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SENATE BILL 47

Short Title: Computer Study Extended.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Royall, Goldston, and Sherron.

Referred to: Rules.

January 24, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE STATE INFORMATION PROCESSING NEEDS AND
COST STUDY COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 14.1 of Chapter 873, Session Laws of 1987 reads as
rewritten:

"Sec. 14.1. The State Information Processing Needs and Cost Study Commission is
created. The Commission shall consist of three members of the Senate appointed by the
President Pro Tempore of the Senate; three members of the House of Representatives
appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one citizen of the State of
North Carolina who has a background in and familiarity with information systems or
data communications appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and one
citizen of the State of North Carolina who has a background in and familiarity with
information systems or data communications appointed by the Speaker of the House of
Representatives. All initial appointments shall be made by September 15, 1987.
Appointments made to the Commission prior to that date shall continue until the
termination of the Commission. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the
same manner as initial appointments."

Sec. 2. Section 14.2 of Chapter 873, Session Laws of 1987 reads as
rewritten:

"Sec. 14.2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one Senator as
cochairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one
Representative as cochairman. The cochairmen shall call the initial meeting of the
Commission."

1 Sec. 3. Section 14.3 of Chapter 873, Session Laws of 1987 reads as
2 rewritten:

3 "Sec. 14.3. The Commission shall study:

- 4 (1) Policies and procedures at the State Information Processing Services
5 and other executive agencies governing computer equipment purchase
6 and lease contracts, equipment maintenance contracts, software
7 support and maintenance contracts, contract programming services,
8 and data communication contracts;
- 9 (2) Opportunities for containing the State's cost of computer equipment
10 purchase and lease contracts, equipment maintenance contracts,
11 software support and maintenance contracts, contract programming
12 services, and data communication contracts;
- 13 (3) Current charge structures for information processing in North Carolina
14 State government, particularly charge structures at the State
15 Information Processing Services;
- 16 (4) Information systems use and needs in North Carolina State
17 government;
- 18 (5) Potential demands for additional information staff, equipment,
19 software, data communications, and consulting services in North
20 Carolina State government in the next 10 years;
- 21 (6) Abilities of executive agencies to analyze, project, and plan State
22 government's information needs and capabilities; and
- 23 (7) Policies and organizational structures used in other states to contain
24 government information processing costs and the potential use of those
25 policies and structures in North Carolina State government.
- 26 (8) Information Systems issues referred to the Study Commission by the
27 General Assembly's committees, other legislatively created study
28 commissions, and the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
29 Operations."

30 Sec. 4. Section 14.5 of Chapter 873, Session Laws of 1987 reads as
31 rewritten:

32 "Sec. 14.5. The Commission shall submit a final report on the topics mentioned
33 above, other findings, and recommendations for legislation before the first day of the
34 ~~1989-1991~~ Session of the General Assembly by filing the report with the President Pro
35 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Upon filing its
36 final report, the Commission shall terminate."

37 Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.