

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 304

Short Title: Inmate Work Efficiency.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Sherron, Goldston, Guy, Speed, and Taft.

Referred to: Veteran Affairs, Law Enforcement and Senior Citizens.

February 27, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO STUDY THE
3 FEASIBILITY OF IMPROVING THE WORK EFFICIENCY OF PRISON
4 INMATES AND INCREASING THE PARTICIPATION BY PRISON INMATES
5 IN WORK PROJECTS AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE 1989
6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

7 Whereas, the LRC Committee on Economic Development and Recruiting,
8 authorized by the General Assembly in August 1987, examined industrial recruitment
9 strategies utilized by the State; and

10 Whereas, the LRC Committee on Economic Development and Recruiting
11 determined that a clean and beautiful environment significantly enhances a state's
12 chances of recruiting desirable industries; and

13 Whereas, the LRC Committee on Economic Development and Recruiting
14 recognized that litter strewn throughout North Carolina hampers the State's industrial
15 recruitment efforts; and

16 Whereas, the LRC Committee on Economic Development and Recruiting
17 determined that the elimination of litter should be a matter of high priority to the State;
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19 Whereas, the LRC Committee on Economic Development and Recruiting
20 examined the use of prison inmates for road maintenance work, including litter pick-up;
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22 Whereas, the LRC Committee on Economic Development and Recruiting
23 concluded that more prison inmates should be assigned to litter pick-up projects and
24 more prison inmate workdays should be dedicated to litter pick-up; and

1 Whereas, the LRC Committee on Economic Development and Recruiting
2 recommended that the Department of Correction study ways to improve the work
3 efficiency of prison inmates and increase the participation by prison inmates in work
4 projects, particularly in road maintenance work projects, and report its findings to the
5 1989 General Assembly as provided below; Now, therefore,

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. The Department of Correction shall study the laws governing
8 prisoner labor, including, but not limited to, the daily wage provisions, and determine
9 whether these laws should be amended in order to improve the work efficiency of prison
10 inmates and increase the participation by prison inmates in work projects, particularly in
11 road maintenance work projects.

12 Sec. 2. The Department of Correction shall report its findings to the General
13 Assembly by submitting a written report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives
14 and the President of the Senate by April 31, 1989.

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