

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE DRH80285-LU-94 (3/27)**

Short Title: Study Consolidating Smart Start/More@4/Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Rapp, McLawhorn, and Glazier (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING A JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON  
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR  
THAT PURPOSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** There is created the Legislative Study Commission on Early  
Childhood Programs ("Commission"). The Commission shall consist of 12 members  
appointed as follows:

- (1) Six members appointed by the General Assembly, upon the  
recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to  
include:
  - a. Four members of the House of Representatives.
  - b. Two members of the general public.
- (2) Six members appointed by the General Assembly, upon the  
recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, to  
include:
  - a. Four members of the Senate.
  - b. Two members of the general public.

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

- (1) Assess the feasibility and desirability of consolidating the North  
Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., and the "More At Four"  
program.
- (2) Consider any needed adjustments and the necessary reprioritization of  
funds to realize the maximum benefit to the State's children and  
families.
- (3) Review any other matters the Commission deems relevant to its  
charge.

1           **SECTION 1.(c)** The Commission shall report to the 2008 Regular Session  
2 of the 2007 General Assembly. The report shall include findings, recommendations, and  
3 legislative proposals. The Commission shall terminate upon filing its final report.

4           **SECTION 2.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President  
5 Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint a cochair for the Commission. The  
6 Commission may contract for consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. Upon  
7 approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall  
8 assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the work of the Commission. Clerical  
9 staff shall be furnished to the Commission through the offices of the House of  
10 Representatives and the Senate Directors of Legislative Assistants. The Commission  
11 may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the  
12 approval of the Legislative Services Commission. Members of the Commission shall  
13 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances at the rate established in  
14 G.S. 120-3.1. The appointing authority shall fill vacancies. The Commission, while in  
15 the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the  
16 provisions of G.S. 120-19 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all  
17 officers, agents, agencies, and departments of the State to provide any information, data,  
18 or documents within their possession, ascertainable from their records, or otherwise  
19 available to them and the power to subpoena witnesses.

20           **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General  
21 Assembly the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to  
22 fund the work of the Commission created by this act.

23           **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.