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## **HOUSE BILL 757** Committee Substitute Favorable 6/7/11

Short Title: Study Consolidation of DV Commission/CFW. (Public) Sponsors: Referred to:

## April 7, 2011 1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY 3 THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL FOR WOMEN AND 4 THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION INTO ONE COMMISSION TO 5 IMPROVE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL 6 ASSAULT AND SERVICES TO DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS. 7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: 8 SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the issues involved 9 in consolidating the North Carolina Council for Women and the Domestic Violence Commission into one commission to improve services to victims of domestic violence and 10 11 sexual assault and services to displaced homemakers. If the Legislative Research Commission 12 determines that consolidating the North Carolina Council for Women and the Domestic Violence Commission into one commission would improve services to domestic violence and 13 14 sexual assault victims and to displaced homemakers, then the Legislative Research 15 Commission may further consider the composition and duties of the new consolidated commission and the statutory changes necessary to achieve consolidation. 16 17 SECTION 2. In its study, the Legislative Research Commission may consider the matters contained in the First Edition of House Bill 757 of the 2011 Regular Session of the 18 General Assembly, including whether to consolidate funds for domestic violence, sexual 19 20 assault, and displaced homemakers and authorize the board of county commissioners in each 21 county to use the funds to make quarterly grants to any of the following: 22 A center for victims of domestic violence. (1)23 A center for victims of sexual assault or rape crisis. (2)24 A center for displaced homemakers. (3) 25 A center providing any combination of services as described in subdivisions (4) 26 (1) through (3) of this section. 27

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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