

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1420**

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Sponsors: Representative Carpenter.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LAWS REGARDING DRUG OFFENSES AND  
3 THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES FOR THOSE OFFENSES AND TO  
4 APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STUDY.

5 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

6       **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission may study the laws  
7 regarding drug offenses and the current sentencing guidelines for those offenses. In its  
8 study, the Commission shall consider whether more effective sentencing guidelines  
9 could be developed that focus on "repeat" drug offenders. The Commission shall also  
10 consider the merits generally of increasing criminal penalties for drug violations and  
11 possible modifications that may be needed in placing a defendant on probation for a  
12 drug offense. The Commission may consider the laws of other states regarding drug  
13 offenses and may also consider any other issues relevant to the study.

14       The Commission may make a progress report to the 2001 General Assembly,  
15 2002 Regular Session, upon its convening and shall make its final report to the 2003  
16 General Assembly upon its convening.

17       **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.