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Short Title: Study/Contract Savings Through Partnerships. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative L. Hall.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY
3 MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THIS STATE
4 AND MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH UNIVERSITIES AS A MEANS OF
5 REDUCING THE COST TO OPERATE THOSE INSTALLATIONS.

6 Whereas, North Carolina has a proud tradition of mutually beneficial cooperation
7 with the military; and

8 Whereas, North Carolina is home to many military installations; and

9 Whereas, some of those installations may be vulnerable to closure as part of the
10 federal Base Realignment and Closure initiative; and

11 Whereas, those military installations that operate efficiently and cheaply are less
12 likely to be closed as part of the initiative; and

13 Whereas, municipalities that are adjacent to military installations in this State may
14 be able to enter into agreements with the installations that can help reduce the cost of operating
15 those facilities; and

16 Whereas, reducing the cost of operating military installations through such
17 agreements may reduce participating installations' vulnerability to closure under the Base
18 Realignment and Closure initiative; and

19 Whereas, reducing the vulnerability of military installations to closure leads
20 adjacent municipalities to be more economically dynamic and stable; and

21 Whereas, universities and municipalities frequently enter into various forms of
22 contracts; and

23 Whereas, the larger an order of goods or services under a particular contract is, the
24 greater discount the entity letting the contract is likely to obtain; and

25 Whereas, there is substantial overlap between the types of contracts that universities
26 and municipalities enter into; and

27 Whereas, partnerships between universities and municipalities for the purpose of
28 letting contracts would likely yield greater savings to both than either could get when
29 contracting on their own; Now, therefore,

30 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

31 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) shall study agreements
32 between military installations and municipalities that are adjacent to them as a means of
33 reducing the operating costs of military installations. As part of its study, the LRC shall
34 examine all of the following:

- 35 (1) Efforts undertaken in other states, including those undertaken by the city of
36 Monterey, California.



- 1 (2) The types of agreements that can be entered into and the potential effect that
- 2 such agreements may have on the operating costs of participating military
- 3 installations and on the municipalities that are adjacent to them.
- 4 (3) Any obstacles that stand in the way of entering those agreements.
- 5 (4) Any other matter that the Commission deems relevant.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) shall study agreements
7 between universities and municipalities for purposes of jointly letting contracts as a means of
8 reducing the cost of contracting for each type of entity. As part of its study, the LRC shall
9 examine all of the following:

- 10 (1) Efforts undertaken between universities and municipalities in this and other
- 11 states.
- 12 (2) The types of agreements that can be entered into and the potential effect that
- 13 such agreements are likely to have on the contracting costs of universities
- 14 and municipalities.
- 15 (3) Any obstacles that stand in the way of entering those agreements.
- 16 (4) Any other matter that the Commission deems relevant.

17 **SECTION 3.** The LRC shall report its findings, together with any proposed
18 legislation, to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly upon its convening.

19 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.