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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS, TRAINING, AND OVERSIGHT FOR STATE  
2 AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; TO CREATE A DECERTIFICATION  
3 DATABASE; TO REQUIRE USE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S  
4 NEXT GENERATION IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND RAP BACK SERVICE FOR  
5 LAW ENFORCEMENT; TO REQUIRE REPORTING RELATED TO GIGLIO  
6 MATERIAL; TO EXPAND TRANSPORTATION OF INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT  
7 RESPONDENTS; TO STANDARDIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ENTRY  
8 REQUIREMENTS AND ONGOING REQUIREMENTS; TO REQUIRE  
9 PSYCHOLOGICAL SCREENINGS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PRIOR TO  
10 CERTIFICATION OR EMPLOYMENT; TO EDUCATE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
11 OFFICERS ON MAINTAINING GOOD MENTAL HEALTH, AND TO PROVIDE  
12 INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON MENTAL HEALTH  
13 RESOURCES AVAILABLE; TO CREATE A PHYSICAL FITNESS STUDY; TO  
14 EXPAND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS' COURT DATE  
15 REMINDER SYSTEM; TO DECRIMINALIZE CERTAIN LOCAL ORDINANCES AND  
16 PROVIDE COMPLIANCE AS A DEFENSE TO AN ORDINANCE VIOLATION; TO  
17 INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR RIOT OFFENSES; TO MANDATE  
18 MISDEMEANOR FIRST APPEARANCES WHEN A DEFENDANT IS IN CUSTODY;  
19 TO REQUIRE USE OF THE NATIONAL DECERTIFICATION INDEX MAINTAINED  
20 BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF LAW  
21 ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING IN THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS  
22 FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL; TO ESTABLISH A DUTY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
23 OFFICERS TO INTERVENE IN AND REPORT EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE; TO  
24 ADDRESS CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES WITH SATELLITE-BASED MONITORING  
25 RAISED IN STATE VERSUS GRADY AND CREATE A PROCESS TO REVIEW  
26 WHETHER OFFENDERS SUBJECT TO THAT CASE WHICH WERE REMOVED  
27 FROM SATELLITE-BASED MONITORING ARE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE; AND TO  
28 REMOVE THE STANDARDS COMMISSIONS FROM A NONEXCLUSIVE LIST OF  
29 STATE AGENCY LICENSING BOARDS.  
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31 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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33 **PART I. DECERTIFICATION STATEWIDE DATABASE AND PUBLIC LAW**  
34 **ENFORCEMENT DATABASE REGULATIONS**

35 **SECTION 1.(a)** Article 1 of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes is amended by  
36 adding a new section to read:



1 **"§ 17C-14. Database of law enforcement officer certification suspensions and revocations.**  
2 The Commission shall develop and maintain a statewide database accessible to the public on  
3 its website that contains all revocations and suspensions of law enforcement officer certifications  
4 by the Commission."

5 SECTION 1.(b) Chapter 17E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
6 section to read:

7 **"§ 17E-14. Database of justice officer certification suspensions and revocations.**

8 The Commission shall develop and maintain a statewide database accessible to the public on  
9 its website that contains all revocations and suspensions of justice officer certifications by the  
10 Commission."

11 SECTION 1.(c) This section becomes effective October 1, 2021.

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13 **PART II. REQUIRE USE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S NEXT**  
14 **GENERATION IDENTIFICATION (NGI) SYSTEM AND RAP BACK SERVICE**

15 SECTION 2.(a) Article 13 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by  
16 adding a new section to read:

17 **"§ 143B-972.1. Criminal record checks for North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and**  
18 **Training Standards Commission and North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and**  
19 **Training Standards Commission; fingerprints sent to Federal Bureau of**  
20 **Investigation.**

21 (a) The State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) shall provide to the North Carolina Criminal  
22 Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs'  
23 Education and Training Standards Commission the criminal history of any person who applies  
24 for certification or is certified, as a criminal justice officer or justice officer or any other position  
25 that requires certification with either Commission, from the State and National Repositories of  
26 Criminal Histories. Each agency employing a certified criminal justice officer or justice officer  
27 shall provide to the SBI the fingerprints of certified officers, other identifying information  
28 required by the State and National Repositories, and any additional information required by the  
29 SBI.

30 (b) The SBI shall conduct a criminal history records check using the fingerprints of the  
31 applicants and certified officers, in accordance with 12 NCAC 09B. 0103 and 12 NCAC 10B.  
32 0302, and enroll the fingerprints in the Statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System  
33 (SAFIS).

34 (c) In addition to searching the State's criminal history record file, the SBI shall forward  
35 a set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a national criminal history  
36 record check. The SBI shall enroll each individual whose fingerprints are received under this  
37 section in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Next Generation Identification (NGI) System and  
38 Criminal Justice Record of Arrest and Prosecution Background (Rap Back) Service. The SBI  
39 will also notify the certifying Commission of any subsequent arrest of an individual identified  
40 through the Rap Back Service.

41 (d) Within 15 business days of receiving notification by either Commission that the  
42 individual whose fingerprints have been stored in the State Automated Fingerprint Identification  
43 System (SAFIS) pursuant to subsection (b) of this section has withdrawn the application or  
44 separated from employment and an Affidavit of Separation has been filed with either  
45 Commission, the SBI shall remove the individual's fingerprints from SAFIS and forward a  
46 request to the FBI to remove the fingerprints from the NGI System and the Criminal Justice Rap  
47 Back Service.

48 (e) The Commissions shall keep all information obtained pursuant to this section  
49 confidential."

1           **SECTION 2.(b)** No later than June 30, 2023, all personnel certified by either  
2 Commission shall have their fingerprints electronically submitted to the SBI for a state and  
3 national criminal history check.

4           **SECTION 2.(c)** This section becomes effective January 1, 2023.

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6 **PART III. CRITICAL INCIDENT STATEWIDE DATABASE**

7           **SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 17C-2 reads as rewritten:

8 **"§ 17C-2. Definitions.**

9           Unless the context clearly otherwise requires, the following definitions apply in this Article:

10           ...

11           (3a) Critical incident. – An incident involving any use of force by a law  
12 enforcement officer that results in death or serious bodily injury to a person.

13           ...."

14           **SECTION 3.(b)** Article 1 of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes is amended by  
15 adding a new section to read:

16 **"§ 17C-15. Database for law enforcement officer critical incident information.**

17           (a) The Division shall develop and maintain a statewide database for use by law  
18 enforcement agencies that tracks all critical incident data of law enforcement officers in North  
19 Carolina.

20           (b) All law enforcement agencies in the State that employ personnel certified by the  
21 Commission shall provide any information requested by the Division to maintain the database  
22 required by subsection (a) of this section.

23           (c) Information collected under this section that is confidential under State or federal law  
24 shall remain confidential.

25           (d) A law enforcement officer who is reported to the Division as having been involved in  
26 a critical incident who disputes being involved in a critical incident has a right, prior to being  
27 placed in the database, to request a contested case hearing regarding that determination pursuant  
28 to and in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes."

29           **SECTION 3.(c)** G.S. 17E-2 reads as rewritten:

30 **"§ 17E-2. Definitions.**

31           Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following definitions apply to this Chapter:

32           ...

33           (4) "Critical incident" means an incident involving any use of force by a law  
34 enforcement officer that results in death or serious bodily injury to a person."

35           **SECTION 3.(d)** Chapter 17E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
36 section to read:

37 **"§ 17E-15. Database for justice officer critical incident information.**

38           (a) The Division shall develop and maintain a statewide database for use by law  
39 enforcement agencies that tracks all critical incident data of justice officers in North Carolina.

