

- 1 b. Two members of the general public.
2 (2) Six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, to
3 include:
4 a. Four members of the Senate.
5 b. Two members of the general public.

6 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Commission shall:

- 7 (1) Assess the shortfalls and benefits of the various day care and related
8 programs.
9 (2) Consider needed adjustments, and possible program consolidations,
10 and the necessary reprioritization of funds to realize the maximum
11 benefit to the State's children and families.
12 (3) Consider how day care and related programs affect economic
13 development today and in the future.
14 (4) Review any other matter that the Commission finds relevant to its
15 charge.

16 The Commission shall report to the 2007 General Assembly. The report shall
17 include findings, recommendations, and legislative proposals. The Commission shall
18 terminate upon filing its final report.

19 **SECTION 2.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President
20 Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint a cochair for the Commission. The
21 Commission may contract for consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. Upon
22 approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall
23 assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the work of the Commission. Clerical
24 staff shall be furnished to the Commission through the offices of the House of
25 Representatives and the Senate Directors of Legislative Assistants. The Commission
26 may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the
27 approval of the Legislative Services Commission. Members of the Commission shall
28 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances at the rate established in
29 G.S. 120-3.1. The appointing authority shall fill vacancies. The Commission, while in
30 the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the
31 provisions of G.S. 120-19 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all
32 officers, agents, agencies, and departments of the State to provide any information, data,
33 or documents within their possession, ascertainable from their records, or otherwise
34 available to them and the power to subpoena witnesses.

35 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
36 Assembly the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal
37 year to fund the work of the Commission created by this act.

38 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.