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**SENATE BILL 382  
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Short Title: RFI/Privatization of Ferry System.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR  
INFORMATION FOR THE PRIVATIZATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FERRY  
SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Intent. – The General Assembly finds that the privatization of the North Carolina Ferry System would provide a more cost-effective service model for the citizens of the State. Therefore, it is the intent of the General Assembly to ascertain market interest for the private operation of the North Carolina Ferry System or its component parts.

**SECTION 2.** Request for Information. – The Board of Transportation shall issue a request for information (RFI) for the privatization of the North Carolina Ferry System.

**SECTION 3.** Report. – The Board of Transportation shall report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division no later than February 1, 2016, on the results of the RFI and whether it is more cost-effective to privatize the North Carolina Ferry System.

**SECTION 4.** Study. – The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee shall study the feasibility and desirability of privatizing the North Carolina Ferry System. The study shall include ownership, governance, and regulatory issues related to (i) potential privatization of the North Carolina Ferry System and (ii) privately owned ferries currently operating in North Carolina. The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee shall report its findings and any legislative proposals to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly.

**SECTION 5.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.



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