

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1258

Short Title: Create Global Engagement Commission. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Carney, McComas, Tolson, Allen (Primary Sponsors); M. Alexander, Barnhart, Bordsen, Brown, Burris-Floyd, Crawford, Current, Dickson, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Folwell, Frye, Glazier, Insko, Justice, Killian, Lewis, Lucas, McGee, Neumann, Ross, Samuelson, Steen, Tarleton, Underhill, Weiss, Whilden, Wiley, Wilkins, and Wray.

Referred to: State Government/State Personnel, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 9, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT CREATING THE GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
4 SECTION 1. Purpose. - There is hereby created the Global Engagement
5 Commission (Commission). The purpose of the Commission is to promote economic growth
6 and stimulate job creation in the global economy.
7 The Commission shall consist of 20 members appointed as follows:
8 (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 10 members of
9 the Commission, including:
10 a. Four members of the House of Representatives.
11 b. Three members appointed upon the recommendation of the
12 Governor.
13 c. Three members who are business chief executive officers, education
14 leaders, or heads of State agencies.
15 (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint 10 members of the
16 Commission, including:
17 a. Four members of the Senate.
18 b. Three members appointed upon the recommendation of the
19 Governor.
20 c. Three members who are business chief executive officers, education
21 leaders, or heads of State agencies.
22 SECTION 2. Charge. - The Commission shall work in conjunction with the Center
23 for International Understanding to develop a Statewide Strategic Plan for Global Engagement.
24 The Commission shall study North Carolina's current international activity in three sectors:
25 business, State government and education (including prekindergarten-12, higher education, and
26 community colleges). The Commission shall identify global indicators in business, State
27 government, and education to be tracked annually in order to gauge improvement over time.
28 SECTION 3. Reports. - On or before December 31, 2009, the Commission may
29 submit an interim report to the General Assembly on the progress of its study. By May 1, 2010,
30 the Commission shall submit a final report to the General Assembly, including any proposed
31 legislation. The Commission shall terminate upon filing its final report.



1 **SECTION 4.** Administration. – The Speaker of the House of Representatives and
2 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint a cochair for the Commission.
3 Upon approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall
4 assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the work of the Commission. Clerical staff
5 shall be furnished to the Commission through the offices of the House of Representatives and
6 the Senate Directors of Legislative Assistants. The Commission may meet in the Legislative
7 Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the approval of the Legislative Services
8 Commission. The appointing authority shall fill vacancies. The Commission, while in the
9 discharge of its official duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the provisions of
10 G.S. 120-19 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all officers, agents,
11 agencies, and departments of the State to provide any information, data, or documents within
12 their possession, ascertainable from their records, or otherwise available to them and the power
13 to subpoena witnesses. The Commission members shall serve without compensation but may
14 receive travel and subsistence as follows:

- 15 (1) Members who are officials or employees of a State agency or unit of local
16 government, in accordance with G.S. 138-6.
- 17 (2) Members who serve in the General Assembly, in accordance with
18 G.S. 120-3.1.
- 19 (3) All other members at the rate established in G.S. 138-5.

20 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.