

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2011**

**SESSION LAW 2011-412  
HOUSE BILL 335**

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO STUDY CONTRACTING FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT PRISON FACILITIES AND TO TEMPORARILY LIMIT EXPANSION OF PRIVATE MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS AT PRISON FACILITIES; TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO CERTAIN PROBATION STATUTES AND TO THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT ACT; TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAW RELATING TO PROVISIONAL DRIVERS LICENSES, MAKING A CHANGE TO THE BUDGET TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL AND A TECHNICAL CHANGE TO S.L. 2011-313; TO PROVIDE BONDSMAN ACCESS TO CRIMINAL COURT RECORDS; TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL CONNECTIONS TO WATER SUPPLY LINES FUNDED BY THE CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL GAS CRITICAL NEEDS BOND ACT OF 1998; AND TO CLARIFY THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOME INSPECTOR LICENSURE BOARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**PART I. MAINTENANCE OF PRISONS**

**SECTION 1.1.** The Department of Correction shall study the potential benefits and costs of contracting for maintenance services at prison facilities and report its findings to the 2013 Session of the General Assembly. The Department shall not expand private maintenance contracts to additional prison facilities unless authorized by the 2013 Session of the General Assembly.

**SECTION 1.2.** Effective January 1, 2012, Section 1.1 of this act reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 1.1.** The Department of ~~Correction~~ Public Safety shall study the potential benefits and costs of contracting for maintenance services at prison facilities and report its findings to the 2013 Session of the General Assembly. The Department shall not expand private maintenance contracts to additional prison facilities unless authorized by the 2013 Session of the General Assembly."

**PART II. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT/CLARIFICATIONS**

**SECTION 2.1.** Effective December 1, 2011, G.S. 15A-1343(b)(2), as amended by Section 1 of S.L. 2011-62, reads as rewritten:

"(b) Regular Conditions. – As regular conditions of probation, a defendant must:

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- (2) ~~Remain accessible to the probation officer by making the defendant's whereabouts known to the officer and not leave the county of residence or the State of North Carolina within the jurisdiction of the court unless granted written permission to leave by the court or his probation officer.~~

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**SECTION 2.2.** Effective December 1, 2011, Section 4 of S.L. 2011-62 reads as rewritten:



"**SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2011, and applies to persons placed on probation on or after that date. 2011. Sections 1 and 2 of this act apply to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2011. Section 3 of this act applies to persons placed on probation on or after December 1, 2011."

**SECTION 2.3.(a)** G.S. 15A-1343(a1)(3), as enacted by Section 1(c) of S.L. 2011-192, reads as rewritten:

"(a1) Community and Intermediate Probation Conditions. – In addition to any conditions a court may be authorized to impose pursuant to G.S. 15A-1343(b1), the court may include any one or more of the following conditions as part of a community or intermediate punishment:

- ...
- (3) Submission to a period or periods of confinement in a local confinement facility for a total of no more than six days per month during any three separate months during the period of probation. The six days per month confinement provided for in this subdivision may only be imposed as two-day or three-day consecutive periods. When a defendant is on probation for multiple judgments, confinement periods imposed under this subdivision shall run concurrently and may total no more than six days per month.

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**SECTION 2.3.(b)** G.S. 15A-1343.2(e)(5), as enacted by Section 1(d) of S.L. 2011-192, reads as rewritten:

"(e) Delegation to Probation Officer in Community Punishment. – Unless the presiding judge specifically finds in the judgment of the court that delegation is not appropriate, the Division of Community Corrections in the Department of Correction may require an offender sentenced to community punishment to do any of the following:

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- (5) Submit to a period or periods of confinement in a local confinement facility for a total of no more than six days per month during any three separate months during the period of probation. The six days per month confinement provided for in this subdivision may only be imposed as two-day or three-day consecutive periods. When a defendant is on probation for multiple judgments, confinement periods imposed under this subdivision shall run concurrently and may total no more than six days per month.