40           (b) All law enforcement agencies in the State that employ personnel certified by the  
41 Commission shall provide any information requested by the Commission to maintain the  
42 database required by subsection (a) of this section.

43           (c) Information collected under this section that is confidential under State or federal law  
44 shall remain confidential.

45           (d) A justice officer who is reported to the Division as having been involved in a critical  
46 incident who disputes being involved in a critical incident has a right, prior to being placed in the  
47 database, to request a contested case hearing regarding that determination pursuant to and in  
48 accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes."

49           **SECTION 3.(e)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to  
50 critical incidents on or after that date.

**PART IV. REPORT REQUIREMENT RELATED TO GIGLIO MATERIAL**

**SECTION 4.(a)** Article 1 of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 17C-16. Requirement to report material relevant to testimony.**

(a) Any person who is certified by the Commission or has received a conditional offer of employment and who has been notified that the person may not be called to testify at trial based on bias, interest, or lack of credibility shall report and provide a copy of that notification to the Criminal Justice Standards Division within 30 days of receiving the notification, except as provided in subsection (h) of this section. This requirement shall only apply if the person is notified by one of the following methods:

(1) In writing by a superior court judge, district court judge, federal judge, district attorney, assistant district attorney, United States attorney, or assistant United States attorney.

(2) In open court by a superior court judge, district court judge, or federal judge, and documented in a written order.

(b) The report to the Division shall be in writing and shall state who notified the person that the person may not be called to testify at trial. A person required to report to the Division under subsection (a) of this section shall make the same report to the person's agency head within 30 days of being notified that the person may not be called to testify at trial. An agency head who receives a report that a person in the agency has been notified that the person may not be called to testify at trial shall also report the notification to the Division in writing within 30 days of the agency head's receipt of that report.

(c) A superior court judge, district court judge, federal judge, district attorney, assistant district attorney, United States attorney, or assistant United States attorney who notifies a person that the person may not be called to testify at trial as provided in subsection (a) of this section shall report that notification to the Division and provide a copy of the written document or order within 30 days of notifying the person that the person may not be called to testify at trial.

(d) If the Division transfers to another agency the certification of any person required to report to the Division pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Division shall provide written notification to both the head of the new agency and the elected district attorney in the prosecutorial district where the agency is located that the person has been previously notified that the person may not be called to testify at trial. If the new agency receiving notification pursuant to this subsection is a State agency, the Division shall notify the elected district attorney in every prosecutorial district of the State.

(e) If any person required to report to the Division pursuant to subsection (a) of this section is subsequently informed in writing that the notification has been rescinded, the person shall provide the Division a copy of that document. The provisions of subsection (d) of this section do not apply if the person required to report pursuant to subsection (a) of this section is subsequently informed in writing that the notification has been rescinded.

(f) No later than March 1 each year, the Commission shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety regarding the number of individuals for whom the Division received a report required by subsection (a) of this section during the previous calendar year. The report shall include information for each case on whether a final agency decision has been entered pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes and what action, if any, has been taken against each certification. The report shall not include the name or any other identifying information of any person required to report pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(g) The reports and notifications received by the Division pursuant to this section shall not be public record.

(h) Any person who has received a notification that may meet the reporting requirement provided in subsection (a) of this section may apply for a hearing in a court of competent

1 jurisdiction for a judicial determination of whether or not the person received a notification that  
2 the person may not be called to testify at trial based on bias, interest, or lack of credibility. This  
3 hearing is limited to reviewing whether (i) a person who is certified by the Commission or has  
4 received a conditional offer of employment, (ii) has been notified in writing by a superior court  
5 judge, district court judge, federal judge, district attorney, assistant district attorney, United States  
6 attorney, or assistant United States attorney; or notified in open court by a superior court judge,  
7 district court judge, or federal judge, and documented in a written order, and (iii) that notification  
8 states that the person may not be called to testify at trial based on bias, interest, or lack of  
9 credibility, not matters of law or admissibility. The person must provide notice of the hearing to  
10 the Division. One extension of 15 days will be added to the 30-day reporting requirement  
11 provided in subsection (a) of this section if notice of a hearing is received."

12 **SECTION 4.(b)** Chapter 17E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
13 section to read:

14 **"§ 17E-16. Requirement to report material relevant to testimony.**

15 (a) Any person who is certified by the Commission or has received a conditional offer of  
16 employment and who has been notified that the person may not be called to testify at trial based  
17 on bias, interest, or lack of credibility shall report and provide a copy of that notification to the  
18 Justice Officers' Standards Division within 30 days of receiving the notification, except as  
19 provided in subsection (h) of this section. This requirement shall only apply if the person is  
20 notified by one of the following methods:

21 (1) In writing by a superior court judge, district court judge, federal judge, district  
22 attorney, assistant district attorney, United States attorney, or assistant United  
23 States attorney.

24 (2) In open court by a superior court judge, district court judge, or federal judge  
25 and documented in a written order.

26 (b) The report to the Division shall be in writing and shall state who notified the person  
27 that the person may not be called to testify at trial. A person required to report to the Division  
28 under subsection (a) of this section shall make the same report to the person's agency head within  
29 30 days of being notified that the person may not be called to testify at trial. An agency head who  
30 receives a report that a person in the agency has been notified that the person may not be called  
31 to testify at trial shall also report the notification to the Division in writing within 30 days of the  
32 agency head's receipt of that report.

33 (c) A superior court judge, district court judge, federal judge, district attorney, assistant  
34 district attorney, United States attorney, or assistant United States attorney who notifies a person  
35 that the person may not be called to testify at trial as provided in subsection (a) of this section  
36 shall report that notification to the Division and provide a copy of the written document or order  
37 within 30 days of notifying the person that the person may not be called to testify at trial.

38 (d) If the Division transfers to another agency the certification of any person required to  
39 report to the Division pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Division shall provide written  
40 notification to both the head of the new agency and the elected district attorney in the  
41 prosecutorial district where the agency is located that the person has been previously notified that  
42 the person may not be called to testify at trial. If the new agency receiving notification pursuant  
43 to this subsection is a State agency, the Division shall notify the elected district attorney in every  
44 prosecutorial district of the State.

45 (e) If any person required to report to the Division pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
46 section is subsequently informed in writing that that the notification has been rescinded, the  
47 person shall provide the Division a copy of that document. The provisions of subsection (d) of  
48 this section do not apply if the person required to report pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
49 is subsequently informed in writing that the notification has been rescinded.

50 (f) No later than March 1 each year, the Commission shall report to the Joint Legislative  
51 Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety regarding the number of individuals for whom

1 the Division received a report required by subsection (a) of this section during the previous  
2 calendar year. The report shall include information for each case on whether a final agency  
3 decision has been entered and what action, if any, has been taken against each certification. The  
4 report shall not include the name or any other identifying information of any person required to  
5 report pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

6 (g) The reports and notifications received by the Division pursuant to this section shall  
7 not be public record.

8 (h) Any person who has received a notification that may meet the reporting requirement  
9 provided in subsection (a) of this section may apply for a hearing in a court of competent  
10 jurisdiction for a judicial determination of whether or not the person received a notification that  
11 the person may not be called to testify at trial based on bias, interest, or lack of credibility. This  
12 hearing is limited to reviewing whether (i) a person who is certified by the Commission or has  
13 received a conditional offer of employment, (ii) has been notified in writing by a superior court  
14 judge, district court judge, federal judge, district attorney, assistant district attorney, United States  
15 attorney, or assistant United States attorney; or notified in open court by a superior court judge,  
16 district court judge, or federal judge, and documented in a written order, and (iii) that notification  
17 states that the person may not be called to testify at trial based on bias, interest, or lack of  
18 credibility, not matters of law or admissibility. The person must provide notice of the hearing to  
19 the Division. One extension of 15 days will be added to the 30-day reporting requirement  
20 provided in subsection (a) of this section, if notice of a hearing is received."

