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HOUSE BILL 312*

Short Title: GPAC/Butner Public Safety Study.

(Public)

Sponsors: (by request) Representatives Nesbitt, Blue, Barnes, Diamont, Hackney, Hensley, H. Hunter, G. Miller, and Robinson.

Referred to: State Government.

February 25, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO DIRECT THE GOVERNOR TO
STUDY BUTNER PUBLIC SAFETY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Governor shall examine public safety services in Butner. The study shall provide a detailed evaluation of the following options:

- (1) G.S. 153A-301 should be amended to allow counties to create Public Safety Districts, and the creation of such a district in Durham and Granville Counties to serve Butner, which district could levy local property taxes in unincorporated areas for public safety services;
- (2) Incorporation of Butner; or
- (3) No change.

Sec. 2. The results of the study shall be reported to the General Assembly no later than convening of the 1994 Regular Session of the 1993 General Session. The study should address:

- (1) Unique needs of the State institutions;
- (2) Needs of local residents;
- (3) Services that would be provided by an incorporated Town of Butner, such as fire, police protection, water, and sewer;
- (4) Services that would be provided by a stand-alone public safety district;
- (5) The impact on other local governments of incorporating Butner or establishing a public safety district;

- 1 (6) The current cost to local residents;
2 (7) The tax base; and
3 (8) Other relevant factors.
4 Sec. 3. The Governor should provide participation in the study to Granville
5 and Durham Counties, to local residents, and to federal and State institutions at Butner.
6 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.