



1 Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority.

2 **SECTION 1.(c)** Duties of the Commission. – The Commission shall  
3 examine the present system of local financing for school facilities and shall study  
4 alternative options for financing local school construction, renovation, repair, and  
5 maintenance. The Commission may study and consider public-private partnerships for  
6 school construction and facility ownership, sale lease-back arrangements, private and  
7 commercial financing arrangements, design standards for school facilities that may  
8 facilitate alternative financing techniques, alternative local revenue sources for  
9 financing school facilities, the use of real estate investment trusts, State and local  
10 construction bond pools, and any other financing issues deemed pertinent by the  
11 Commission.

12 **SECTION 1.(d)** Expenses of Members. – Members of the Commission shall  
13 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1,  
14 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

15 **SECTION 1.(e)** Consultants and Other Staff. – The Commission may hire  
16 consultants to provide research, staff support, and information about school financing in  
17 other states to the Commission, in accordance with G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative  
18 Services Office, with the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, shall  
19 also assign professional and clerical staff to assist the Commission in its work.

20 **SECTION 1.(f)** Cooperation by Government Agencies. – The Commission  
21 may call upon any department, agency, institution, or officer of the State or any political  
22 subdivision of the State for facilities, data, or other assistance. All State departments and  
23 agencies, local governments, and their subdivisions shall cooperate with the  
24 Commission and, upon request, shall furnish the Commission and its staff any  
25 information in their possession or available to them.

26 **SECTION 1.(g)** Meetings During Legislative Session. – The Commission  
27 may meet during a regular or extra session of the General Assembly.

28 **SECTION 1.(h)** Meeting Location. – The Legislative Services Commission  
29 shall grant adequate meeting space to the Commission in the State Legislative Building  
30 or the Legislative Office Building. The Commission may also meet at various locations  
31 around the State in order to promote greater public participation in its deliberations.

32 **SECTION 1.(i)** Reports. – The Commission shall make a final report to the  
33 2007 General Assembly no later than March 31, 2007. The final report shall contain  
34 recommendations for legislation to implement recommendations made by the  
35 Commission. The Commission shall terminate on March 31, 2007.

36 **SECTION 1.(j)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General  
37 Assembly the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal  
38 year for the expenses of the Local School Construction Financing Study Commission.  
39 The Commission may also apply for, receive, or accept grants and contributions, subject  
40 to the provisions of G.S. 120-32.03, to support the work of the Commission.

41 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.