21 **SECTION 4.(c)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to  
22 notifications received prior to, on, or after that date by persons required to report pursuant to this  
23 act.

## 24 25 **PART V. REQUIRE CERTAIN MINIMUM LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** 26 **STANDARDS**

27 **SECTION 5.(a)** The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards  
28 Commission and the Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission shall jointly  
29 develop uniform, statewide minimum standards for law enforcement officers and justice officers  
30 and adopt these standards as rules.

31 **SECTION 5.(b)** Each Commission shall report the standards developed pursuant to  
32 subsection (a) of this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public  
33 Safety no later than December 31, 2021.

34 **SECTION 5.(c)** Each Commission may adopt temporary rules under G.S. 150B-21.1  
35 to comply with this section and shall adopt permanent rules to comply with this section by  
36 December 31, 2022.

## 37 38 **PART VI. TRANSPORTATION OF INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT** 39 **RESPONDENTS**

40 **SECTION 6.(a)** G.S. 122C-251(f) reads as rewritten:

41 "(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, a clerk,  
42 a magistrate, or a district court judge, where applicable, may authorize either a health care  
43 provider of the respondent or the family or immediate friends of the respondent, if they so request,  
44 to transport the respondent in accordance with the procedures of this Article. This authorization  
45 shall only be granted in cases where the danger to the public, the health care provider of the  
46 respondent, the family or friends of the respondent, or the respondent himself or herself is not  
47 substantial. The health care provider of the respondent or the family or immediate friends of the  
48 respondent shall bear the costs of providing this transportation."

49 **SECTION 6.(b)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to  
50 custody orders issued on or after that date.

1 **PART VII. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, ONGOING**  
2 **REQUIREMENTS, AND CREATE A PHYSICAL FITNESS STUDY**

3 **SECTION 7.(a)** G.S. 17C-6(a) reads as rewritten:

4 "(a) In addition to powers conferred upon the Commission elsewhere in this Article, the  
5 Commission shall have the following powers, which shall be enforceable through its rules and  
6 regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of G.S. 17C-10:

7 ...

8 (2) Establish minimum educational and training standards that must be met in  
9 order to qualify for entry level employment and retention as a criminal justice  
10 officer in temporary or probationary status or in a permanent position. The  
11 standards for entry level employment shall include all of the following:

12 ...

13 c. Education and training to develop knowledge and increase awareness  
14 of effective mental health and wellness strategies for criminal justice  
15 officers.

16 ...

17 (14) Establish minimum standards for in-service training for criminal justice  
18 officers. In-service training standards shall include all of the following:

19 ...

20 c. Training to develop knowledge and increase awareness of effective  
21 mental health and wellness strategies for criminal justice officers. The  
22 standards established shall include two hours of training on this issue  
23 every three years.

24 ...."

25 **SECTION 7.(b)** G.S. 17E-4(a) reads as rewritten:

26 "(a) The Commission shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities, which  
27 are enforceable through its rules and regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of  
28 G.S. 17E-8 and G.S. 17E-9:

29 ...

30 (2) Establish minimum educational and training standards that may be met in  
31 order to qualify for entry level employment as an officer in temporary or  
32 probationary status or in a permanent position. The standards for entry level  
33 employment of officers shall include all of the following:

34 ...

35 c. Education and training to develop knowledge and increase awareness  
36 of effective mental health and wellness strategies for justice officers.

37 ...

38 (11) Establish minimum standards for in-service training for justice officers.  
39 In-service training standards shall include all of the following:

40 ...

41 c. Training to develop knowledge and increase awareness of effective  
42 mental health and wellness strategies for justice officers. The  
43 standards established shall include two hours of training on this issue  
44 every three years.

45 ...."

46 **SECTION 7.(c)** G.S. 17C-10(c) reads as rewritten:

47 "(c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, the Commission, by  
48 rules and regulations, shall fix other qualifications for the employment, training, and retention of  
49 criminal justice officers including minimum age, education, physical and mental standards,  
50 citizenship, good moral character, experience, and such other matters as relate to the competence  
51 and reliability of persons to assume and discharge the responsibilities of criminal justice officers,

1 ~~and the officers. The Commission shall prescribe the means for presenting evidence of fulfillment~~  
2 ~~of these requirements. The Commission shall require the administration of a psychological~~  
3 ~~screening examination, including a face-to-face interview conducted by a licensed psychologist,~~  
4 ~~to determine the criminal justice officer's psychological suitability to properly fulfill the~~  
5 ~~responsibilities of the criminal justice officer. The psychological screening examination shall be~~  
6 ~~given (i) prior to the initial certification and (ii) before the criminal justice officer is employed~~  
7 ~~by an agency.~~

8 Where minimum educational standards are not met, yet the individual shows potential and a  
9 willingness to achieve the standards by extra study, they may be waived by the Commission for  
10 the reasonable amount of time it will take to achieve the standards required. Such an educational  
11 waiver shall not exceed 12 months."

12 **SECTION 7.(d)** G.S. 17E-7(c) reads as rewritten:

13 "(c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, the Commission, by  
14 rules and regulations, may fix other qualifications for the employment and retention of justice  
15 officers including minimum age, education, physical and mental standards, citizenship, good  
16 moral character, experience, and such other matters as relate to the competence and reliability of  
17 persons to assume and discharge the responsibilities of the ~~office, and the office.~~ The  
18 Commission shall prescribe the means for presenting evidence of fulfillment of these  
19 requirements. The Commission shall require the administration of a psychological screening  
20 examination, including a face-to-face interview conducted by a licensed psychologist, to  
21 determine the justice officer's psychological suitability to properly fulfill the responsibilities of  
22 the office. The psychological screening examination shall be given (i) prior to the initial  
23 certification and (ii) before the justice officer is employed by an agency.

24 Where minimum educational standards are not met, yet the individual shows potential and a  
25 willingness to achieve the standards by extra study, they may be waived by the Commission for  
26 the reasonable amount of time it will take to achieve the standards required. Upon petition from  
27 a sheriff, the Commission may grant a waiver of any provisions of this section (17E-7) for any  
28 justice officer serving that sheriff."

29 **SECTION 7.(e)** In developing the standards and training required by subsections (a)  
30 and (b) of this section, the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards  
31 Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission are  
32 encouraged to adopt standards that provide training conducted by mental health professionals  
33 and through face-to-face instruction.

34 **SECTION 7.(f)** The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training  
35 Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards  
36 Commission shall regularly provide information on any statewide mental health resources  
37 specifically available to criminal justice officers or justice officers to all criminal justice agencies  
38 or departments in the State that employ officers certified by either Commission.

39 **SECTION 7.(g)** All criminal justice agencies or departments in the State that employ  
40 criminal justice officers certified by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training  
41 Standards Commission or justice officers certified by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and  
42 Training Standards Commission shall coordinate with the appropriate local management  
43 entity/managed care organization (LME/MCO) or prepaid health plan, as defined under  
44 G.S. 108D-1, to make information on State and local mental health resources and programs easily  
45 available to all employees and develop policies to encourage employees to utilize the resources  
46 available.

47 **SECTION 7.(h)** The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training  
48 Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards  
49 Commission shall jointly study the benefits, if any, of requiring physical fitness testing  
50 throughout the career of a law enforcement officer, and shall also study whether that testing, if  
51 required, should be incrementally adjusted based upon the age of the law enforcement officer,

1 and report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety no later  
2 than March 31, 2022.

