

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 96\***

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Sponsors: Senators Barker and Block.

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Referred to: Rules.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
2 COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO STUDY THE STATE PORTS AUTHORITY  
3 AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

4 Whereas, the Legislative Research Commission has been authorized by the  
5 1987 General Assembly to conduct a study of the State Ports Authority and  
6 international trade in North Carolina; and

7 Whereas, the committee appointed by the Legislative Research Commission  
8 to study the State Ports Authority and international trade has recommended changes in  
9 the General Statutes in order to improve the operation of the State Ports Authority; and

10 Whereas, the State Ports Authority and International Trade Study Committee  
11 found that the problems faced by the State Ports Authority presented too complex a  
12 study for the Committee to complete its work in the time allowed; and

13 Whereas, the Committee devoted all its time to the portion of its charge  
14 relating to the State Ports Authority, and was therefore not able to explore the topic of  
15 international trade in its meetings to date;

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

17 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study the  
18 State Ports Authority and international trade. The Commission shall continue to study  
19 the business and trade currently passing through the North Carolina State Ports  
20 Authority and shall identify the types and volume of trade and business handled by the  
21 State's ports (inland ports and harbors), the users of the ports facilities, and shall  
22 consider possible reasons for the difference in the volume of export and import business  
23 handled by the North Carolina State Ports Authority. The Commission shall also study

- 1 ways and methods to encourage more international trade to flow through North  
2 Carolina's ports and any other items relevant to this Study.
- 3           Sec. 2. The Commission shall make a final report of its recommendations to  
4 the General Assembly on or before the first day of the 1991 Session.
- 5           Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.