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Short Title: The Pretrial Integrity Act.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 7B-1906(b1) reads as rewritten:

5 "(b1) ~~For a juvenile who was 16 years of age or older at the time the juvenile allegedly~~
6 ~~committed an offense that would be a Class A, B1, B2, C, D, E, F, or G felony if committed by~~
7 ~~an adult, further~~ Further hearings to determine the need for secure custody shall be held at
8 intervals of no more than 30 calendar ~~days.~~ days for a juvenile who satisfies either of the
9 following criteria:

10 (1) Was 16 years of age or older at the time the juvenile allegedly committed an
11 offense that would be a Class A, B1, B2, C, D, E, F, or G felony if committed
12 by an adult.

13 (2) Was 13, 14, or 15 years of age at the time the juvenile allegedly committed an
14 offense that would be a Class A felony if committed by an adult.

15 Further hearings may be waived only with the consent of the juvenile, through counsel for
16 the juvenile. Upon request of the juvenile, through counsel for the juvenile, and for good cause
17 as determined by the court, further hearings to determine the need for secure custody may be held
18 at intervals of 10 days."

19 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2023, and applies to
20 offenses committed on or after that date.

21 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 15A-533 reads as rewritten:

22 "§ 15A-533. **Right to pretrial release in capital and noncapital cases.**

23 ...

24 (b) A judge shall determine in the judge's discretion whether a defendant charged with
25 any of the following crimes may be released before trial:

26 (1) G.S. 14-17 (First or second degree murder) or an attempt to commit first or
27 second degree murder.

28 (2) G.S. 14-39 (First or second degree kidnapping).

29 (3) G.S. 14-27.21 (First degree forcible rape).

30 (4) G.S. 14-27.22 (Second degree forcible rape).

31 (5) G.S. 14-27.23 (Statutory rape of a child by an adult).

32 (6) G.S. 14-27.24 (First degree statutory rape).

33 (7) G.S. 14-27.25 (Statutory rape of person who is 15 years of age or younger).



- 1 (8) G.S. 14-27.26 (First degree forcible sexual offense).
2 (9) G.S. 14-27.27 (Second degree forcible sexual offense).
3 (10) G.S. 14-27.28 (Statutory sexual offense with a child by an adult).
4 (11) G.S. 14-27.29 (First degree statutory sexual offense).
5 (12) G.S. 14-27.30 (Statutory sexual offense with a person who is 15 years of age
6 or younger).
7 (13) G.S. 14-43.11 (Human trafficking).
8 (14) G.S. 14-32(a) (Assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting
9 serious injury).
10 (15) G.S. 14-34.1 (Discharging certain barreled weapons or a firearm into occupied
11 property).
12 (16) First degree burglary pursuant to G.S. 14-51.
13 (17) First degree arson pursuant to G.S. 14-58.
14 (18) G.S. 14-87 (Robbery with firearms or other dangerous weapons).

15 If the judge determines that release is warranted for a defendant charged with a crime listed
16 under any of the subdivisions of this subsection, the judge shall set conditions of pretrial release
17 in accordance with G.S. 15A-534.

18 A defendant charged with a noncapital offense that is not listed under any of the subdivisions
19 of this subsection, must otherwise have conditions of pretrial release determined, in accordance
20 with G.S. 15A-534.

21 ...

22 (h) If a defendant is arrested for a new offense allegedly committed while the defendant
23 was on pretrial release for another pending proceeding, the judicial official who determines the
24 conditions of pretrial release for the new offense shall be a judge. The judge shall direct a law
25 enforcement officer, pretrial services program, or a district attorney to provide a criminal history
26 report and risk assessment, if available, for the defendant and shall consider the criminal history
27 when setting conditions of pretrial release. After setting conditions of pretrial release, the judge
28 shall return the report to the providing agency or department. No judge shall unreasonably delay
29 the determination of conditions of pretrial release for the purpose of reviewing the defendant's
30 criminal history report. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a magistrate may set
31 the conditions of pretrial release at any time if the new offense is a violation of Chapter 20 of the
32 General Statutes, other than a violation of G.S. 20-138.1, 20-138.2, 20-138.2A, 20-138.2B,
33 20-138.5, or 20-141.4.

34 A defendant may be retained in custody pursuant to this subsection not more than 48 hours
35 from the time of arrest without a judge making a determination of conditions of pretrial release.
36 If a judge has not acted pursuant to this subsection within 48 hours from the time of arrest of the
37 defendant, the magistrate shall set conditions of pretrial release in accordance with
38 G.S. 15A-534."

39 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2023, and applies to
40 offenses committed on or after that date.

41 **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
42 law.