3 **SECTION 7.(i)** The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training  
4 Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards  
5 Commission shall implement the requirements of subsections (a) through (d) of this section no  
6 later than January 1, 2022. The requirements of subsections (c) and (d) of this section shall apply  
7 to certifications issued and employees entering employment on or after the implementation date  
8 of those requirements.

9 **SECTION 7.(j)** Subsections (a) through (d) of this section become effective January  
10 1, 2022, and apply to applications for law enforcement certification filed on or after that date.  
11 The remainder of this section is effective when it becomes law.

## 12 **PART VIII. DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS**

13 **SECTION 8.(a)** Chapter 17A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
14 section to read:

### 15 **"§ 17A-10. Development of law enforcement early warning system.**

16 (a) Every agency in the State that employs personnel certified by the North Carolina  
17 Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission or the North Carolina Sheriffs'  
18 Education and Training Standards Commission shall develop and implement an early warning  
19 system to document and track the actions and behaviors of law enforcement officers for the  
20 purpose of intervening and improving performance. The early warning system required by this  
21 section shall include information, at a minimum, regarding the following:

22 (1) Instances of the discharge of a firearm.

23 (2) Instances of use of force.

24 (3) Vehicle collisions.

25 (4) Citizen complaints.

26 (b) Information collected under this section that is confidential under State or federal law  
27 shall remain confidential.

28 (c) For purposes of this section, "law enforcement officer" means any sworn law  
29 enforcement officers with the power of arrest, both State and local."

30 **SECTION 8.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to  
31 actions and behaviors on or after that date.  
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## 33 **PART IX. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BEST PRACTICES RECRUITING GUIDE**

34 **SECTION 9.(a)** The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training  
35 Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards  
36 Commission shall jointly develop a best practices guide to help law enforcement agencies recruit  
37 and retain a diverse workforce.

38 **SECTION 9.(b)** The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training  
39 Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards  
40 Commission shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public  
41 Safety no later than April 1, 2022, regarding the best practices guide required by subsection (a)  
42 of this section.  
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## 44 **PART X. INVESTIGATIONS OF OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS**

45 **SECTION 10.(a)** G.S. 143B-919 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

46 "(b1) The Bureau shall, upon request of the Governor or a sheriff, chief of police, head of  
47 a State law enforcement agency, district attorney, or the Commissioner of Prisons, investigate  
48 and prepare evidence in the event of any of the following:  
49

(1) A sworn law enforcement officer with the power to arrest uses force against an individual in the performance of the officer's duties that results in the death of, or serious bodily injury to, the individual.

(2) An individual in the custody of the Department of Public Safety, a State prison, a county jail, or a local confinement facility, regardless of the physical location of the individual, dies or suffers serious bodily injury.

"Serious bodily injury" as used in this subsection is defined as bodily injury that creates a substantial risk of death, or that causes serious permanent disfigurement, coma, a permanent or protracted condition that causes extreme pain, or permanent or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ, or that results in prolonged hospitalization."

**SECTION 10.(b)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2021.

## **PART XI. MANDATORY IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

**SECTION 11.(a)** G.S. 17C-6(a), as amended by Section 7 of this act, reads as rewritten:

"(a) In addition to powers conferred upon the Commission elsewhere in this Article, the Commission shall have the following powers, which shall be enforceable through its rules and regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of G.S. 17C-10:

...

(14) Establish minimum standards for in-service training for criminal justice officers. In-service training standards for sworn law enforcement officers shall include all of the ~~following~~following training topics:

a. ~~Training in response~~Response to, and investigation of, domestic violence cases, as well as training investigation for evidence-based prosecutions.

b. ~~Training on juvenile~~Juvenile justice issues, including (i) the handling and processing of juvenile matters for referrals, diversion, arrests, and detention; (ii) best practices for handling incidents involving juveniles; (iii) adolescent development and psychology; and (iv) promoting relationship building with youth as a key to delinquency prevention.

c. Ethics.

d. Mental health for criminal justice officers.

e. Community policing.

f. Minority sensitivity.

g. Use of force.

h. The duty to intervene and report.

...."

**SECTION 11.(b)** G.S. 17E-4(a), as amended by Section 7 of this act, reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Commission shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities, which are enforceable through its rules and regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of G.S. 17E-8 and G.S. 17E-9:

...

(11) Establish minimum standards for in-service training for justice officers. In-service training standards for sworn law enforcement officers shall include all of the ~~following~~following training topics:

a. ~~Training in response~~Response to, and investigation of, domestic violence cases, as well as training in investigation for evidence-based prosecutions. For purposes of the domestic violence training requirement, the term "justice officer" shall include those defined in

G.S. 17E-2(3)a., except that the term shall not include "special deputy sheriffs" as defined in G.S. 17E-2(3)a.

b. ~~Training on juvenile~~ Juvenile justice issues, including (i) the handling and processing of juvenile matters for referrals, diversion, arrests, and detention; (ii) best practices for handling incidents involving juveniles; (iii) adolescent development and psychology; and (iv) promoting relationship building with youth as a key to delinquency prevention.

c. Ethics.

d. Mental health for justice officers.

e. Community policing.

f. Minority sensitivity.

g. Use of force.

h. The duty to intervene and report.

...."

**SECTION 11.(c)** This section becomes effective January 1, 2022.

**PART XII. EXEMPT CHANGES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IN-SERVICE TRAINING STANDARDS FROM RULEMAKING**

**SECTION 12.(a)** G.S. 150B-1(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Exemptions from Rule Making. – Article 2A of this Chapter does not apply to the following:

...

(6a) The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission with respect to establishing minimum standards for in-service training for criminal justice officers under G.S. 17C-6(a)(14).

(6b) The Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission with respect to establishing minimum standards for in-service training for justice officers under G.S. 17E-4(a)(11).

...."

**SECTION 12.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

**PART XIII. UTILIZE TECHNOLOGY TO LIMIT FAILURES TO APPEAR IN COURT**

**SECTION 13.(a)** The Administrative Office of the Courts shall automatically enroll all criminal defendants into its court date reminder system. A criminal defendant shall be allowed to opt out of this automatic enrollment by using processes developed by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The processes that allow a criminal defendant to opt out of this automatic enrollment shall be developed and implemented no later than December 1, 2021.

**SECTION 13.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to criminal defendants arrested on or after that date.

**PART XIV. DECRIMINALIZATION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES**

**SECTION 14.(a)** G.S. 153A-123 reads as rewritten:

"§ 153A-123. **Enforcement of ordinances.**

...

(b) ~~Unless the board of commissioners has provided otherwise, Except for the types of ordinances listed in subsection (b1) of this section, violation of a county ordinance is may be a misdemeanor or infraction as provided by G.S. 14-4. G.S. 14-4 only if the county specifies such in the ordinance.~~ An ordinance may provide by express statement that the maximum fine, term of imprisonment, or infraction penalty to be imposed for a violation is some amount of money or number of days less than the maximum imposed by G.S. 14-4. Notwithstanding G.S. 153A-45,

1 no ordinance specifying a criminal penalty may be enacted at the meeting in which it is first  
 2 introduced.

