

1 **SECTION 5.** Cochairs. – Cochairs of the Commission shall be designated by the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate from
3 among their respective appointees. The Commission shall meet upon the
4 call of the chairs. A quorum of the Commission shall be 13 members.

5 **SECTION 6.** Expenses of Members. – Members of the Commission shall receive
6 per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6,
7 as appropriate.

8 **SECTION 7.** Staff. – Adequate staff shall be provided to the Commission by the
9 Legislative Services Office.

10 **SECTION 8.** Consultants. – The Commission may hire consultants to assist with
11 the study. Before expending any funds for a consultant, the Commission shall report to the
12 Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the consultant selected, the work
13 products to be provided by the consultant, and the cost of the contract, including an itemization
14 of the cost components.

15 **SECTION 9.** Cooperation. – The Commission may call upon any department,
16 agency, institution, or officer of the State or any political subdivision thereof for facilities, data,
17 or other assistance.

18 **SECTION 10.** Meetings During Legislative Session. – The Commission may meet
19 during a regular or extra session of the General Assembly, subject to approval of the Speaker of
20 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

21 **SECTION 11.** Meeting Location. – The Legislative Services Commission shall
22 grant adequate meeting space to the Commission in the State Legislative Building or the
23 Legislative Office Building.

24 **SECTION 12.** Report. – The Commission shall make an interim report of its
25 findings and recommendations to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly and
26 shall make a final report of its findings and recommendations to the 2013 General Assembly.
27 The Committee shall submit copies of the reports to the Governor. Upon the filing of its final
28 report, the Commission shall terminate.

29 **SECTION 13.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.