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Short Title: Study Roanoke Island Festival Park Governance.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 6, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE GOVERNING STRUCTURE  
AND MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE ROANOKE ISLAND FESTIVAL PARK  
AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE ROANOKE  
ISLAND COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Establishment. – The Roanoke Island Tourism Coordination Task Force is established.

**SECTION 2.** Membership. – The Task Force shall be composed of seven members as follows:

- (1) The Secretary of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, or the Secretary's designee.
- (2) The Chair of the Dare County Board of Commissioners, or the Chair's designee.
- (3) The Chair of the Board of the Roanoke Island Historical Association and one other member of the Board chosen by the Chair of the Board.
- (4) The Chair and one other member of the Roanoke Island Commission.
- (5) The Superintendent of the Outer Banks Group of the National Park Service or the Superintendent's designee.

The Chair of the Roanoke Island Historical Association and the Chair of the Roanoke Island Commission shall be the cochairs of the Task Force. The Task Force shall meet upon the call of the cochairs. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority. Staff and administrative support to the Task Force shall be provided by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

**SECTION 3.** Duties. – The Task Force shall study the operations and governance of the Roanoke Island Commission and the Roanoke Island Historical Association and the cultural and historic attractions managed or operated by each body in order to provide for the most efficient, effective, and financially sustainable operation of the Roanoke Island Festival Park and the Elizabeth II State Historic Site. The Task Force may develop a proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, the Commission, and the Association if it finds that such an agreement would further the purposes set forth in this section.

**SECTION 4.** Report. – The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division no later than March 1, 2017. The Task Force shall terminate on March 1, 2017, or upon the filing of its final report, whichever occurs first.

**SECTION 5.** Roanoke Island Commission Meetings. – G.S. 143B-131.6(g) reads as rewritten:



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- 1       "(g) The chair shall convene the Commission. Meetings shall be held as often as ~~necessary,~~  
2 ~~but not less than four times a year.~~necessary."  
3       **SECTION 6.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.