3 (b1) No ordinance of the following types may impose a criminal penalty:

- 4 (1) Any ordinance adopted under Article 18 of this Chapter, Planning and  
 5 Regulation of Development or, its successor, Chapter 160D of the General  
 6 Statutes, except for those ordinances related to unsafe buildings.
- 7 (2) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 153A-134, Regulating and licensing  
 8 businesses, trades, etc.
- 9 (3) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 153A-138, Registration of mobile  
 10 homes, house trailers, etc.
- 11 (4) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 153A-140.1, Stream-clearing  
 12 programs.
- 13 (5) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 153A-143, Regulation of outdoor  
 14 advertising or, its successor, G.S. 160D-912, Outdoor advertising.
- 15 (6) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 153A-144, Limitations on regulating  
 16 solar collectors or, its successor, G.S. 160D-914, Solar collectors.
- 17 (7) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 153A-145, Limitations on regulating  
 18 cisterns and rain barrels.
- 19 (8) Any ordinance regulating trees.

20 ...."

21 SECTION 14.(b) G.S. 160A-175 reads as rewritten:

22 "§ 160A-175. Enforcement of ordinances.

23 ...

24 (b) ~~Unless the Council shall otherwise provide, Except for the types of ordinances listed~~  
 25 in subsection (b1) of this section, violation of a city ordinance is may be a misdemeanor or  
 26 infraction as provided by G.S. 14-4. G.S. 14-4 only if the city specifies such in the ordinance. An  
 27 ordinance may provide by express statement that the maximum fine, term of imprisonment, or  
 28 infraction penalty to be imposed for a violation is some amount of money or number of days less  
 29 than the maximum imposed by G.S. 14-4. Notwithstanding G.S. 160A-75, no ordinance  
 30 specifying a criminal penalty may be enacted at the meeting in which it is first introduced.

31 (b1) No ordinance of the following types may impose a criminal penalty:

- 32 (1) Any ordinance adopted under Article 19 of this Chapter, Planning and  
 33 Regulation of Development, or its successor, Chapter 160D of the General  
 34 Statutes, except for those ordinances related to unsafe buildings.
- 35 (2) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 160A-193.1, Stream-clearing  
 36 programs.
- 37 (3) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 160A-194, Regulating and licensing  
 38 businesses, trades, etc.
- 39 (4) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 160A-199, Regulation of outdoor  
 40 advertising or, its successor, G.S. 160D-912, Outdoor advertising.
- 41 (5) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 160A-201, Limitations on regulating  
 42 solar collectors or, its successor, G.S. 160D-914, Solar collectors.
- 43 (6) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 160A-202, Limitations on regulating  
 44 cisterns and rain barrels.
- 45 (7) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 160A-304, Regulation of taxis.
- 46 (8) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 160A-306, Building setback lines.
- 47 (9) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 160A-307, Curb cut regulations.
- 48 (10) Any ordinance regulating trees.

49 ...."

50 SECTION 14.(c) G.S. 14-4 reads as rewritten:

51 "§ 14-4. Violation of local ordinances misdemeanor.

1 (a) Except as provided in ~~subsection (b),~~ this section, if any person shall violate an  
2 ordinance of a county, city, town, or metropolitan sewerage district created under Article 5 of  
3 Chapter 162A, he shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five  
4 hundred dollars (\$500.00). No fine shall exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) unless the ordinance  
5 expressly states that the maximum fine is greater than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

6 (b) If any person shall violate an ordinance of a county, city, or town regulating the  
7 operation or parking of vehicles, he shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be required to  
8 pay a penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

9 (c) A person may not be found responsible or guilty of a local ordinance violation if,  
10 when tried for that violation, the person produces proof of compliance with the local ordinance  
11 through any of the following:

12 (1) No new alleged violations of the local ordinance within 30 days from the date  
13 of the initial alleged violation.

14 (2) The person provides proof of a good-faith effort to seek assistance to address  
15 any underlying factors related to unemployment, homelessness, mental health,  
16 or substance abuse that might relate to the person's ability to comply with the  
17 local ordinance."

18 **SECTION 14.(d)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to  
19 offenses and violations committed on or after that date.

## 20 **PART XV. INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR RIOT OFFENSES**

21 **SECTION 15.(a)** G.S. 14-288.2 reads as rewritten:

22 **"§ 14-288.2. Riot; inciting to riot; punishments.**

23 (a) A riot is a public disturbance involving an assemblage of three or more persons which  
24 by disorderly and violent conduct, or the imminent threat of disorderly and violent conduct,  
25 results in injury or damage to persons or property or creates a clear and present danger of injury  
26 or damage to persons or property.

27 (b) Any person who willfully engages in a riot is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

28 (c) Any person who willfully engages in a riot is guilty of a Class ~~H-G~~ felony, if:

29 (1) ~~In the course and as a result of the riot there is if in the course of the riot, the~~  
30 ~~person causes property damage in excess of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500)~~  
31 ~~or serious bodily injury; or (\$1,500).~~  
32 person causes property damage in excess of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500)

33 (c1) Any person who willfully engages in a riot is guilty of a Class F felony if one of the  
34 following applies:

35 (1) In the course of the riot, the person causes serious bodily injury to another.

36 (2) ~~Such participant in the riot has in his possession any~~ In the course of the riot,  
37 the person brandishes a dangerous weapon or uses a dangerous substance.

38 (d) Any person who willfully incites or urges another to engage in a riot, so that as a  
39 result of such inciting or urging a riot occurs or a clear and present danger of a riot is created, is  
40 guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

41 (e) Any person who willfully incites or urges another to engage in a riot, and such inciting  
42 or urging is a contributing cause of a riot in which there is property damage in excess of fifteen  
43 hundred dollars (\$1,500) or serious bodily injury, shall be punished as a Class F felon.

44 (f) For the purposes of this section, "dangerous substance" may include, but is not limited  
45 to, tear gas or pepper spray.

46 (g) Mere presence alone without an overt act is not sufficient to sustain a conviction  
47 pursuant to this section."

48 **SECTION 15.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to  
49 offenses committed on or after that date.

1 **PART XVI. REQUIRE MANDATORY FIRST APPEARANCE FOR MISDEMEANORS**  
2 **WHEN DEFENDANT IS IN CUSTODY AND REQUIRE FIRST APPEARANCE FOR**  
3 **ALL CHARGES WHEN DEFENDANT IS IN CUSTODY TO BE HELD WITHIN**  
4 **SEVENTY-TWO HOURS**

5 SECTION 16.(a) G.S. 15A-601 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 15A-601. First appearance before a district court judge; ~~right in felony and other cases~~**  
7 **~~in original jurisdiction of superior court; consolidation of first appearance~~**  
8 **~~before magistrate and before district court judge; first appearance before clerk~~**  
9 **~~of superior court; use of two-way audio and video transmission.~~**

10 (a) Any defendant charged in a magistrate's order under G.S. 15A-511 or criminal  
11 process under Article 17 of this Chapter, Criminal Process, with a crime in the original  
12 jurisdiction of the superior court must be brought before a district court judge in the district court  
13 district as defined in G.S. 7A-133 in which the crime is charged to have been committed. This  
14 first appearance before a district court judge is not a critical stage of the proceedings against the  
15 defendant.

16 Any defendant charged in a magistrate's order under G.S. 15A-511 or criminal process under  
17 Article 17 of this Chapter, Criminal Process, with a misdemeanor offense and held in custody  
18 must be brought before a district court judge in the district court district as defined in G.S. 7A-133  
19 in which the crime is charged to have been committed. This first appearance before a district  
20 court judge is not a critical stage of the proceedings against the defendant.

21 ...

22 (b) When a district court judge conducts an initial appearance as provided in  
23 G.S. 15A-511, ~~he~~ the judge may consolidate those proceedings and the proceedings under this  
24 Article.