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**SECTION 2.3.(c)** G.S. 15A-1343.2(f)(6), as enacted by Section 1(e) of S.L. 2011-192, reads as rewritten:

"(f) Delegation to Probation Officer in Intermediate Punishments. – Unless the presiding judge specifically finds in the judgment of the court that delegation is not appropriate, the Division of Community Corrections in the Department of Correction may require an offender sentenced to intermediate punishment to do any of the following:

- ...
- (6) Submit to a period or periods of confinement in a local confinement facility for a total of no more than six days per month during any three separate months during the period of probation. The six days per month confinement provided for in this subdivision may only be imposed as two-day or three-day consecutive periods. When a defendant is on probation for multiple judgments, confinement periods imposed under this subdivision shall run concurrently and may total no more than six days per month.

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**SECTION 2.3.(d)** G.S. 15A-1344(d2), as enacted by Section 4(c) of S.L. 2011-192, reads as rewritten:

"(d2) Confinement in Response to Violation. – When a defendant has violated a condition of probation other than G.S. 15A-1343(b)(1) or G.S. 15A-1343(b)(3a), the court may impose a 90-day period of confinement for a defendant under supervision for a felony conviction or a period of confinement of up to 90 days for a defendant under supervision for a misdemeanor conviction. The court may not revoke probation unless the defendant has previously received a total of two periods of confinement under this subsection. A defendant may receive only two periods of confinement under this subsection. If the time remaining on the defendant's maximum imposed sentence is ~~less than 90 days,~~ 90 days or less, then the term of confinement is for the remaining period of the sentence. Confinement under this section shall be credited pursuant to G.S. 15-196.1.

If a defendant is arrested for violation of a condition of probation and is lawfully confined to await a hearing for the violation, then the judge shall first credit any confinement time spent awaiting the hearing to any confinement imposed under this subsection; any excess time shall be credited to the activated sentence. The period of confinement imposed under this subsection on a defendant who is on probation for multiple offenses shall run concurrently on all cases related to the violation. Confinement shall be immediate unless otherwise specified by the court.

A defendant shall serve any confinement imposed under this subsection in the correctional facility where the defendant would have served an active sentence."

**SECTION 2.3.(e)** Subsection (d) of this section becomes effective December 1, 2011, and applies to probation violations occurring on or after that date. The remainder of this section becomes effective December 1, 2011, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**SECTION 2.4.(a)** G.S. 15A-1340.17(e), as amended by Section 2(f) of S.L. 2011-192, reads as rewritten:

"(e) Maximum Sentences Specified for Class B1 through Class E Felonies for Minimum Terms up to 339 Months. – Unless provided otherwise in a statute establishing a punishment for a specific crime, for each minimum term of imprisonment in the chart in subsection (c) of this section, expressed in months, the corresponding maximum term of imprisonment, also expressed in months, is as specified in the table below for Class B1 through Class E felonies. The first figure in each cell of the table is the minimum term and the second is the maximum term.

15-30	16-32	17-33	18-34	19-35	20-36	21-38	22-39
23-40	24-41	25-42	26-44	27-45	28-46	29-47	30-48
31-50	32-51	33-52	34-53	35-54	36-56	37-57	38-58
39-59	40-60	41-62	42-63	43-64	44-65	45-66	46-68
47-69	48-70	49-71	50-72	51-74	52-75	53-76	54-77
55-78	56-80	57-81	58-82	59-83	60-84	61-86	62-87
63-88	64-89	65-90	66-91	67-93	68-94	69-95	70-96
71-98	72-99	73-100	74-101	75-102	76-104	77-105	78-106
79-107	80-108	81-110	82-111	83-112	84-113	85-114	86-115
87-117	88-118	89-119	90-120	91-122	92-123	93-124	94-125
95-126	96-128	97-129	98-130	99-131	100-132	101-134	102-135
103-136	104-137	105-138	106-140	107-141	108-142	109-143	110-144
111-146	112-147	113-148	114-149	115-150	116-152	117-153	118-154
119-155	120-156	121-158	122-159	123-160	124-161	125-162	126-164
127-165	128-166	129-167	130-168	131-170	132-171	133-172	134-173
135-174	136-176	137-177	138-178	139-179	140-180	141-182	142-183
143-184	144-185	145-186	146-188	147-189	148-190	149-191	150-192
151-194	152-195	153-196	154-197	155-198	156-200	157-201	158-202
159-203	160-204	161-206	162-207	163-208	164-209	165-210	166-212

