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**HOUSE BILL 143**

Short Title: Universal Identification/Biometrics Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Terry, Beasley, and Alexander (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: State and Local Government, if favorable, Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 25, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE  
FEASIBILITY, IMPLEMENTATION, AND COSTS OF UNIVERSAL IDENTIFICATION  
TO ENSURE TRANSACTIONAL SECURITY FOR REGISTRATION,  
PARTICIPATION, AND EXECUTION OF STATE FUNCTIONS AND SYSTEMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) shall study the feasibility of requiring individuals' participation in a universal identification program to secure all State-related transactions.

The LRC shall study whether any existing State of North Carolina identification system, database, or network would be appropriate to add biometric identification as an additional authentication method.

As part of its study, the LRC shall do all of the following:

- (1) Examine the current existing universal identification systems in the State, and determine whether current systems would be suitable for adaptation and improvement.
- (2) Identify which State agency would be appropriate for the development, maintenance, and implementation of a universal identification system.
- (3) Determine whether the implementation of a universal identification system would comply with higher education and medical information privacy laws.
- (4) Determine the financial impacts of all stages of the implementation of a universal identification system and ongoing costs, with and without biometric authentication.
- (5) Develop a projected timeline for implementation.
- (6) Any other matters the LRC deems relevant to its efforts.

**SECTION 1.(b)** The LRC shall report its findings, together with any proposed legislation, to the 2020 Regular Session of the 2019 General Assembly upon its convening.

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

