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HOUSE BILL DRH10056-NB-1A

Short Title: Universal Identification/Biometrics Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Terry, Beasley, and Alexander (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE  
3 FEASIBILITY, IMPLEMENTATION, AND COSTS OF UNIVERSAL IDENTIFICATION  
4 TO ENSURE TRANSACTIONAL SECURITY FOR REGISTRATION,  
5 PARTICIPATION, AND EXECUTION OF STATE FUNCTIONS AND SYSTEMS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) shall study the  
8 feasibility of requiring individuals' participation in a universal identification program to secure  
9 all State-related transactions.

10 The LRC shall study whether any existing State of North Carolina identification  
11 system, database, or network would be appropriate to add biometric identification as an  
12 additional authentication method.

13 As part of its study, the LRC shall do all of the following:

- 14 (1) Examine the current existing universal identification systems in the State, and  
15 determine whether current systems would be suitable for adaptation and  
16 improvement.
- 17 (2) Identify which State agency would be appropriate for the development,  
18 maintenance, and implementation of a universal identification system.
- 19 (3) Determine whether the implementation of a universal identification system  
20 would comply with higher education and medical information privacy laws.
- 21 (4) Determine the financial impacts of all stages of the implementation of a  
22 universal identification system and ongoing costs, with and without biometric  
23 authentication.
- 24 (5) Develop a projected timeline for implementation.
- 25 (6) Any other matters the LRC deems relevant to its efforts.

26 **SECTION 1.(b)** The LRC shall report its findings, together with any proposed  
27 legislation, to the 2020 Regular Session of the 2019 General Assembly upon its convening.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

