

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 819**

Short Title: Tourism's Growth & Effect Study.

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Sponsors: Senators Warren; and Plexico.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 24, 1991

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO  
STUDY TOURISM'S GROWTH AND EFFECT.**

Whereas, Chapter 873 of the 1987 Session Laws authorized the Legislative Research Commission to study tourism's growth and effect; and

Whereas, the 1988-89 Study Committee on Tourism's Growth and Effect began a comprehensive review of the tourism industry and its impact on North Carolina; and

Whereas, while the 1988-89 Study Committee on Tourism's Growth and Effect made significant progress in evaluating the rapid growth of the tourism industry and the substantial effects of that growth on the State, it was unable to examine all of the issues that should be addressed; and

Whereas, the 1988-89 Study Committee on Tourism's Growth and Effect identified many important issues that need further examination; and

Whereas, as recommended by the 1988-89 Study Committee on Tourism's Growth and Effect, the Legislative Research Commission continued its study of this topic by creating the 1990-91 Study Committee on Tourism's Growth and Effect; and

Whereas, the 1990-91 Study Committee on Tourism's Growth and Effect continued the earlier committee's comprehensive review of tourism's growth and effect in this State and learned that North Carolina's market share of the tourism business among the southeastern states has decreased for the last four years; and

Whereas, additional study is needed to develop State and local strategies to enhance tourism and maximize its positive economic effect in North Carolina; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2           Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to renew its  
3 study of the issue of the growth of tourism in North Carolina, the impact of this growth  
4 on the State, how to enhance the growth of tourism in North Carolina, and how to  
5 ensure that all areas of the State benefit from this growth.

6           Sec. 2. The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim report to  
7 the 1992 Session of the General Assembly, and shall make a final report to the 1993  
8 Session of the General Assembly.

9           Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative  
10 Research Commission the sum of \$35,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year to fund the study  
11 described in Section 1 of this act.

12           Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.