

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 463

Short Title: Report on Cases Pending.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Sharpe; Adams, Allred, Arnold, Barbee, Berry, Bowie, Buchanan, Cansler, Capps, Clary, Creech, Culp, Cummings, Davis, Eddins, Esposito, Gardner, Grady, Hiatt, Howard, Ives, Linney, McMahan, K. Miller, Nichols, Pate, Preston, Pulley, Rayfield, Reynolds, Russell, Sexton, Sherrill, Thompson, Watson, Weatherly, and G. Wilson.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

March 13, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUEST THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT TO
2 INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF EQUITABLE
3 DISTRIBUTION CASES PENDING ACROSS THE STATE AND THE REASONS
4 FOR DELAYS IN DISPOSITION OF THE CASES.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. The Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court shall review
8 the number of equitable distribution cases pending in each judicial district in this State as
9 of January 1, 1995. The review and resulting report shall include the following:

- 10 (1) Length of time from filing to disposition or current status of each case,
11 (2) The judicial district in which each case is pending, and
12 (3) For pending cases filed on or before January 1, 1994, the reasons for the
13 delay in disposition of each case.

14 The Chief Justice shall submit a written report to the General Assembly and to
15 the Governor on or before January 1, 1996, citing specific findings resulting from the
16 review, and recommendations to the General Assembly on how equitable distribution

1 cases may be more timely resolved. The report shall include proposed legislation, if any,
2 and the amount of funds necessary to enact the legislation. The Administrative Office of
3 the Courts shall provide whatever assistance is necessary to carry out the review required
4 under this act.

5 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.