

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 516  
HOUSE BILL 965

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL ABLE-BODIED PRISON INMATES TO WORK.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 148-26(a) is amended by deleting the first sentence and substituting the following:

"It is declared to be the public policy of the State of North Carolina that all able-bodied prison inmates shall be required to perform diligently all work assignments provided for them. The failure of any inmate to perform such a work assignment may result in disciplinary action. Work assignments and employment shall be for the public benefit to reduce the cost of maintaining the inmate population while enabling inmates to acquire or retain skills and work habits needed to secure honest employment after their release."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 5th day of June, 1981.