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Short Title:	Youth Gun Violence Study Commission.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Pierce.	
Referred to	:	
	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
	O ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISS TOLENCE.	ION ON YOUTH
	Whereas, gun violence is a leading cause of death in the United Sta	tes, as reported by
	for Disease Control and Prevention; and	
Carolina, a	Whereas, over 1,000 individuals lose their lives to gun violence end an estimated 3,000 additional individuals are injured every year Whereas, polls show that a majority of North Carolinans want to prejective policies and laws; and	by a firearm; and
	Whereas, federally led efforts to address gun crime are underway the bods, as managed by US Attorney's Offices; and	rough Project Safe
	Whereas, 26,000 children and teens have been killed in gun violend	ce since 1999, and
the number	of children killed by guns each year increased 30% between 2013 Whereas, data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 7 account for nearly 85% of child firearm fatalities; Now, therefore	and 2016; and n shows that teens
-	Assembly of North Carolina enacts:	' •
	SECTION 1. There is established the Joint Legislative Study Com	mission on Youth
Gun Violer	nce (Commission) to study and make recommendations on the follows: (1) The availability of guns to juveniles.	
	(2) The incidence of gun violence among juveniles in North Ca	arolina.
	(3) Programs in other states that have shown successful outco juveniles about the dangers of guns, and the feasibility of in programs in North Carolina.	omes in educating
	(4) Handgun buyback programs in other states, and the implementing a gun buyback program in North Carolina.	ne possibility of
	(5) The possibility of implementing youth mentoring programs the gun violence among juveniles.	that aim to reduce
	SECTION 2. The Commission shall consist of 12 members to	be appointed as
follows:		
	(1) Two Representatives and one public member appointed by House of Representatives.	the Speaker of the
	(2) Two Senators and one public member appointed by the Presi of the Senate.	dent Pro Tempore
	(3) The leader of the minority party in the House of Repre leader's designee, and one public member appointed by t leader.	



- (4) The leader of the minority party in the Senate, or the leader's designee, and one public member appointed by the minority party leader.
- (5) Two members of the public appointed by the Governor.

SECTION 3. The Commission shall have two cochairs from among its membership, one designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Commission shall meet upon the joint call of the cochairs, and the cochairs shall convene the first meeting as soon as practicable after appointments have been made.

SECTION 4. The Legislative Services Commission (LSC) shall grant adequate meeting space to the Commission in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building. The LSC shall allocate from a portion of the funds appropriated to the General Assembly sufficient funds for the operation of the Commission. The LSC, through the Legislative Services Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist the Commission in its work. The Directors of Legislative Assistants for the House of Representatives and the Senate shall assign clerical staff to the Commission, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the Commission. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. Members of the Commission shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at the rates provided in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

SECTION 5. The Commission shall submit a final report on the results of its study, including any proposed legislation, to the General Assembly on or before May 1, 2020, by filing a copy of the report with the Offices of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Commission shall terminate on May 1, 2020, or upon the filing of the final report, whichever occurs first.

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

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