

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1446

Short Title: Safe Gun Storage Study.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Luebke.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

April 29, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE STUDY COMMISSION ON THE EXPANSION OF GUN
2 SAFETY STORAGE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STUDY
3 COMMISSION.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. The Study Commission on Safe Gun Storage is created. The
7 Commission shall consist of 12 members as follows:

- 8 (1) Six members of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro
9 Tempore of the Senate.
10 (2) Six members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

12 The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives shall each designate a cochair. The Commission shall meet upon the call
14 of the cochairs. A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the
15 transaction of business.

16 Section 2. The Commission shall study the issues of gun safety, including a
17 requirement for safety locks, personalized gun locks, and safe storage requirements and
18 penalties. In considering this topic, the Commission shall review the effectiveness of gun
19 safety laws enacted in other states and shall consider any other issue the Commission
20 determines pertinent to its study and worthy of its consideration.

1 Section 3. The Commission may contract for consultant services as provided
2 by G.S. 120-32.02. Upon approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
3 Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the
4 work of the Commission. Clerical staff shall be furnished to the Commission through the
5 offices of the House of Representatives and Senate Supervisors of Clerks. The
6 Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building
7 upon the approval of the Legislative Services Commission. The Commission, while in
8 discharge of official duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the provisions of
9 G.S. 120-19 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all officers, agents,
10 agencies, and departments of the State to provide any information, data, or documents
11 within their possession, ascertainable from their records, or otherwise available to them,
12 and the power to subpoena witnesses. Members of the Commission shall receive per
13 diem, subsistence, and travel allowances at the rate established in G.S. 120-3.1.

14 Section 4. The Commission may submit a report to the 2000 Regular Session
15 of the 1999 General Assembly that may contain recommendations and shall report the
16 final results of its study and its recommendations to the 2001 General Assembly. The
17 Commission shall terminate upon filing its final report.

18 Section 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
19 Assembly the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal
20 year and the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year
21 for the costs of the Study Commission on Safe Gun Storage, created in Section 1 of this
22 act, in performing its work.

23 Section 6. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.