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HOUSE BILL 716  
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Short Title: Study Bid Laws and Reciprocity.

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April 1, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF THE STATE PERFORMING MORE  
2 PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT SERVICES IN-HOUSE AND TO STUDY THE  
3 NEED FOR AND FEASIBILITY OF USING RECIPROCAL LAWS AGAINST  
4 VENDORS AND BUSINESSES WHOSE HOME STATES DISCRIMINATE  
5 AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA COMPANIES.  
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7 Whereas, the State spends an enormous amount of funds to contract for  
8 professional services needed by the State;

9 Whereas, the State may be able to perform the professional services with its  
10 own employees at less expense to the public;

11 Whereas, other states impose conditions, requirements, taxes, fees,  
12 preferences or penalties on companies operating within their borders that are more  
13 stringent than those imposed by North Carolina; and

14 Whereas, businesses from such states should be subject to these same  
15 requirements when they seek to do business in North Carolina; Now, therefore,  
16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study the  
18 following issues:

- 19 (1) The use of more in-house personnel for the performance of  
20 professional services needed by the State; and the use of negotiated  
21 professional service contracts;  
22 (2) The use of reciprocal bid preference laws against bidders who are  
23 extended preferential bid treatment over North Carolina vendors; and

1           (3)    The use of reciprocal laws and regulations against businesses from  
2                    other states doing business in North Carolina if those businesses are  
3                    from states whose laws, regulations, licenses, fees, taxes, etc., are more  
4                    stringent than those imposed by the State of North Carolina.

5            Sec. 2. The Legislative Research Commission may issue an interim report to  
6 the 1993 General Assembly (1994 Regular Session) and shall make a final report to the  
7 1995 General Assembly.

8            Sec. 3. From funds appropriated to the General Assembly, there is allocated  
9 the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of ten  
10 thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to the Legislative Research  
11 Commission for the completion of the study.

12           Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.