167-213	168-214	169-215	170-216	171-218	172-219	173-220	174-221
175-222	176-224	177-225	178-226	179-227	180-228	181-230	182-231
183-232	184-233	185-234	186-236	187-237	188-238	189-239	190-240
191-242	192-243	193-244	194-245	195-246	196-248	197-249	198-250
199-251	200-252	201-254	202-255	203-256	204-257	205-258	206-260
207-261	208-262	209-263	210-264	211-266	212-267	213-268	214-269
215-270	216-271	217-273	218-274	219-275	220-276	221-278	222-279
223-280	224-281	225-282	226-284	227-285	228-286	229-287	230-288
231-290	232-291	233-292	234-293	235-294	236-296	237-297	238-298
239-299	240-300	241-302	242-303	243-304	244-305	245-306	246-308
247-309	248-310	249-311	250-312	251-314	252-315	253-316	254-317
255-318	256-320	257-321	258-322	259-323	260-324	261-326	262-327
263-328	264-329	265-330	266-332	267-333	268-334	269-335	270-336
271-338	272-339	273-340	274-341	275-342	276-344	277-345	278-346
279-347	280-348	281-350	282-351	283-352	284-353	285-354	286-356
287-357	288-358	289-359	290-360	291-362	292-363	293-364	294-365
295-366	296-368	297-369	298-370	299-371	300-372	301-374	302-375
303-376	304-377	305-378	306-380	307-381	308-382	309-383	310-384
311-386	312-387	313-388	314-389	315-390	316-392	317-393	318-394
319-395	320-396	321-398	322-399	323-400	324-401	325-402	326-404
327-405	<del>328-408</del>	329-407	330-408	331-410	332-411	333-412	334-413
335-414	336-416	337-417	338-418	339-419".			

**SECTION 2.4.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2011, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**SECTION 2.5.** Section 4(d) of S.L. 2011-192 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 4.(d)** ~~This Subsection (a) of this section is~~ becomes effective December 1, 2011, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date. Subsections (b) and (c) of this section become effective December 1, 2011, and apply to probation violations occurring on or after that date."

**SECTION 2.6.(a)** G.S. 15A-145.2(c), as amended by Section 5(b) of S.L. 2011-192, reads as rewritten:

"(c) Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of (i) any felony offense under any state or federal laws; (ii) any offense under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes; or (iii) an offense under any statute of the United States or any state relating to controlled substances included in any schedule of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes or to that paraphernalia included in Article 5B of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes, pleads guilty to or has been found guilty of ~~(i)~~ a misdemeanor under ~~this Article 5 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes~~ by possessing a controlled substance included within Schedules I through VI of Chapter 90, or by possessing drug paraphernalia as prohibited by G.S. 90-113.22 or ~~(ii)~~ pleads guilty to or has been found guilty of a felony under G.S. 90-95(a)(3), the court may, upon application of the person not sooner than 12 months after conviction, order cancellation of the judgment of conviction and expunction of the records of the person's arrest, indictment or information, trial, and conviction. A conviction in which the judgment of conviction has been canceled and the records expunged pursuant to this subsection shall not be thereafter deemed a conviction for purposes of this subsection or for purposes of disqualifications or liabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime, including the additional penalties imposed for second or subsequent convictions of Article 5 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes. Cancellation and expunction under this subsection may occur only once with respect to any person. Disposition of a case under this subsection at the district court division of the General Court of Justice shall be final for the purpose of appeal.

The granting of an application filed under this subsection shall cause the issue of an order to expunge from all official records, other than the confidential files retained under G.S. 15A-151, all recordation relating to the petitioner's arrest, indictment or information, trial, finding of guilty, judgment of conviction, cancellation of the judgment, and expunction of records pursuant to this subsection.

