

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 138
HOUSE BILL 288

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES AND COUNTIES TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF INVOLUNTARILY COMMITTED RESPONDENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 122-58.14 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(a1) The governing body of a city or county may adopt a plan for transportation of respondents in involuntary commitment proceedings. Law enforcement personnel, volunteers or other public or private agency personnel may be designated to provide all or parts of the transportation required by this Article. Agencies or persons so designated must be trained and the plan shall assure adequate safety and protections for both the public and the respondent. Law enforcement, other affected agencies and the area mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse authority shall participate in the planning. If an agency or persons other than a law enforcement agency are designated by a city or county, the agency or persons so designated shall provide the transportation and follow the procedures in this Article, and references in this Article to a law enforcement officer shall apply to the designated agency or persons."

Sec. 2. G.S. 122-58.14(c) is amended by deleting "other governmental employees" both times it appears in the section and substituting "designated person or agency".

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective May 1, 1983.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 4th day of April, 1983.