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**HOUSE BILL 451  
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/10/07**

Short Title: Joint Study Complementary/Alternative Med.

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March 5, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON  
2 COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF MEDICINE.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is created the Joint Legislative Study Committee on  
5 Complementary and Alternative Forms of Medicine in North Carolina. The Committee  
6 shall consist of 12 members. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint  
7 six members, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint six members.

8 The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a cochair, and the  
9 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint a cochair for the Committee. The  
10 Committee may meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs. Vacancies on the  
11 Committee shall be filled by the same appointing authority as made the initial  
12 appointment.

13 The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all  
14 powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The  
15 Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as provided by  
16 G.S. 120-32.02.

17 Subject to the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the  
18 Committee may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building. The  
19 Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer, shall assign  
20 professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. The House of Representatives'  
21 and the Senate's Supervisors of Clerks shall assign clerical support staff to the  
22 Committee, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the  
23 Committee. Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at  
24 the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

25 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Committee shall consider and report on:

- 26 (1) Types of complementary and alternative health care services currently  
27 being offered and used in North Carolina.  
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- 1           (2)    Ways to remove current restrictions and facilitate access of consumers  
2           to complementary and alternative health care practitioners who are  
3           providing health care services not currently covered by existing  
4           medical licensing laws.
- 5           (3)    The impact of Health Freedom legislation in other states including  
6           Oklahoma, Minnesota, Rhode Island, California, and Idaho.
- 7           (4)    The need to safeguard public health and safety by requiring mandatory  
8           licensure of all persons who engage in the practice of complementary  
9           and alternative health care services to ensure minimum standards of  
10          competence, a minimum level of education, and experience.
- 11          (5)    Any other matter that the Committee deems appropriate or necessary  
12          to provide proper information to the General Assembly on the subject  
13          of the study.

14           **SECTION 1.(c)** The Committee may make an interim report to the 2007  
15 General Assembly, Regular Session 2008, and shall make its final report to the 2009  
16 General Assembly upon its convening.

17           **SECTION 1.(d)** Of the funds appropriated to the General Assembly, the  
18 Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the expenses of the Committee  
19 established by this section.

20           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.