

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013**

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**HOUSE BILL 292
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/24/13
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H292-PCS30581-TH-17**

Short Title: Study Music Therapy Practice Act.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 14, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON MUSIC THERAPY
2 LICENSURE.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** Creation. – There is created the Study Committee on Music
6 Therapy Licensure. The Committee shall consist of eight members to be appointed as follows:

7 (1) Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
8 the House of Representatives.

9 (2) Four members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
10 Senate.

11 **SECTION 1.(b)** Cochairs. – The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
12 designate one representative to serve as cochair, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
13 shall designate one senator to serve as cochair. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by
14 the same appointing authority making the initial appointment.

15 **SECTION 1.(c)** Powers. – The Committee, while in the discharge of its official
16 duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through
17 G.S. 120-19.4. The Committee may meet at any time upon the joint call of the cochairs. The
18 Committee may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

19 **SECTION 1.(d)** Staffing. – The Legislative Services Commission, through the
20 Legislative Services Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist the Committee in its work.
21 The Directors of Legislative Assistants of the Senate and of the House of Representatives shall
22 assign clerical staff to the Committee, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall
23 be borne by the Committee. Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel
24 expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

25 **SECTION 1.(e)** Duties. – The Committee shall study the regulation of persons
26 offering music therapy services to the public and make recommendations to the General
27 Assembly on licensure of music therapists. In developing its recommendations, the Committee
28 shall examine at least all of the following:

29 (1) Consistent standards and requirements for licensing individuals who seek to
30 practice as music therapists.

31 (2) Academic programs in the State that currently offer degrees in music
32 therapy.

33 (3) Employment of music therapy professionals in the State.

34 (4) Reports of unprofessional, invasive, and poor quality treatment from some
35 individuals offering music therapy services.



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- 1 (5) Protection for employers and consumers against unqualified individuals who
2 offer music therapy services and against the risk of application of
3 contraindicated procedures that could harm consumers.
4 (6) Establishment of a code of ethics and a State regulatory agency to which
5 consumers can report grievances.

6 **SECTION 1.(f)** Report. – The Committee shall submit a final report, including any
7 proposed legislation, to the 2013 General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2014. The
8 Committee shall terminate upon filing its final report or upon the adjournment sine die of the
9 2013 General Assembly, whichever is earlier.

10 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.