial appointment. The Commission shall expire upon delivering its final report to the 1999 General Assembly.

The Commission, while in the discharge of official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

1 The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as  
2 provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

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

9 Section 3. The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

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

35 Section 4. The Commission shall report to the 1999 General Assembly, the  
36 Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, and the Joint Legislative  
37 Education Oversight Committee not later than January 15, 1999.

38 Section 5. All State departments and agencies and local governments and their  
39 subdivisions shall furnish the Commission with any information in their possession or  
40 available to them.

41 Section 6. Notwithstanding G.S. 96-5(f), there is appropriated from the  
42 Worker Training Trust Fund to the General Assembly the sum of fifty thousand dollars  
43 (\$50,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to implement this section.

1           Section 7. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.