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HOUSE BILL 825

Short Title: Jt. Legis. Study on Meth Lab Prevention. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Floyd, Carney, and Weiss (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Judiciary Subcommittee B.

April 7, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON METHAMPHETAMINE LAB PREVENTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Commission Established. – There is created the Joint Legislative Study Commission on Methamphetamine Lab Prevention. The Commission shall consist of eight members appointed as follows:

- (1) Two members appointed by the Governor, to include one sheriff and one other law enforcement officer of the State of North Carolina.
- (2) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to include two members of the House of Representatives and one member to represent the interests of retail pharmacists.
- (3) Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, to include two members of the Senate and one person who represents the interests of the North Carolina Merchants Association.

Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the appointing authority. A quorum of the Commission shall consist of five members.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint a cochair for the Commission. The Commission may meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs.

The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all officers, agents, agencies, and departments of the State to provide any information, data, or documents within their possession, ascertainable from the records, or otherwise available to them, and the power to subpoena witnesses.

The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

SECTION 3. Purpose. – The Commission shall consider whether North Carolina should adopt an electronic tracking blocking system in lieu of the current manual log to prevent the illegal sale of pseudoephedrine drugs similar to the system adopted in South Carolina. In its study, the Commission shall also consider the "Methamphetamine Lab Prevention Act of 2005" that was enacted by the legislature of South Carolina.

SECTION 4. Staff. – Upon approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the work of



1 the Commission. Clerical staff shall be furnished to the Commission through the offices of the
2 House of Representatives and Senate Supervisors of Clerks.

3 **SECTION 5.** Meeting location. – The Commission may meet in the Legislative
4 Building or Legislative Office Building upon the approval of the Legislative Services
5 Commission.

6 **SECTION 6.** Expenses of members. – Members of the Commission shall receive
7 per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances at the rate established in G.S. 120-3.1.

8 **SECTION 7.** Report. – The Commission shall submit an interim report to the 2012
9 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly prior to its reconvening and shall make a final
10 report to the 2013 Regular Session of the General Assembly prior to its convening. The report
11 shall contain the Commission's findings, recommendations, legislative proposals, and cost
12 analyses. The Commission shall terminate upon filing its final report or upon the convening of
13 the 2013 General Assembly, whichever is earlier.

14 **SECTION 8.** Funding. – Of the funds appropriated to the General Assembly for
15 the 2011-2012 fiscal year and for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the Legislative Services
16 Commission shall allocate funds for the purpose of supporting the study established by this act.

17 **SECTION 9.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.