

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 1681**

Short Title: LRC Study of Frivolous Lawsuits.

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Sponsors: Representatives Owens; Warner, Hill, Barefoot, Morris, Thompson, and Russell.

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

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May 24, 2000

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
COMMISSION TO STUDY WAYS TO DISCOURAGE THE FILING OF  
FRIVOLOUS CIVIL ACTIONS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall study ways to discourage the filing of frivolous civil actions. The Commission may address all issues that the Commission considers relevant to the subject. The Commission shall consider the desirability and feasibility of requiring or authorizing the unsuccessful party to pay the attorney's fees of the opposing party as a means of discouraging frivolous civil actions.

Section 2. The Legislative Research Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the 2001 General Assembly.

Section 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Research Commission the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to conduct the study authorized under Section 1 of this act.