25 (c) Unless the defendant is released pursuant to Article 26 of this Chapter, Bail, first  
26 appearance before a district court judge must be held within ~~96-72~~ hours after the defendant is  
27 taken into custody or at the first regular session of the district court in the county, whichever  
28 occurs first. If the defendant is not taken into custody, or is released pursuant to Article 26 of this  
29 Chapter, Bail, within ~~96-72~~ hours after being taken into custody, first appearance must be held at  
30 the next session of district court held in the county. This subsection does not apply to a defendant  
31 whose first appearance before a district court judge has been set in a criminal summons pursuant  
32 to G.S. 15A-303(d).

33 ...

34 (e) The clerk of the superior court in the county in which the defendant is taken into  
35 custody may conduct a first appearance as provided in this Article if a district court judge is not  
36 available in the county within ~~96-72~~ hours after the defendant is taken into custody. The clerk, in  
37 conducting a first appearance, shall proceed under this Article as would a district court judge."

38 SECTION 16.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to  
39 criminal processes served on or after that date.

40  
41 **PART XVII. REQUIRE USE OF THE NATIONAL DECERTIFICATION INDEX**  
42 **MAINTAINED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF LAW**  
43 **ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING IN THE CERTIFICATION**  
44 **PROCESS FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

45 SECTION 17.(a) G.S. 17E-4(a) reads as rewritten:

46 "(a) The Commission shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities, which  
47 are enforceable through its rules and regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of  
48 G.S. 17E-8 and G.S. 17E-9:

49 ...

50 (17) Search the National Decertification Index (NDI) maintained by the  
51 International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and

1           Training (IADLEST) using the name of every applicant for certification or  
2           applicant for lateral transfer, and any other personal identifying information  
3           necessary to complete the search, and shall utilize any record of conviction of  
4           a criminal offense received as a result of the search during the application and  
5           lateral transfer process to determine if the applicant has any record that would  
6           disqualify the applicant for certification.

7       ...."

8           **SECTION 17.(b)** G.S. 17C-6(a) reads as rewritten:

9           "(a) In addition to powers conferred upon the Commission elsewhere in this Article, the  
10          Commission shall have the following powers, which shall be enforceable through its rules and  
11          regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of G.S. 17C-10:

12          ...

13          **(21)** Search the National Decertification Index (NDI) maintained by the  
14          International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and  
15          Training (IADLEST) using the name of every applicant for certification or  
16          applicant for lateral transfer, and any other personal identifying information  
17          necessary to complete the search, and shall utilize any record of conviction of  
18          a criminal offense received as a result of the search during the application and  
19          lateral transfer process to determine if the applicant has any record that would  
20          disqualify the applicant for certification."

21          **SECTION 17.(c)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to  
22          applications for certification submitted on or after that date.

## 23

## 24 **PART XVIII. ESTABLISH A DUTY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO**

## 25 **INTERVENE IN AND REPORT EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE**

26          **SECTION 18.(a)** G.S. 15A-401 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

27          "**(d1)** Duty to Intervene and Report Excessive Use of Force. – A law enforcement officer,  
28          while in the line of duty, who observes another law enforcement officer use force against another  
29          person that the observing officer reasonably believes exceeds the amount of force authorized by  
30          subsection (d) of this section and who possesses a reasonable opportunity to intervene, shall if it  
31          is safe to do so, attempt to intervene to prevent the use of excessive force. Additionally, the  
32          observing officer shall, within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 72 hours thereafter,  
33          report what the officer reasonably believes to be an unauthorized use of force to a superior law  
34          enforcement officer within the agency of the observing officer, even if the observing officer did  
35          not have a reasonable opportunity to intervene. If the head of the law enforcement agency of the  
36          observing officer was involved or present during what the observing officer reasonably believes  
37          to be unauthorized use of force, the observing officer shall make the report to the highest ranking  
38          law enforcement officer of that officer's agency who was not involved in or present during the  
39          use of force. The report under this subsection is required even if the observing officer did not  
40          have a reasonable opportunity to intervene."

41          **SECTION 18.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to  
42          uses of force that occur on or after that date.

## 43

## 44 **PART XIX. REMOVE THE STANDARDS COMMISSIONS FROM A NONEXCLUSIVE**

## 45 **LIST OF STATE AGENCY LICENSING BOARDS**

46          **SECTION 19.(a)** G.S. 93B-1(3)(e) is repealed.

47          **SECTION 19.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2021.

## 48

## 49 **PART XX. ADDRESS CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES WITH SATELLITE-BASED**

## 50 **MONITORING RAISED IN STATE V. GRADY AND CREATE A PROCESS TO**

## 51 **REVIEW WHETHER OFFENDERS SUBJECT TO THAT CASE WHICH WERE**

1 **REMOVED FROM SATELLITE-BASED MONITORING ARE OTHERWISE**  
2 **ELIGIBLE**

3 **SECTION 20.(a)** G.S. 14-208.6 reads as rewritten:

4 **"§ 14-208.6. Definitions.**

5 The following definitions apply in this Article:

6 ...

7 (2d) Predatory recidivist. – A person who has two or more convictions for sexually  
8 violent offenses as described in G.S. 14-208.6(5).

9 ~~(2b)~~(2f) Recidivist. – A person who has a prior conviction for an offense that is  
10 described in G.S. 14-208.6(4).

11 ...

12 (5) Sexually violent offense. – A violation of former G.S. 14-27.6 (attempted rape  
13 or sexual offense), G.S. 14-27.21 (first-degree forcible rape), G.S. 14-27.22  
14 (second-degree forcible rape), G.S. 14-27.23 (statutory rape of a child by an  
15 adult), G.S. 14-27.24 (first-degree statutory rape), G.S. 14-27.25(a) (statutory  
16 rape of a person who is 15 years of age or younger and where the defendant is  
17 at least six years older), G.S. 14-27.26 (first-degree forcible sexual offense),  
18 G.S. 14-27.27 (second-degree forcible sexual offense), G.S. 14-27.28  
19 (statutory sexual offense with a child by an adult), G.S. 14-27.29 (first-degree  
20 statutory sexual offense), G.S. 14-27.30(a) (statutory sexual offense with a  
21 person who is 15 years of age or younger and where the defendant is at least  
22 six years older), G.S. 14-27.31 (sexual activity by a substitute parent or  
23 custodian), G.S. 14-27.32 (sexual activity with a student), G.S. 14-27.33  
24 (sexual battery), G.S. 14-43.11 (human trafficking) if (i) the offense is  
25 committed against a minor who is less than 18 years of age or (ii) the offense  
26 is committed against any person with the intent that they be held in sexual  
27 servitude, G.S. 14-43.13 (subjecting or maintaining a person for sexual  
28 servitude), G.S. 14-178 (incest between near relatives), G.S. 14-190.6  
29 (employing or permitting minor to assist in offenses against public morality  
30 and decency), G.S. 14-190.9(a1) (felonious indecent exposure),  
31 G.S. 14-190.16 (first degree sexual exploitation of a minor), G.S. 14-190.17  
32 (second degree sexual exploitation of a minor), G.S. 14-190.17A (third degree  
33 sexual exploitation of a minor), G.S. 14-202.1 (taking indecent liberties with  
34 children), G.S. 14-202.3 (Solicitation of child by computer or certain other  
35 electronic devices to commit an unlawful sex act), G.S. 14-202.4(a) (taking  
36 indecent liberties with a student), G.S. 14-205.2(c) or (d) (patronizing a  
37 prostitute who is a minor or has a mental disability), G.S. 14-205.3(b)  
38 (promoting prostitution of a minor or a person who has a mental disability),  
39 G.S. 14-318.4(a1) (parent or caretaker commit or permit act of prostitution  
40 with or by a juvenile), or G.S. 14-318.4(a2) (commission or allowing of sexual  
41 act upon a juvenile by parent or ~~guardian~~-guardian), or an offense in another  
42 state, which if committed in this State, is substantially similar to a sexually  
43 violent offense as defined by this section. The term also includes the  
44 following: a solicitation or conspiracy to commit any of these offenses; aiding  
45 and abetting any of these offenses.

