GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 810*
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/24/01

Short Title: Study Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 26, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW TEAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission may create a Study Committee to study the feasibility of a multidisciplinary domestic violence fatality review team that identifies and reviews domestic violence-related deaths, including homicides and suicides, and facilitates communication among the various agencies and organizations involved in domestic violence cases to prevent future fatalities. The Committee may be composed of 10 members, as follows: the President Pro Tempore of the Senate may appoint five members and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may appoint five members.

SECTION 2. This study may include:

(a) Examination of the composition of a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, including the designation of a lead agency to act as staff to the Review Team.

(b) Examination of the powers and duties of lead agency.

(c) Examination of the responsibilities of Review Team.

(d) Examination of the responsibilities of team members.

(e) Examination of access to confidential and public records, and the maintenance of the records collected.

(f) Examination of meetings and the applicability of the Open Meetings Law.

(g) Examination of confidentiality and immunity.

(h) Determination of length of operation of review teams.

(i) Issuance of an interim report and a final report.

SECTION 3. The Committee may make a final report of its findings and recommendations to the 2002 Regular Session of the 2001 General Assembly.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.