

1 **SECTION 3.** The Legislative Research Commission may conduct a
2 comprehensive study of the building code pilot program and the concept of the building
3 code pilot program. The Commission may address all issues that the Commission
4 considers relevant to the study including, but not limited to, whether the building code
5 pilot program should be expanded or be made applicable statewide.

6 If the Legislative Research Commission undertakes the study, it shall report
7 its findings and recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to the 2002
8 Regular Session of the 2001 General Assembly.

9 **SECTION 4.** This act shall not be construed to obligate the General
10 Assembly to appropriate funds to implement the provisions of this act. The Department
11 shall implement this act with funds available to the Department.

12 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law and only applies to
13 counties with populations of 650,000 or more according to the most recent decennial
14 federal census.