## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

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Short Title: Study Reorg. of Zoo/Issuance of Bonds.

Sponsors: Senator Brunstetter. Referred to:

1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT T	O CREATE THE ZOOLOGICAL PARK FUNDING AND
3	ORGANIZATION STUDY COMMISSION.	
4	The General As	sembly of North Carolina enacts:
5	SECT	<b>FION 1.</b> Commission Established. – The Zoological Park Funding and
6	Organization Co	ommission is hereby established.
7	SECT	<b>FION 2.</b> Membership. –The Commission shall consist of 18 members
8	as follows:	
9	(1)	Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
10	(2)	Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
11		Representatives.
12	(3)	The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, or the
13		Secretary's designee.
14	(4)	The Director of the Zoological Park, or the Director's designee.
15	(5)	The Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designee.
16	(6)	The Executive Director of the Division of Tourism, Film and Sports
17		Development of the Department of Commerce, or the Executive
18		Director's designee.
19	(7)	The Chair of the Zoo Society Board, or the Chair's designee.
20	(8)	Two additional representatives of the Zoo Society Board, who may be
21		comprised of current or former members, appointed by the Chair of the
22		Zoo Society Board.
23	(9)	A representative from another major zoological park located in the
24		United States, appointed by the Director of the Zoological Park in
25		consultation with the Chair of the Zoo Society Board.
26	(10)	The Chair of the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County, or the
27		Chair's designee.

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1	(11) Three representatives from the public of large envirted by the		
1 2	(11) Three representatives from the public at large appointed by the Governor.		
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4	<b>SECTION 3.</b> Cochairs. – The Commission shall have two cochairs, one designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one designated by the		
5	designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from among their respective appointees. The		
6	Commission shall meet upon the call of the cochairs.		
7	<b>SECTION 4.</b> Quorum. – A quorum of the Commission shall consist of 10		
8	members.		
9	<b>SECTION 5.</b> Vacancies. – Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled		
10	by the original appointing authority.		
11	<b>SECTION 6.</b> Purpose and Duties. – The Commission shall study (i) funding		
12	issues associated with the Zoological Park, including current and expected capital and		
13	operational needs, current sources of revenue, and potential funding mechanisms, such		
14	as issuance of tax-exempt bonds; and (ii) the current organizational structure of the		
15	Zoological Park, and other potential organizational structures, including, but not limited		
16	to, reorganization as an authority, as a private nonprofit corporation, or other entity to		
17	determine which organizational structure would most effectively achieve the mission of		
18	the Zoological Park.		
19	SECTION 7. Expenses of Members. – Members of the Commission shall		
20	receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1,		
21	138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.		
22	<b>SECTION 8.</b> Staff. – Upon the prior approval of the Legislative Services		
23	Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional staff to the		
24	Commission to aid in its work.		
25	<b>SECTION 9.</b> Consultants. – The Commission may hire consultants to assist		
26	with the study as provided in G.S. 120-32.02(b).		
27	<b>SECTION 10.</b> Meetings. – The Commission may meet in the Legislative		
28	Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the approval of the Legislative		
29	Services Commission.		
30	SECTION 11. Report. – The Commission shall report its findings and		
31	recommendations to the General Assembly and the Environmental Review Commission		
32	on or before 1 March 2008, at which time the Commission shall terminate.		
33	<b>SECTION 12.</b> Funding. – From funds appropriated to the General		
34 25	Assembly, the Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the purpose of		
35	conducting the study provided for in this act.		
36	<b>SECTION 13.</b> Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.		