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Short Title: LRC Study Wage Garnishment.

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Sponsors: Representatives Bishop, J. Bell, and Bradford (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY HOW
3 TO IMPLEMENT WAGE GARNISHMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission shall study how to implement
6 wage garnishment in North Carolina for the enforcement of judgments. The study shall include
7 all of the following:
8 (a) The types of judgments that should be included.
9 (b) The amount of a debtor's wages that would be considered a livable wage and
10 exempt from the enforcement of judgments by wage garnishment.
11 (c) The protections provided to the judgment debtor and any hardship
12 exemptions that should apply.
13 (d) The process for the wage garnishment and the fee provided to the employer,
14 if any, that provides for the administrative costs associated with the garnishment, including
15 how the fee is paid and if taken from the payments or paid by the judgment debtor.
16 (e) Any other issue that would impact the implementation of wage garnishment.
17 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim report,
18 including recommended legislation, to the 2015 General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2016
19 and shall make its final report to the 2017 General Assembly when it convenes.
20 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

