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HOUSE BILL 1633
Committee Substitute Favorable 7/1/09

Short Title: Study Security Services-Legislative Bldgs. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 7, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON
3 SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT THE STATE
4 LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is established the Joint Legislative Study Committee on
7 Security and Emergency Medical Services at the State Legislative Buildings. The purpose of
8 the Committee is to determine whether and to what extent the security and emergency medical
9 services need to be upgraded at the State legislative buildings and grounds.

10 **SECTION 2.** The Committee shall consist of 14 members appointed as follows:

11 (1) Seven members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
12 as follows:

- 13 a. Five members of the House of Representatives, two of whom must
14 be of the minority party.
15 b. One member representing the General Assembly Police and
16 recommended by the Chief of the General Assembly Police.
17 c. One member representing the State Capitol Police and recommended
18 by the Chief of the State Capitol Police.

19 (2) Seven members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, as
20 follows:

- 21 a. Five members of the Senate, two of whom must be of the minority
22 party.
23 b. Two members representing the Threat Assessment Unit and
24 recommended by the Chief of Police of the Raleigh Police
25 Department.

26 The Committee shall have two cochairs, one designated by the Speaker of the House
27 of Representatives and one designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate from among
28 their respective appointees. The Committee shall meet upon the call of the cochairs. Any
29 vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the original appointing authority. A quorum of the
30 Committee shall be a majority of its members.

31 **SECTION 3.** The Committee shall:

- 32 (1) Identify the security and emergency medical services that are currently in
33 place for the State legislative buildings and grounds.
34 (2) Review the Security Survey of the Legislative Complex, a 2000 report done
35 by the United States Secret Service, and identify any additional security
36 measures that may be needed. The Committee shall consider whether there is
37 a need to install active and passive security measures, including those



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1 designed to detect weapons and other metal objects, X-ray technology for
2 the detection of hidden weapons in cases and bags, camera monitoring
3 systems for visitor and building security, and controlled traffic access to
4 sensitive areas to prevent attacks by the use of vehicles. The Committee
5 shall determine how to integrate any additional services into the current
6 services.

7 (3) Determine whether additional emergency medical services are needed. The
8 Committee shall consider whether there is a need to provide the following:
9 (i) at least one emergency medical technician on staff, or on call, at both the
10 Legislative Building and the Legislative Office Building, (ii) first aid and
11 cardiopulmonary resuscitation training for all employees, and (iii) sufficient
12 numbers of automated external defibrillators deployed at accessible sites in
13 the Legislative Building and the Legislative Office Building.

14 (4) Any other matter that is relevant to the security and emergency medical
15 services at the State legislative buildings and grounds.

16 **SECTION 4.** Members of the Committee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and
17 travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate. The
18 Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for
19 under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Committee may meet in the
20 Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

21 With approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services
22 Officer shall assign professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. The House of
23 Representatives' and the Senate's Directors of Legislative Assistants shall assign clerical staff to
24 the Committee, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the
25 Committee. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as
26 provided by G.S. 120-32.02. If the Committee hires a consultant, the consultant shall not be a
27 State employee or a person currently under contract with the State to provide services.

28 All State departments and agencies and local governments and their subdivisions
29 shall furnish the Committee with any information in their possession or available to them.

30 **SECTION 5.** The Committee shall report the results of its study and its
31 recommendations, including an estimate of the cost to the State to implement the Committee's
32 recommendations, to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly. The Committee
33 shall terminate on May 1, 2010, or upon the filing of its final report, whichever occurs first.

34 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.