

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SECOND EXTRA SESSION 1996**

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HOUSE BILL 42

Short Title: No Frills Prisons.

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Sponsors: Representatives Justus; Allred, Gardner, Hiatt, Kiser, McComas, Rayfield, Thompson, and Watson.

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Referred to: Rules.

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July 10, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STATE POLICY REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
PRISONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 148 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 148-1.1. State policy.**

It is the policy of this State to construct and operate 'no frills' prisons that provide appropriate security for the type of inmates being housed. 'No frills' prisons are prisons that do not contain televisions, weightrooms, basketball courts, gamerooms, or other facilities not necessary to ensure the health and safety of inmates.

It is also the policy of this State to attempt to provide inmates with educational opportunities and with opportunities to acquire marketable skills which increase their prospects for suitable employment upon their release from prison."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to prison construction projects authorized on or after that date.