



North Carolina General Assembly  
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Dear Senator Newton and Representative Jones:

The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations: Subcommittee on Prisons (hereinafter "Subcommittee") is established by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-75(b). The Subcommittee shall consist of 14 members, two of whom shall be co-chairs. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint 7 Senators to the Subcommittee. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 7 Representatives to the Subcommittee. Senator Newton shall serve as the Senate Co-Chair of the Subcommittee. Representative Jones shall serve as the House Co-Chair of the Subcommittee. Each of you shall serve until your successor is appointed, and each member of the Subcommittee shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing officer.

The Subcommittee is appointed as follows, and each appointee shall be notified of his or her appointment by copy of this letter:

President Pro Tempore Appointments:

Sen. Buck Newton, Co-Chair  
Sen. Lisa Barnes  
Sen. Woodson Bradley  
Sen. Danny Britt, Jr.  
Sen. Warren Daniel  
Sen. Terence Everitt  
Sen. Amy Galey

Speaker of the House Appointments:

Rep. Brenden Jones, Co-Chair  
Rep. Amber Baker  
Rep. Celeste Cairnes  
Rep. Grant Campbell  
Rep. Allen Chesser  
Rep. Lindsey Prather  
Rep. Mike Schietzelt

To perform its duty, the Subcommittee shall convene its first meeting and public hearing at a date, time, and place to be determined, and such meeting and public hearing shall be transmitted via live video teleconference to various, geographically diverse locations throughout the State of North Carolina. Additional meetings may be called by mutual consent of the co-chairs. A quorum of the Subcommittee is a majority of its members. No action may be taken except by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present.



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The Subcommittee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under Article 5A and Article 13 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes. The Subcommittee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services, as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. Members of the Subcommittee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5 and 138-6, as appropriate. The expenses of the Subcommittee shall be considered expenses incurred for the joint operation of the General Assembly. Individual expenses of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less, including per diem, travel, and subsistence expenses of members of the Subcommittee, and clerical expenses shall be paid upon the authorization of a co-chair of the Subcommittee. Individual expenses in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall be paid upon the written approval of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. All expenses of the Subcommittee shall be paid from the Legislative Services Commission's Reserve for Studies. The Commission staff shall provide professional and clerical services to assist the Subcommittee in its work.

The Subcommittee shall terminate upon written notice from the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House.

Sincerely,

PHIL BERGER

President Pro Tempore

DESTIN HALL

Speaker of the House

cc: All via Electronic Mail Only

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