The judge to whom the petition is presented is authorized to call upon a probation officer for additional investigation or verification of the petitioner's conduct since conviction. If the court determines that the petitioner was convicted of (i) a misdemeanor under Article 5 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes for possessing a controlled substance included within Schedules I through VI of Article 5 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes or for possessing drug paraphernalia as prohibited in G.S. 90-113.22 or (ii) a felony under G.S. 90-95(a)(3), that the petitioner has no disqualifying previous convictions as set forth in this subsection, that the petitioner was not over 21 years of age at the time of the offense, that the petitioner has been of good behavior since his or her conviction, that the petitioner has successfully completed a drug education program approved for this purpose by the Department of Health and Human Services, and that the petitioner has not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than a traffic violation under the laws of this State at any time prior to or since the conviction for the offense in question, it shall enter an order of expunction of the petitioner's court record. The effect of such order shall be to restore the petitioner in the contemplation of the law to the status the petitioner occupied before arrest or indictment or information or conviction. No person as to whom such order was entered shall be held thereafter under any provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of the person's failures to recite or acknowledge such arrest, or indictment or information, or conviction, or trial in response to any inquiry made of him or her for any purpose. The judge may waive the condition that the petitioner attend the drug education school if the judge makes a specific finding that there was no drug education school within a reasonable distance of the defendant's residence or that there were specific extenuating circumstances which made it likely that the petitioner would not benefit from the program of instruction.

The court shall also order all law enforcement agencies, the Department of Correction, the Division of Motor Vehicles, and any other State or local agencies identified by the petitioner as bearing records of the conviction and records relating thereto to expunge their records of the conviction. The clerk shall notify State and local agencies of the court's order as provided in G.S. 15A-150."

**SECTION 2.6.(b)** This section becomes effective January 1, 2012, and applies to persons entering a plea or who are found guilty of an offense on or after that date.

**SECTION 2.7.** Effective January 1, 2012, G.S. 15A-1340.18(c), as enacted by Section 5(c) of S.L. 2011-192, reads as rewritten:

"(c) ~~The~~ When imposing an active sentence for an eligible defendant, the court, in its discretion and without objection from the prosecutor, may include a risk reduction incentive or incentives in sentencing an eligible defendant to an active sentence order that the Department of Correction admit the defendant to the ASR program. The Department of Correction shall admit to the ASR program only those defendants for which ASR is ordered in the sentencing judgment."

**SECTION 2.8.** Effective January 1, 2012, G.S. 15A-1340.18(e), as enacted by Section 5(c) of S.L. 2011-192, reads as rewritten:

"(e) The defendant shall be notified at sentencing that if the defendant completes the risk reduction incentives as identified by the Department, then he or she will be released on the ~~ASR date.~~ date, as determined by the Department pursuant to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section. If the Department determines that the defendant is unable to complete the incentives by the ASR date, through no fault of the defendant, then the defendant shall be released at the ASR date."

**SECTION 2.9.** Except as otherwise provided, this Part becomes effective December 1, 2011.

### **PART III. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATION**

**SECTION 3.1.** G.S. 68-25(b1), as enacted by S.L. 2011-313, is repealed.

**SECTION 3.2.** Section 6 of S.L. 2011-385 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 6. Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act become effective October 1, 2011, and apply to limited learner's permits and limited provisional licenses issued on or after that date. Section 1 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2011, and applies to persons issued a limited provisional license on or after that date. Section 2 of this act becomes effective January 1, 2012, and applies to persons issued a limited learner's permit on or after that date. Section 3 of this act becomes effective January 1, 2012, and applies to persons issued a limited provisional license on or after that date. Section 4 of this act becomes effective ~~October 1, 2011,~~ January 1, 2012, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date. The remainder of this act becomes effective October 1, 2011."

**SECTION 3.3.** Section 20 of S.L. 2011-391 is repealed.

### **PART IV. BAIL BONDSMEN**

**SECTION 4.1.** Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 58-71-200. Bondsman access to criminal court records.**

(a) In order to assist licensed sureties and their agents in evaluating potential and current clients for the purposes of bail, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide any individual with a current license to act as professional bondsman, surety bondsman, or runner with access to search criminal records in the Administrative Office of the Courts' real-time criminal information systems.

(b) Access granted under subsection (a) of this section shall be limited to information systems containing general criminal case information, as maintained by the clerks of superior court. Access shall not include systems for the production of criminal process by law enforcement officials and judicial officials under G.S. 15A-301.1 or other information not subject to public disclosure.

(c) Access provided pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be without charge for individual searches of the Administrative Office of the Courts' criminal information systems. In order to defray the costs of establishing access, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall charge initial setup fees equivalent to its fees for governmental agencies granted access to its systems to each individual granted access pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(d) All hardware, software, telecommunications charges, or other expenditures required for such access shall be the sole responsibility of the individual bondsman or runner. No State funds may be expended for any such expenses.

