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HOUSE BILL 1085

Short Title: Sci/Tech/Eng/Math Innovation Study Comm. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Dickson, Howard, Braxton (Primary Sponsors);
 Cotham, Faison, Fisher, Harrison, Hughes, Johnson, Jones, Lucas, McLawhorn,
 and Rapp.

Referred to: Science and Technology, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the
 House.

April 7, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT CREATING THE STUDY COMMISSION ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,
ENGINEERING, AND MATH INNOVATION AND COMMUNITY
COLLABORATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Commission Established. – There is created the Study Commission on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Innovation and Community Collaboration (STEM) to study and recommend the development of a framework for assessment of readiness of a community or region to support 21st century economic demands of business and industry development and the scaling of innovative local programs to impact broader numbers of individuals in communities around the State.

SECTION 2. Membership. – The Commission shall consist of 24 members, appointed as follows:

- (1) Three members appointed by the Governor.
- (2) Ten members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to include:
 - a. Four members of the House of Representatives.
 - b. A representative from the Community College System.
 - c. A representative of the Independent Colleges and Universities.
 - d. A representative from the Department of Commerce.
 - e. A representative of North Carolina's business and industry.
 - f. A representative of North Carolina's school superintendents.
- (3) Ten members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, to include:
 - a. Four members of the Senate.
 - b. A representative from The University of North Carolina System.
 - c. A representative of the Department of Public Instruction.
 - d. A representative of North Carolina's business and industry.
 - e. A teacher representative.
 - f. An individual with expertise in STEM education.
- (4) The Executive Director of the Education Cabinet or the Executive Director's designee, serving ex officio.



1 **SECTION 3.** Cochairs. – The Commission shall have two cochairs, one designated
2 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one designated by the President Pro
3 Tempore of the Senate from among their respective appointees. The Commission shall meet
4 upon the call of the cochairs.

5 **SECTION 4.** Quorum. – A quorum of the Commission shall consist of 13
6 members.

7 **SECTION 5.** Vacancies. – Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by the
8 original appointing authority.

9 **SECTION 6.** Purpose and duties. – The Study Commission shall study issues
10 related to economic growth by the creation of measures and metrics which define the readiness
11 of a community to deliver, to all stakeholders, the services that equip the workforce to be
12 competitive in a STEM-intensive economy, including ensuring students throughout the
13 education pipeline gain the skills learned from science, technology, engineering, math, and
14 other rigorous subjects.

15 As a part of its study, the Commission may examine issues related to:

- 16 (1) A replicable model for aligning efforts of local business, industry, policy,
17 and education stakeholders in community engagement for visioning
18 student-centered learning.
- 19 (2) The documenting and study of the innovative education programs critical for
20 communities to be competitive in the STEM environment in the 21st century.
- 21 (3) A framework to network these regions, aligning State, regional, and external
22 investment in replicable innovation.
- 23 (4) Any other topics deemed relevant by the Commission.

24 **SECTION 7.** Expenses of members. – Members of the Commission shall receive
25 per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6,
26 as appropriate.

27 **SECTION 8.** Staff. – Upon the prior approval of the Legislative Services
28 Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to the
29 Commission to aid in its work.

30 **SECTION 9.** Meetings. – The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building
31 or the Legislative Office Building upon the approval of the Legislative Services Commission.

32 **SECTION 10.** Report. – The Commission shall make a final report, including any
33 proposed legislation, to the 2010 Session of the General Assembly upon its convening. The
34 Commission shall terminate upon filing its final report or upon the convening of the 2010
35 Session of the General Assembly, whichever is earlier.

36 **SECTION 11.** Funding. – From funds appropriated to the General Assembly, the
37 Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the purpose of conducting the study
38 provided for in this act.

39 **SECTION 12.** Effective date. – This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.