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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
House Bill 259

AMENDMENT NO. A13  
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Amends Title [NO]  
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Representative John

1 moves to amend the bill on page 285, lines 11-12, by inserting between the lines the following:

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3 **"CREATE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE CRIME LAB**

4 **SECTION 18.1A.(a)** There is established a Joint Legislative Study Committee on  
5 the State Crime Lab (Committee). The Committee shall study and propose possible  
6 administrative and organizational locations for the State Crime Lab within North Carolina  
7 government.

8 **SECTION 18.1A.(b)** The Committee shall consist of 12 members. These members  
9 shall be appointed as follows:

10 (1) Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
11 (Speaker). Five of the Speaker appointees shall be members of the North  
12 Carolina General Assembly, two of whom shall be members of the minority  
13 political party, and one Speaker appointee shall be a member of the public that  
14 either currently serves or at one time served in a scientific or managerial role  
15 at the State Crime Lab.

16 (2) Six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate (President  
17 Pro Tem). Five of the President Pro Tem appointees shall be members of the  
18 North Carolina General Assembly, two of whom shall be members of the  
19 minority political party, and one President Pro Tem appointee shall be a  
20 member of the public that either currently serves or at one time served in a  
21 scientific or managerial role at the State Crime Lab.

22 The Speaker and the President Pro Tem shall each appoint a cochair for the  
23 Committee. A quorum of the Committee is a majority of its members.

24 **SECTION 18.1A.(c)** Members of the Committee shall receive per diem, subsistence,  
25 and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1 or G.S. 138-5, as appropriate.

26 **SECTION 18.1A.(d)** Subject to the approval of the Legislative Services  
27 Commission, the Committee may meet in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office  
28 Building. The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer, shall  
29 assign professional staff to assist in the work of the Committee. The House of Representatives'  
30 and the Senate's Directors of Legislative Assistants shall assign clerical staff to the Committee,  
31 and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the Committee. The  
32 Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all the powers provided



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1 under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the  
2 power to request all officers, agents, agencies, and departments of the State to provide any  
3 information, data, or documents within their possession, ascertainable from their records, or  
4 otherwise available to them and the power to subpoena witnesses. The appointing authority shall  
5 fill vacancies.

6 **SECTION 18.1A.(e)** In developing proposals of possible administrative and  
7 organizational locations for the State Crime Lab within North Carolina government, the  
8 Committee shall at a minimum consider each of the following:

- 9 (1) The location that will best serve the interests of justice as it relates to the work  
10 performed by the State Crime Lab, including its ability to remain an unbiased  
11 and objective source of evidentiary analysis.  
12 (2) The location that will provide the most operational efficiencies for the State  
13 Crime Lab.

14 **SECTION 18.1A.(f)** The Committee may report its findings and recommendations  
15 to the General Assembly in an interim report by April 1, 2024, and shall make a final report by  
16 December 1, 2024, and shall terminate upon the earlier of December 1, 2024, or the filing of its  
17 final report.

18 **SECTION 18.1A.(g)** This section is effective when it becomes law."

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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