

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 823\***

Short Title: Downtown Revitalization Study.

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Sponsors: Senators Shaw of Cumberland; Blust, Carpenter, Jordan, Ledbetter, Lucas, Martin of Guilford, Shaw of Guilford, and Weinstein.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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April 14, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO  
STUDY DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to continue its study of ways to encourage the revitalization of downtown areas. This study may include the following:

- (1) Tax credits and incentives to encourage commercial and residential investments in downtown areas, including the use of enterprise zones.
- (2) A constitutional amendment to allow counties and cities to provide reduced property tax values and lower property tax rates for property located in a downtown area.
- (3) Tax increment financing.
- (4) Increased local input in ABC licensing decisions.
- (5) Regulation of abandoned buildings.
- (6) The role of municipalities in the future needs of the State.

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.