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SENATE BILL 301

Short Title: NC Future Strategies Commn.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Staton; Sands and Block.

Referred to: Rules.

February 27, 1989

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON FUTURE
3 STRATEGIES FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Chapter 120 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
6 Article to read.

7 **“ARTICLE 13B.**
8 **“JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON FUTURE STRATEGIES**
9 **FOR NORTH CAROLINA.**

10 **“§ 120-84.6. Purpose.**

11 There is hereby established the Joint Legislative Commission on Future Strategies
12 for North Carolina, hereinafter called the Commission, which shall review future trends
13 and events to consider how they may affect North Carolina, and develop policy options
14 for how State and local governments and the general public can be prepared to benefit
15 from these future trends and events.

16 **“§ 120-84.7. Membership.**

17 The Commission shall consist of 12 members. The Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives shall appoint six members from the House. The President Pro Tempore
19 of the Senate shall appoint six members from the Senate. Vacancies created by
20 resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the original appointing authority. Members
21 shall serve two-year terms beginning and ending on January 15 of the odd-numbered
22 years, except that initial appointments shall begin on July 1, 1989. Members shall not
23 be disqualified from completing a term of service on the Commission because they fail
24 to run or are defeated for reelection. Resignation or removal from the General

1 Assembly shall constitute resignation or removal from membership on the Commission.
2 The terms of the initial members of the Commission shall expire January 15, 1991. A
3 House cochairman and a Senate co-chairman shall be elected by the Commission from
4 among its members.

5 **"§ 120-84.8. Powers and duties.**

6 The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- 7 (1) To review reports which propose future strategies, goals, or
8 recommendations for North Carolina, and determine the status of the
9 proposed strategies, goals, and recommendations.
- 10 (2) To review governmental and nongovernmental research and studies
11 relating to current and future trends and events; and to assess the
12 impact of these future trends and events on future governmental
13 policy.
- 14 (3) To review current statutes related to comprehensive planning at all
15 levels of government and propose changes considered most consistent
16 with state-of-the-art comprehensive growth management and
17 development policies.
- 18 (4) To review the history and current status of intergovernmental
19 relationships in North Carolina.
- 20 (5) To conduct periodic surveys to assess citizen attitudes toward current
21 trends and determine their impact on strategic policy options.
- 22 (6) To undertake such additional studies, surveys, or evaluations as may,
23 from time to time, be requested by the President Pro Tempore of the
24 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Legislative
25 Research Commission, or either House of the General Assembly.
- 26 (7) To appoint advisory committees, which may include government
27 officials and interested citizens, to examine specific issues as
28 determined by the Commission. A Commission member shall be
29 appointed chairman of such advisory committees.
- 30 (8) To conduct studies of long-range fiscal impact of proposals or policies
31 under review by the Commission.
- 32 (9) To develop rules regarding the selection, design, methodology, and
33 execution of citizens attitude surveys, research and study topics for
34 Commission approval and consideration.
- 35 (10) To issue reports, forecasts, and recommendations to the General
36 Assembly, from time to time, on matters relating to the powers and
37 duties set out in this section.

38 **"§ 120-84.9. Reports to the General Assembly.**

39 The Commission shall report to the General Assembly not later than December 15,
40 1990, and December 15 of each subsequent even-numbered year. The report shall
41 contain findings, recommendations, and forecasts of potential future strategies and
42 policy alternatives which may be beneficial to State and local governments and the
43 general public of North Carolina.

44 **"§ 120-84.10. Additional powers.**

1 The Commission shall have the following additional powers:

- 2 (1) The Commission, while in the discharge of official duties, shall have
3 access to any paper or document, and may compel the attendance of
4 any State official or employee before the Commission or secure any
5 evidence under the provisions of G.S. 120-19. In addition, the
6 provisions of G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4 shall apply to the
7 proceedings of the Commission as if it were a joint committee of the
8 General Assembly.
- 9 (2) The Commission may receive gifts and grants from private sources to
10 assist the Commission in fulfilling its duties, subject to the approval of
11 the Legislative Services Commission.
- 12 (3) The Commission may contract for services, subject to the approval of
13 the Legislative Services Commission.

14 **"§ 120-84.11. Compensation and Expenses of Commission Members.**

15 Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at the
16 rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1 for General Assembly matters. Advisory subcommittee
17 members shall be reimbursed and compensated at the rates set out in G.S. 138-5 (public
18 members) and G.S. 138-6 (State officials or employees). The Commission shall be
19 funded by the Legislative Services Commission from appropriations made to the
20 General Assembly for that purpose. The facilities of the State Legislative Building and
21 any other State office building used by the General Assembly, shall be available to the
22 Commission for its use.

23 **"§ 120-84.12. Commission Staffing.**

24 (a) The Commission may use available clerical employees of the General
25 Assembly, or may employ, and may remove, such professional and clerical employees
26 as the Commission deems proper. The chairmen may assign and direct the activities of
27 the employees of the Commission, subject to the advice of the Commission.

28 (b) The employees of the Commission shall receive salaries that shall be fixed by
29 the Legislative Services Commission and shall receive travel and subsistence
30 allowances fixed by G. S. 138-6 and G.S. 138-7 when such travel is approved by either
31 chairman, subject to the advice of the Commission. The employees of the Commission
32 shall not be subject to the Executive Budget Act or to the State Personnel Act.

33 (c) The Commission may, with the consent of the Legislative Services
34 Commission, use employees of the Fiscal Research, Legislative Automation, General
35 Research, and Bill Drafting and Public Information Divisions of the Legislative
36 Services Commission.

37 (d) The Commission shall assure that sufficient funds are available within its
38 appropriations before employing professional and clerical employees."

39 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative
40 Services Commission the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for fiscal
41 year 1989-90 for the Joint Legislative Commission on Future Strategies for North
42 Carolina to implement the provisions of this act.

43 Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.