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SENATE BILL 1803*

Short Title: Statewide Aging Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Malone, Swindell, Dorsett, Forrester; Allran, Apodaca, Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Brunstetter, Cowell, Goss, Graham, Hartsell, Jenkins, Jones, Nesbitt, Purcell, Snow, Soles, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE FIVE-YEAR STATEWIDE STUDY
3 OF THE STATE'S READINESS TO RESPOND TO THE COMING WAVE OF
4 OLDER ADULTS BY ESTABLISHING A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE
5 STUDY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PROVIDE STAFF TO SUPPORT THE
6 COMMITTEE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF
7 THE STUDY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STUDY COMMISSION ON
8 AGING.

9 Whereas, the anticipated increases in the older adult population are due to
10 aging members of the baby boom generation, North Carolina's attractiveness as a
11 retirement destination, and increased longevity; and

12 Whereas, it is projected that by 2030, 75 of North Carolina's counties will
13 have more persons age 60 and older than age 17 and younger; and

14 Whereas, according to information from the Demographic Unit, Office of
15 State Budget and Management, between 2000 and 2030, population growth for the State
16 as a whole is projected at 52.5%, while the population 65 and older is expected to grow
17 123%, and the population 85 and older is expected to increase 146%; and

18 Whereas, these demographic shifts will likely impact workforce supply and
19 demand, tax receipts, economic development, health and human services, and a number
20 of other issues affecting State and local government; and

21 Whereas, the United States Administration on Aging has elected to provide
22 assistance to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
23 Aging and Adult Services, and Area Agencies on Aging in developing a comprehensive
24 planning model for aging; Now, therefore,

25 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

26 **SECTION 1.1.** Committee Established. – There is established the NC FACT
27 (NC Facing Aging Communities Together) Steering Committee to guide the work of a

1 five-year study to assess the State's readiness to respond to increasing numbers of older
2 adults residing in North Carolina; to inform and guide future policy and program
3 development; and to increase State, regional, and local capacity for planning for an
4 aging population.

5 **SECTION 1.2.** Membership. – The Steering Committee shall consist of 21
6 members appointed as follows:

- 7 (1) Two members with knowledge of and an interest in aging issues who
8 are recommended by the North Carolina League of Municipalities and
9 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 10 (2) Two members with knowledge of and an interest in aging issues who
11 are recommended by the North Carolina Association of County
12 Commissioners and appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
13 Senate.
- 14 (3) Two members who are directors of Area Agencies on Aging, one
15 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one
16 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- 17 (4) Three members who are directors of local public or private nonprofit
18 aging services providers, including at least one director of a
19 Department of Social Services, appointed by the Governor.
- 20 (5) Two members of the Governor's Cabinet, appointed by the Governor.
- 21 (6) One member who is a State Office of Budget and Management
22 employee experienced with health and human services or demographic
23 and economic analysis, appointed by the Governor.
- 24 (7) Two members of the Senior Tar Heel Legislature, one appointed by
25 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the
26 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- 27 (8) One member of the General Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the
28 House of Representatives.
- 29 (9) One member of the General Assembly appointed by the President Pro
30 Tempore of the Senate.
- 31 (10) One member of the public appointed by the Speaker of the House of
32 Representatives.
- 33 (11) One member of the public appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
34 the Senate.
- 35 (12) The chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, or designee.
- 36 (13) The Director of the University of North Carolina Institute on Aging, or
37 designee.
- 38 (14) The President of the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, or
39 designee.

40 **SECTION 1.3.** Notices to Departments. – The Committee shall invite the
41 Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to attend each meeting of
42 the Committee and encourage the participation of representatives from the various
43 departmental divisions that serve older adults. The Committee shall also inform

1 Secretaries of other Departments represented on the Governor's Cabinet of each meeting
2 and encourage appropriate participation.

3 **SECTION 1.4.** Cochairs. – The Committee shall have two cochairs, one
4 designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one designated by the
5 Speaker of the House of Representatives from among their respective appointees.

6 **SECTION 1.5.** Duties of the Committee. – The Committee shall perform the
7 following duties:

- 8 (1) Identify information and resources to provide needs assessment,
9 planning, and delivery of services and programs to current and future
10 older adults.
- 11 (2) Oversee the design and implementation of a Consumer Needs, Assets,
12 and Expectations Assessment.
- 13 (3) Oversee the design and implementation of a State and Local
14 Awareness and Preparedness Assessment.
- 15 (4) Identify and secure studies of related issues, such as retirement
16 migration patterns, that impact the planning process for North
17 Carolina's older adult population.
- 18 (5) Oversee design and implementation of a process to strengthen State
19 and local planning.
- 20 (6) Use the findings of assessments, studies, and additional research to
21 produce reports for the Governor and the General Assembly that will
22 inform and guide policy and program development.
- 23 (7) Periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the study and recommend to
24 the Governor and the General Assembly any changes to the
25 Committee's mission.

26 **SECTION 1.6.** Vacancies. – Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled
27 by the original appointing authority.

28 **SECTION 1.7.** Expenses of the Committee Members. – Members of the
29 Committee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance
30 with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

31 **SECTION 1.8.** Cooperation. – The Committee may call upon any
32 department, agency, institution, or officer of the State or any political subdivision
33 thereof for facilities, data, or other assistance.

34 **SECTION 1.9.** Consultants. – The Committee may hire consultants to assist
35 with the study or to provide studies of issues impacting the planning and delivery of
36 services to the older adult population and needed public policies.

37 **SECTION 1.10.** Meetings. – The Committee shall meet upon the call of the
38 cochairs. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the
39 Legislative Services Commission shall grant adequate meeting space for the Committee.

40 **SECTION 1.11.** Report. – The Committee shall make an annual report in
41 January of each year to the Governor, the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging,
42 the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the House of
43 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. The

1 Committee shall make its final report in January 2013, and shall expire upon submitting
2 that report.

3 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
4 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, the
5 sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal
6 year, to be used to establish positions to support the NC FACT (NC Facing Aging
7 Communities Together) Steering Committee.

8 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
9 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, the
10 sum of three million eight hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$3,820,000) for the
11 2008-2009 fiscal year to provide funds for design, implementation, analysis, and
12 reporting for a survey of consumer needs, assets, and expectations; funds for design,
13 implementation, analysis, and reporting for a survey of State and local governments;
14 funds to strengthen the capacity of Area Agencies on Aging for support of regional and
15 local planning; funds to each county to aid the work of citizen-driven local aging
16 leadership planning; and funds for additional studies and consultants.

17 **SECTION 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act become effective July 1, 2008; the
18 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.