

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 74
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/28/15**

Short Title: Study MPO/RPO Oversight.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 12, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO STUDY THE OVERSIGHT OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING
2 ORGANIZATIONS AND RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
3 ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR ROLE IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Study Committee on Metropolitan Planning Organizations and
7 Rural Transportation Planning Organizations is created. The Committee shall consist of five
8 members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives, and five members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
10 the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
11 Senate shall each designate one member as a cochair. Vacancies to the Committee shall be
12 filled by the same appointing authority making the initial appointment. The Committee will
13 meet upon the call of the cochairs. A quorum shall be a majority of the Committee members.

14 **SECTION 2.** The Committee shall study the organization, structure, and oversight
15 of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Rural Transportation Planning Organizations, the
16 role they play in transportation planning, and the way the organization, structure, and oversight
17 might be revised to better match their role in transportation planning while maintaining
18 compliance with federal transportation requirements.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may
20 exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4.
21 The Committee may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.
22 Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at the rates set forth in
23 G.S. 120-3.1.

24 The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer,
25 shall assign professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. The House of
26 Representatives shall assign clerical staff to the Committee, and the expenses relating to the
27 clerical employees shall be borne by the Committee. The Committee may contract for
28 professional, clerical, or consultant services, as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

29 **SECTION 4.** The Committee may make a report, including any proposed
30 legislation, to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly. The Committee shall
31 terminate upon filing its final report or upon the convening of the 2016 Regular Session of the
32 2015 General Assembly, whichever is earlier.

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

