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SENATE BILL DRS45390-TSa-14 (03/16)

Short Title: JLCEP Study Grid Modernization. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rabon, Brown, and Wade (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON ENERGY POLICY  
3 TO STUDY INVESTMENT TO ENHANCE AND MODERNIZE THE ELECTRICAL  
4 GRID.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Joint Legislative Commission on Energy Policy (Commission)  
7 shall complete a comprehensive study of known and measurable costs and benefits of grid  
8 modernization investment by investor-owned electric public utilities. The study shall include an  
9 analysis of the need to enhance and modernize the electrical transmission and distribution grid  
10 in the State to ensure an electrical grid that is resilient, secure, capable of meeting future  
11 demand growth, and able to integrate new technologies.

12 **SECTION 2.** Each public utility that distributes electricity in this State shall, to the  
13 fullest extent possible, cooperate with the Commission with any information it requests in the  
14 course of completing the study provided for in this act.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Commission must complete this study and report its findings and  
16 recommendations to the 2017 General Assembly by March 1, 2018.

17 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Commission the  
18 sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year to conduct the  
19 study required by this act. The Commission may hire consultants to assist with the study as  
20 provided in G.S. 120-32.02(b).

21 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