46 ...."

47 **SECTION 20.(b)** G.S. 14-208.40 reads as rewritten:

48 **"§ 14-208.40. Establishment of program; creation of guidelines; duties.**

49 (a) The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public  
50 Safety shall establish a sex offender monitoring program that uses a continuous satellite-based

1 monitoring system and shall create guidelines to govern the program. The program shall be  
2 designed to monitor three categories of offenders as follows:

- 3 (1) Any offender who is convicted of a reportable conviction as defined by  
4 G.S. 14-208.6(4) and who is required to register under Part 3 of Article 27A  
5 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes because the defendant is classified as a  
6 sexually violent predator, is a predatory recidivist, or was convicted of an  
7 aggravated offense as those terms are defined in G.S. 14-208.6.
- 8 (2) Any offender who satisfies all of the following criteria: (i) is convicted of a  
9 reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4), (ii) is required to  
10 register under Part 2 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, (iii)  
11 has committed an offense involving the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a  
12 minor, and (iv) based on the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile  
13 Justice's risk assessment program requires the highest possible level of  
14 supervision and monitoring.
- 15 (3) Any offender who is convicted of G.S. 14-27.23 or G.S. 14-27.28, who shall  
16 be enrolled in the satellite-based monitoring program for the offender's natural  
17 life upon termination of the offender's active punishment.

18 (b) In developing the guidelines for the program, the Division of Adult Correction and  
19 Juvenile Justice shall require that any offender who is enrolled in the satellite-based program  
20 submit to an active continuous satellite-based monitoring program, unless an active program will  
21 not work as provided by this section. If the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice  
22 determines that an active program will not work as provided by this section, then the Division of  
23 Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall require that the defendant submit to a passive  
24 continuous satellite-based program that works within the technological or geographical  
25 limitations.

26 (c) The satellite-based monitoring program shall use a system that provides all of the  
27 following:

- 28 (1) Time-correlated and continuous tracking of the geographic location of the  
29 subject using a global positioning system based on satellite and other location  
30 tracking technology.
- 31 (2) Reporting of subject's violations of prescriptive and proscriptive schedule or  
32 location requirements. Frequency of reporting may range from once a day  
33 (passive) to near real-time (active).

34 (d) The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice may contract with a single  
35 vendor for the hardware services needed to monitor subject offenders and correlate their  
36 movements to reported crime incidents. The contract may provide for services necessary to  
37 implement or facilitate any of the provisions of this Part."

38 **SECTION 20.(c)** G.S. 14-208.40A reads as rewritten:

39 **"§ 14-208.40A. Determination of satellite-based monitoring requirement by court.**

40 (a) When an offender is convicted of a reportable conviction as defined by  
41 G.S. 14-208.6(4), during the sentencing phase, the district attorney shall present to the court any  
42 evidence that (i) the offender has been classified as a sexually violent predator pursuant to  
43 G.S. 14-208.20, (ii) the offender is a predatory recidivist, (iii) the conviction offense was an  
44 aggravated offense, (iv) the conviction offense was a violation of G.S. 14-27.23 or G.S. 14-27.28,  
45 or (v) the offense involved the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor. The district attorney  
46 shall have no discretion to withhold any evidence required to be submitted to the court pursuant  
47 to this subsection.

48 The offender shall be allowed to present to the court any evidence that the district attorney's  
49 evidence is not correct.

50 (b) After receipt of the evidence from the parties, the court shall determine whether the  
51 offender's conviction places the offender in one of the categories described in G.S. 14-208.40(a),

1 and if so, shall make a finding of fact of that determination, specifying whether (i) the offender  
2 has been classified as a sexually violent predator pursuant to G.S. 14-208.20, (ii) the offender is  
3 a predatory recidivist, (iii) the conviction offense was an aggravated offense, (iv) the conviction  
4 offense was a violation of G.S. 14-27.23 or G.S. 14-27.28, or (v) the offense involved the  
5 physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor.

6 (c) If the court finds that the offender has been classified as a sexually violent predator,  
7 is a predatory recidivist, has committed an aggravated offense, or was convicted of G.S. 14-27.23  
8 or G.S. 14-27.28, the court shall order the offender to enroll in a satellite-based monitoring  
9 program for life.

10 (d) If the court finds that the offender committed an offense that involved the physical,  
11 mental, or sexual abuse of a minor, that the offense is not an aggravated offense or a violation of  
12 G.S. 14-27.23 or G.S. 14-27.28 and the offender is not a predatory recidivist, the court shall order  
13 that the Division of Adult Correction do a risk assessment of the offender. The Division of Adult  
14 Correction and Juvenile Justice shall have a minimum of 30 days, but not more than 60 days, to  
15 complete the risk assessment of the offender and report the results to the court.

16 (e) Upon receipt of a risk assessment from the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile  
17 Justice pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the court shall determine whether, based on the  
18 Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice's risk assessment, the offender requires the  
19 highest possible level of supervision and monitoring. If the court determines that the offender  
20 does require the highest possible level of supervision and monitoring, the court shall order the  
21 offender to enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program for a period of time to be specified by  
22 the court."

23 **SECTION 20.(d)** G.S. 14-208.40B reads as rewritten:

24 "**§ 14-208.40B. Determination of satellite-based monitoring requirement in certain**  
25 **circumstances.**

26 (a) When an offender is convicted of a reportable conviction as defined by  
27 G.S. 14-208.6(4), and there has been no determination by a court on whether the offender shall  
28 be required to enroll in satellite-based monitoring, the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile  
29 Justice shall make an initial determination on whether the offender falls into one of the categories  
30 described in G.S. 14-208.40(a).

31 (b) If the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice determines that the offender  
32 falls into one of the categories described in G.S. 14-208.40(a), the district attorney, representing  
33 the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, shall schedule a hearing in superior court  
34 for the county in which the offender resides. The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile  
35 Justice shall notify the offender of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice's  
36 determination and the date of the scheduled hearing by certified mail sent to the address provided  
37 by the offender pursuant to G.S. 14-208.7. The hearing shall be scheduled no sooner than 15 days  
38 from the date the notification is mailed. Receipt of notification shall be presumed to be the date  
39 indicated by the certified mail receipt. Upon the court's determination that the offender is indigent  
40 and entitled to counsel, the court shall assign counsel to represent the offender at the hearing  
41 pursuant to rules adopted by the Office of Indigent Defense Services.

42 (c) At the hearing, the court shall determine if the offender falls into one of the categories  
43 described in G.S. 14-208.40(a). The court shall hold the hearing and make findings of fact  
44 pursuant to G.S. 14-208.40A.

45 If the court finds that (i) the offender has been classified as a sexually violent predator  
46 pursuant to G.S. 14-208.20, (ii) the offender is a predatory recidivist, (iii) the conviction offense  
47 was an aggravated offense, or (iv) the conviction offense was a violation of G.S. 14-27.23 or  
48 G.S. 14-27.28, the court shall order the offender to enroll in satellite-based monitoring for life.

49 If the court finds that the offender committed an offense that involved the physical, mental,  
50 or sexual abuse of a minor, that the offense is not an aggravated offense or a violation of  
51 G.S. 14-27.23 or G.S. 14-27.28, and the offender is not a predatory recidivist, the court shall

1 order that the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice do a risk assessment of the  
2 offender. The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall have a minimum of 30  
3 days, but not more than 60 days, to complete the risk assessment of the offender and report the  
4 results to the court. The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice may use a risk  
5 assessment of the offender done within six months of the date of the hearing.

