

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2017**

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SENATE BILL 653

Short Title: SOG - Study Gubernatorial Transition. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsor); and Smith-Ingram.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 5, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE UNC SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT TO STUDY AN
2 EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE PROCESS FOR THE TRANSITION OF THE OFFICE
3 OF THE GOVERNOR.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Dean of the School of Government of the University of North
7 Carolina at Chapel Hill shall convene a working group to study ways to improve the process of
8 gubernatorial transition in the State. The working group shall include senior policy staff
9 members for the past four North Carolina Governors' administrations. The scope of the study
10 shall include issues related to infrastructure, cabinet agency transition and leadership, the use of
11 memorandums of understanding between the incumbent Governor and candidates for office,
12 disclosure of executive actions taken during the last six to 12 months of the incumbent
13 administration, and if necessary, funding requirements. The working group may use the
14 findings and recommendations of the Kauffman and Leavitt Presidential Transition
15 Improvement Act of 2015 as enacted by the 114th Congress of the United States (Public Law
16 114-136).

17 **SECTION 2.** No later than April 15, 2018, the working group shall report its
18 findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Majority and the
19 Minority Leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives. Any proposed legislation
20 recommended by the working group shall be considered a bill implementing the
21 recommendations of a study commission authorized or directed to report to the 2018 Regular
22 Session. The working group shall terminate upon the earlier of the filing of its report or April
23 15, 2018.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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