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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON
2 STUDENTS AT RISK OF FAILURE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ITS
3 IMPLEMENTATION.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Legislative Study Commission on Students at Risk of Failure;
7 establishment; purpose. – There is established the Legislative Study Commission on
8 North Carolina Students at Risk of Failure. The purpose of the Commission shall be to
9 (i) identify how the delivery of educational services from preschool through twelfth
10 grade fails to address the needs of students at risk of academic, social, and economic
11 failure, (ii) develop proposals for improving the delivery of educational services to at
12 risk students, and (iii) recommend the human and economic resources necessary to
13 improve each at risk student's opportunity to reach his or her optimal potential.

14 Sec. 2. Membership; co-chairs; vacancies. – The Commission shall consist
15 of 16 members appointed as follows:

- 16 (1) Four members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore
17 of the Senate, at least one appointee shall also be a member of the Joint
18 Legislative Education Oversight Committee. Of the four Senate
19 members appointed, one shall be designated co-chair of the
20 Commission;
- 21 (2) Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one appointee shall
23 also be a member of the Joint Legislative Education Oversight

- 1 Committee. Of the four House members appointed, one shall be
2 designated co-chair of the Commission;
- 3 (3) Four members of the public appointed by the President Pro Tempore
4 of the Senate;
- 5 (4) Four members of the public appointed by the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives.

7 The members shall be appointed no later than September 1, 1992. If a vacancy occurs in
8 the membership, the appointing authority shall appoint another member to serve for the
9 balance of the unexpired term.

10 Sec. 3. Powers and duties. – The Commission shall:

- 11 (1) Identify the educational needs of students who are at risk of failure.
12 (2) Study the causes which lead students to become at risk of failure and
13 methods to alleviate the impact of those causes.
14 (3) Study the impact of education reform in North Carolina on students at
15 risk of failure.
16 (4) Study and recommend methods to optimize coordination of federal and
17 State efforts to address issues related to students at risk of failure.
18 (5) Identify educational methods that best meet the needs of at risk
19 students and recommend how to incorporate those methods into the
20 public education process.
21 (6) Study the extent of North Carolina's legal, ethical, economic, political,
22 and civic responsibility to provide and maximize access to educational
23 opportunity for students at risk of failure.
24 (7) Recommend a comprehensive plan for implementing, monitoring, and
25 improving the delivery of educational and related services for students
26 at risk of failure.
27 (8) Study the best method to evaluate services implemented to improve
28 the delivery of educational and related services to students at risk of
29 failure. Study of this issue shall focus on outcome measures.
30 (9) Study any other issues the Commission finds necessary to carry out its
31 purpose.

32 Sec. 4. Reporting requirements. – The Commission shall submit an interim
33 report of its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight
34 Committee on or before January 15, 1993, and its final report to the Joint Legislative
35 Education Oversight Committee and the General Assembly on or before February 15,
36 1993 and shall terminate on that date.

37 Sec. 5. Powers; meeting times and places. – The Commission, while in the
38 discharge of official duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the provisions
39 of G.S. 120-19, and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet
40 at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs. The Commission may meet in the
41 Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

42 Sec. 6. Subsistence and travel expenses. – Members of the Commission shall
43 receive subsistence and travel expenses in accordance with G.S. 138-5, G.S. 138-6, or
44 G.S. 120-3.1 as appropriate.

1 Sec. 7. Staff. – The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or
2 consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services
3 Commission, through the Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional
4 staff to assist in the work of the Commission. The House of Representatives' and the
5 Senate's Supervisor of Clerks shall assign clerical staff to the Commission, upon the
6 direction of the Legislative Services Commission. The expenses relating to clerical
7 employees shall be borne by the Commission.

8 Sec. 8. Appropriation. – There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
9 General Assembly the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 1992-93
10 fiscal year for the expenses of the Commission.

11 Sec. 9. This act becomes effective upon ratification but not before July 1,
12 1992.