6 Upon receipt of a risk assessment from the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice,  
7 the court shall determine whether, based on the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile  
8 Justice's risk assessment, the offender requires the highest possible level of supervision and  
9 monitoring. If the court determines that the offender does require the highest possible level of  
10 supervision and monitoring, the court shall order the offender to enroll in a satellite-based  
11 monitoring program for a period of time to be specified by the court."

12 **SECTION 20.(e)** G.S. 14-208.43 reads as rewritten:

13 "**§ 14-208.43. Request-Petition for termination or modification of the satellite-based**  
14 **monitoring requirement.**

15 (a) An offender described by G.S. 14-208.40(a)(1) or G.S. 14-208.40(a)(3) who is  
16 required to submit to satellite-based monitoring for the offender's life may file a request-petition  
17 for termination or modification of the monitoring requirement with the Post-Release Supervision  
18 and Parole Commission-superior court, 10 years from the date of initial enrollment if the person  
19 has not committed a subsequent offense requiring enrollment in the satellite-based monitoring  
20 program under this Article or the laws of any other jurisdiction. The request to terminate the  
21 satellite-based monitoring requirement and to terminate the accompanying requirement of  
22 unsupervised probation may not be submitted until at least one year after the offender: (i) has  
23 served his or her sentence for the offense for which the satellite-based monitoring requirement  
24 was imposed, and (ii) has also completed any period of probation, parole, or post-release  
25 supervision imposed as part of the sentence.

26 (b) ~~Upon receipt of the request for termination, the Commission shall review~~  
27 ~~documentation contained in the offender's file and the statewide registry to determine whether~~  
28 ~~the person has complied with the provisions of this Article. In addition, the Commission shall~~  
29 ~~conduct fingerprint-based state and federal criminal history record checks to determine whether~~  
30 ~~the person has been convicted of any additional reportable convictions.~~

31 (c) ~~If it is determined that the person has not received any additional reportable~~  
32 ~~convictions during the period of satellite-based monitoring and the person has substantially~~  
33 ~~complied with the provisions of this Article, the Commission may terminate the monitoring~~  
34 ~~requirement if the Commission finds that the person is not likely to pose a threat to the safety of~~  
35 ~~others.~~

36 (d) ~~If it is determined that the person has received any additional reportable convictions~~  
37 ~~during the period of satellite-based monitoring or has not substantially complied with the~~  
38 ~~provisions of this Article, the Commission shall not order the termination of the monitoring~~  
39 ~~requirement.~~

40 (d1) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if the Commission is notified by the~~  
41 ~~Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety that the~~  
42 ~~offender has been released, pursuant to G.S. 14-208.12A, from the requirement to register under~~  
43 ~~Part 2 of Article 27A of this Chapter, upon request of the offender, the Commission shall order~~  
44 ~~the termination of the monitoring requirement.~~

45 (e) ~~The Commission shall not consider any request to terminate a monitoring requirement~~  
46 ~~except as provided by this section.~~The district attorney in the district in which the petition is filed  
47 shall be given notice of the petition at least three weeks before the hearing on the matter. The  
48 petitioner may present evidence in support of the petition, and the district attorney may present  
49 evidence in opposition to the requested relief or may otherwise demonstrate the reasons why the  
50 petition should be denied.

1       (c) The victim of the underlying offense may appear and be heard by the court in a  
2 proceeding regarding a petition for termination or modification of the satellite-based monitoring  
3 requirement. If the victim has elected to receive notices of such proceedings, the district  
4 attorney's office shall notify the victim of the date, time, and place of the hearing. The district  
5 attorney's office may provide the required notification electronically or by telephone, unless the  
6 victim requests otherwise. The victim shall be responsible for notifying the district attorney's  
7 office of any changes in the victim's address and telephone number or other contact information.  
8 The judge in any court proceeding subject to this section shall inquire as to whether the victim is  
9 present and wishes to be heard. If the victim is present and wishes to be heard, the court shall  
10 grant the victim an opportunity to be reasonably heard. The right to be reasonably heard may be  
11 exercised, at the victim's discretion, through an oral statement, submission of a written statement,  
12 or submission of an audio or video statement.

13       (d) The petition may be granted only if the court makes all of the following findings:

14           (1) The petitioner no longer requires the highest possible level of supervision and  
15 monitoring, for life.

16           (2) The petitioner has not had a subsequent arrest for any of the following:

17               a. An offense involving the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor.

18               b. An aggravated offense, as defined in G.S. 14-208.6(1a).

19               c. A sexually violent offense, as defined in G.S. 14-208.6(5).

20       (e) The court may order any of the following:

21           (1) The petitioner to remain enrolled in the satellite-based monitoring program  
22 for life.

23           (2) The petitioner to remain enrolled in the satellite-based monitoring program  
24 for a period of time to be specified by the court.

25           (3) The petitioner's requirement to enroll in the satellite-based monitoring  
26 program be terminated.

27           (4) The defendant to submit to a passive continuous satellite-based program that  
28 works within the technological or geographical limitations for a set period of  
29 time not to exceed five years without review.

30       (f) If the court denies the petition, the person may again petition the court for relief in  
31 accordance with this section two years from the date of the denial of the original petition to  
32 terminate the satellite-based monitoring requirement. If the court grants the petition, the clerk of  
33 court shall forward a certified copy of the order to the Post-Release Supervision and Parole  
34 Commission. The Commission court has no authority to consider or terminate a monitoring  
35 requirement for an offender described in G.S. 14-208.40(a)(2)."

36       **SECTION 20.(f)** The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall provide  
37 each elected District Attorney a list of the individuals that reside in a county in that District  
38 Attorney's district that is subject to State v. Grady 831 S.E. 2d 542 (NC 2019), decided August  
39 16, 2019, namely all individuals in the same category as the defendant, Mr. Grady: individuals  
40 subject to mandatory lifetime satellite-based monitoring based solely on their status as a  
41 statutorily defined "recidivist" who have completed their prison sentences and are no longer  
42 supervised by the State through probation, parole, or post-release supervision. An elected District  
43 Attorney must decide to handle each case or have the Attorney General handle the case. If  
44 requested by an elected District Attorney, the Attorney General shall make a preliminary  
45 determination whether the recidivist subject to State v. Grady, may meet any requirement to  
46 enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program other than being a recidivist, and represent the  
47 State in any proceedings created by this section. Each District Attorney or Attorney General shall  
48 review the determination for every one of the class members. If the District Attorney or Attorney  
49 General makes a preliminary determination that the individual may meet any requirement to  
50 enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program other than being a recidivist, the District Attorney  
51 or Attorney General shall notify the person and the sheriff in the county where the individual

1 resides. The District Attorney or Attorney General may petition the court in that county for a  
2 hearing to have a judge determine if an individual subject to State v. Grady meets the criteria for  
3 satellite-based monitoring consistent with G.S. 14-208.40A, as amended by this act.

4       **SECTION 20.(g)** Subsection (f) of this section becomes effective August 1, 2021,  
5 and applies to any individual required to enroll in the satellite-based monitoring program based  
6 solely on being a "recidivist" on or after August 16, 2019. The remainder of this section becomes  
7 effective August 1, 2021, and applies to satellite-based monitoring determinations on or after that  
8 date.

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10 **PART XXI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

11       **SECTION 21.(a)** Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of  
12 this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for  
13 this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

14       **SECTION 21.(b)** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
15 law.