(e) The Commissioner shall coordinate the access granted under subsection (a) of this section by providing all information requested by the Administrative Office of the Courts for the establishment of access. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall not provide access to any bondsman or runner who fails to provide all information requested by the Commissioner.

(f) The Commissioner shall notify the Administrative Office of the Courts within 24 hours of any action to suspend or revoke a bondsman's or runner's license or authority to act as a bondsman or runner. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall immediately revoke access of the suspended or revoked bondsman or runner to its criminal information systems.

(g) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide to the Commissioner copies of its current policies for access to court information systems for users outside the Judicial Branch. Any bondsman or runner granted access pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall

adhere to all such policies. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall revoke access of any bondsman or runner who violates such policies.

(h) It is unlawful for any person to willfully do any of the following:

- (1) For any person to access information systems of the Administrative Office of the Courts by means of an online identifier, as defined in G.S. 14-208.6(1n), that was assigned to another individual by the Administrative Office of the Courts pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.
- (2) For any bondsman or runner granted access pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to allow any other person, directly or indirectly, to make use of access granted to the bondsman or runner pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.
- (3) For any bondsman or runner granted access pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to make use of that access at any time when the bondsman or runner knows or has reason to know that his or her license issued under this Article is in a state of suspension or revocation.
- (4) For any bondsman or runner granted access pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to distribute, in any medium or manner, information obtained from the information systems of the Administrative Office of the Courts to any person for any reason not directly related to the evaluation of the individual to whom the information pertains for the purposes of bail.

Unless the conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing for a greater punishment, any violation of this subsection shall be a Class H felony."

**SECTION 4.2.(a)** Section 8 of S.L. 2011-377 is repealed.

**SECTION 4.2.(b)** G.S. 15A-544.5(d)(4) reads as rewritten:

"(4) If neither the district attorney nor the board of education has filed a written objection to the motion by the twentieth day after the motion is ~~served,~~ served by the clerk of superior court pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Civil Procedure, the clerk shall enter an order setting aside the ~~forfeiture.~~ forfeiture, regardless of the basis for relief asserted in the motion, the evidence attached, or the absence of either."

**SECTION 4.2.(c)** G.S. 15A-544.5(d)(4), as amended by Section 4.2(b) of this act, reads as rewritten:

"(4) If neither the district attorney nor the attorney for the board of education has filed a written objection to the motion by the twentieth day after a copy of the motion is ~~served,~~ served by the clerk of superior court pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Civil Procedure, the clerk shall enter an order setting aside the forfeiture, regardless of the basis for relief asserted in the motion, the evidence attached, or the absence of either."

## **PART V. WATER SUPPLY LINES**

**SECTION 5.** Notwithstanding Section 5.1(b) of S.L. 1998-132, the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall grant a waiver to allow additional connections to a bond-funded waterline within an area designated as WS-I or the critical area of any area that has been designated as WS-II, WS-III, or WS-IV by the Environmental Management Commission pursuant to G.S. 143-214.5, provided the design capacity and size of the existing bond-funded waterline can accommodate the additional connections and the purpose of the additional connection is for either of the following reasons:

- (1) To address an existing threat to public health or water quality.
- (2) To provide water to a habitable structure located on a lot zoned for a single-family residence. There is no requirement that the habitable structure

existed on the lot at the time of the construction of the bond-funded waterline.

**PART VI. HOME INSPECTOR LICENSURE BOARD CLARIFICATION**

**SECTION 6.** G.S. 143-151.46(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Membership. – The North Carolina Home Inspector Licensure Board is established in the Department of Insurance. The Board shall be composed of the Commissioner of Insurance or the Commissioner's designee and seven additional members appointed as follows:

- (1) A public member who is not actively engaged in one of the professional categories in subdivisions (2) through (4) of this subsection, appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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**SECTION 7.** Except as otherwise provided herein, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

s/ Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This bill having been presented to the Governor for signature on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011 and the Governor having failed to approve it within the time prescribed by law, the same is hereby declared to have become a law. This 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

s/ Karen Jenkins  
Enrolling Clerk