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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 461**

Short Title: Energy Conservation Study/LRC.

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Sponsors: Senators Edwards, Plexico, Kerr, and Jordan.

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Referred to: Appropriations

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March 22, 1995

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
2 COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO STUDY WAYS TO PROMOTE ENERGY  
3 CONSERVATION AND THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN  
4 NORTH CAROLINA.

5       Whereas, the Legislative Research Commission was authorized in 1991 to  
6 study Ways to Promote the Conservation of Energy and the Use of Renewable Energy  
7 Sources in Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Public Facilities; and

8       Whereas, this study committee proved to be an excellent forum for different  
9 State agencies that have a role in promoting energy conservation, architects and  
10 engineers, industry, and environmental groups to present their respective opinions for  
11 needed changes and improvements in promoting energy conservation in buildings; and

12       Whereas, this study committee found that energy conservation can save the  
13 State and its citizens substantial sums of money by reducing energy costs and at the  
14 same time protect the environment; and

15       Whereas, the Legislative Research Commission was authorized in 1993 to  
16 continue its study of Energy Conservation and Use of Renewable Energy Sources; and

17       Whereas, this study committee continued to look into energy conservation  
18 projects in public buildings that would save substantial sums of money in avoided utility  
19 bills; and

20       Whereas, this study committee also studied alternative transportation fuels  
21 and found that the use of these fuels would reduce our dependence on foreign oil as well  
22 as serve to reduce toxic air emissions, thereby protecting air quality; and

1           Whereas, even after four years, there is much work remaining for the study  
2 committee to do; and

3           Whereas, energy conservation remains a largely untapped method of saving  
4 money and protecting our natural resources;

5 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

6           Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study ways  
7 to promote energy conservation and the use of renewable sources of energy in North  
8 Carolina. The study committee may address all issues that bear on energy conservation  
9 in this State. In the course of its work, the study committee shall:

10           (1) Monitor the conversion of State motor vehicle fleets to alternative  
11 fueled vehicles, as required by the federal Energy Policy Act of 1992,  
12 42 U.S.C. § 13201, et seq.

13           (2) Monitor other federal legislation related to alternative fuels.

14           (3) Receive and review reports from and advise the working group  
15 established by the Department of Administration, the Department of  
16 Commerce, the Department of Transportation, and the Office of the  
17 Governor to plan for the State to meet its alternative fueled vehicles  
18 purchasing requirements under the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

19           (4) Conduct public hearings in the State regarding the use of alternative  
20 transportation fuels.

21           (5) Serve as a focal point for discussion and proposals leading to the  
22 development of North Carolina's public policy on the use of alternative  
23 fuels for vehicles and energy conservation in general.

24           Sec. 2. The study committee may submit an interim report to the 1996  
25 Regular Session of the 1995 General Assembly. The study committee shall submit a  
26 final report of its recommendations and legislative proposals to the 1997 General  
27 Assembly.

28           Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.