

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 2009

SENATE BILL 900

RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT to provide for studies by the LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH Commission, statutory oversight committees and commissions, and other agencies, committees, and commissions.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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PART XXXVII. STUDY COMMISSION ON EXPANSION OF THE LIFE SCIENCES INDUSTRY AND RELATED JOB CREATION

SECTION 37.1. There is established the Study Commission on the Expansion of the Life Sciences Industry and Related Job Creation.

SECTION 37.2. The Commission shall be composed of 18 members as follows:

- (1) Five members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (2) Five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (3) One business executive in the life sciences industry, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) One business executive in the life sciences industry, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (5) One scientist in the life sciences industry, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (6) One scientist in the life sciences industry, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (7) One other public member with substantial experience in the life sciences industry, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(8) One other public member with substantial experience in the life sciences industry, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(9) Two other public members with substantial knowledge or experience in the discovery, development and commercialization of life sciences products or services, appointed by the Governor.

Public members shall be residents of the State. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the appointing authority. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate a co-chair, who shall be a member of the General Assembly. A quorum of the Commission shall be 10 members.

The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G. S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Commission may meet at any time upon call of the chairs. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building or elsewhere in North Carolina at the discretion of the co-chairs. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The North Carolina Biotechnology Center shall provide professional, clerical or consultant services upon request of the co-chairs. The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist the Commission in its work. The House of Representatives' and Senate's Directors of Legislative Assistants shall assign clerical staff to the Commission, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the Commission. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

SECTION 37.3. The Commission may examine issues related to:

(1) The need for additional sources of financing for life science companies to finance facilities and equipment for the manufacture, production or warehousing of life science products and services in North Carolina and other facilities for the production and delivery of life science products and services in North Carolina.

(2) The legislative proposals contained in SB 580 and HB 530 in the 2009 and 2010 legislative sessions.

SECTION 37.4. The Commission shall make its final report together with any proposals to the General Assembly by February 1, 2011, and may make interim reports as necessary at other times. The Commission shall terminate upon filing its final report or February 1, 2011, whichever is earlier.