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HOUSE BILL 1287

Short Title: Advisory Commission on Military Affairs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Baddour; Morris, Russell, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Military, Veterans and Indian Affairs.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA ADVISORY COMMISSION ON
MILITARY AFFAIRS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The General Statutes of North Carolina are amended by
adding a new Chapter to read:

"Chapter 127C.

"Advisory Commission on Military Affairs.

**"§ 127C-1. Creation of the North Carolina Advisory Commission on Military
Affairs.**

There is created in the Office of the Governor the North Carolina Advisory
Commission on Military Affairs to advise the Governor and the Secretary of Commerce
on protecting the existing military infrastructure in this State and to promote new
military missions and economic opportunities for the State and its citizens.

"§ 127C-2. Membership.

(a) The North Carolina Advisory Commission on Military Affairs shall consist of
15 voting members appointed by the Governor, who shall serve on the Executive
Committee, and eight nonvoting, ex officio members who shall serve by reason of their
positions.

(b) The Executive Committee shall consist of:

(1) Three representatives from the Jacksonville community.

(2) Three representatives from the Havelock community.

(3) Three representatives from the Goldsboro community.

(4) Three representatives from the Fayetteville community.

(5) Three representatives at large from across the State.

(c) The following members shall serve ex officio:

(1) Secretary of Commerce, or a designee.

(2) Commanding General of Fort Bragg.

- 1 (3) Commanding General of Camp Lejeune.
- 2 (4) Commanding General of Cherry Point Naval Air Station.
- 3 (5) Wing Commander of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.
- 4 (6) Wing Commander of Pope Air Force Base.
- 5 (7) Commander of the Elizabeth City Coast Guard Station.
- 6 (8) Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard.

7 (c) The Executive Committee appointed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
8 shall choose a Chairman and four Vice-Chairmen from amongst its membership.

9 **"§ 127C-3. Executive director.**

10 The Governor shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, an
11 executive director for the Commission who shall serve as the administrative head of the
12 Commission and be responsible for the operations and normal business activities of the
13 Commission, with oversight by the Executive Committee.

14 **"§ 127C-4. Purposes.**

15 The Commission shall have the following responsibilities and duties:

- 16 (1) Advise the Governor and Secretary of Commerce on how to strengthen
17 the State's relationship with the military to protect the installations of
18 this State from the results of any future defense budget cuts or military
19 downsizing by providing a sound infrastructure, affordable housing,
20 and affordable educations for military members and their families,
21 working to be viewed by national military leaders as the most military-
22 friendly state in the nation.
- 23 (2) Develop a strategic plan to provide initiatives to support the long-term
24 viability and prosperity of the military of this State that shall include,
25 at least:
 - 26 a. A comprehensive Economic Impact Study of Military Activities
27 in North Carolina to be conducted by the North Carolina State
28 University Department of Economics and the East Carolina
29 Office of Regional Development.
 - 30 b. A Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats (SWOT)
31 Analysis by a professional strategic planning group on the
32 current status of the military in North Carolina.
- 33 (3) Study ways to improve educational opportunities for military
34 personnel in North Carolina.
- 35 (4) Assist in coordinating the State's interests in future activities of the
36 Department of Defense.
- 37 (5) Promote initiatives to improve the quality of life for military personnel
38 in this State.

39 **"§ 127C-5. Expenses of the Commission.**

40 (a) The Governor shall include the funding requirements for the Commission in
41 the annual budget for the Department.

42 (b) Commission members shall receive per diem and travel reimbursements as
43 provided in G.S. 138-5 and G.S. 138-6, as appropriate."

44 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.