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SENATE BILL 940
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Short Title: Study Flexibility/Certified Nurse Midwives. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY WHETHER CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study whether certified nurse midwives should be given more flexibility in the practice of midwifery. In conducting the study, the Commission shall consider whether a certified nurse midwife should be allowed to practice midwifery in collaboration with, rather than under the supervision of, a physician licensed to practice medicine under Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes who is actively engaged in the practice of obstetrics.

SECTION 2. The Legislative Research Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly upon its convening by filing the report with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. From funds appropriated to the General Assembly for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the purpose of conducting the study provided for in this act.

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