

March 18, 2009

**S 651. STUDY NC GOVT TO UP ALTERNATIVE ENERGY USE.** Filed 3/18/09. *TO ESTABLISH A JOINT STUDY COMMISSION TO STUDY STATE GOVERNMENT EXPANDING ITS USE OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY.*

Establishes the 14-member Joint Study Commission on Expanding Alternative Energy Use by State Government, consisting of 7 members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore, and 7 members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House. Requires the Commission to study the feasibility and desirability of State government expanding its use of alternative sources of energy for fueling vehicles owned or leased by the State as well as for providing energy to power heating and air conditioning systems and other systems, motors, and appliances in buildings owned or leased by the State. Requires the Commission to also consider the feasibility and desirability of using natural gas in the short term and of employing wind power. Requires the Commission to make a final report to the 2011 General Assembly upon its convening and provides that the Commission terminates upon the earlier of the filing of its report or the convening of the 2011 General Assembly. Provides for the filling of vacancies, the designation of chairs, exercise of powers, meeting times, and use of staff.

Appropriates \$25,000 for 2009-10 and \$25,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the General Assembly for the cost of conducting the study. Effective July 1, 2009.

**Intro. by Goss.**

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