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HOUSE BILL 1308

Short Title: Police Information Network Rules.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Grady.

Referred to: Judiciary.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO STUDY THE
2 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES PERTAINING TO THE SUSPENSION OF ACCESS
3 TO THE POLICE INFORMATION NETWORK.
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5 Whereas, the Division of Criminal Information of the Department of Justice
6 has published rules pertaining to the standards, agreements, and management control of
7 the Police Information Network; and

8 Whereas, the rules provide that a local law enforcement agency's access to the
9 Network may be suspended, on a first offense, for an unauthorized dissemination of
10 criminal history information, including dissemination to another law enforcement
11 agency; and

12 Whereas, the unauthorized dissemination may be the result of the simple
13 negligence of a certified operator; and

14 Whereas, the suspension of a local government law enforcement agency's
15 access to the Network may result in a decrease in the ability of law enforcement
16 agencies to perform their duties and responsibilities to the public; Now, therefore,
17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

18 Section 1. The Department of Justice shall study the laws governing the
19 State's contract for access to the Police Information Network, and its own rules, to
20 determine whether a local government law enforcement agency's access to the Network
21 must be suspended where information is erroneously transferred by one law
22 enforcement agency to another law enforcement agency, or under any other
23 circumstances, and whether its internal rules defining violations and applicable penalties

1 should be amended in any manner to ensure that public safety is not unnecessarily
2 jeopardized.

3 Sec. 2. The Department of Justice shall make a written report of its findings
4 to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations at least one month
5 prior to the 1990 Session of the 1989 General Assembly.

6 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.