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SENATE BILL 24*

Short Title: DYS Comprehensive Study.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Martin of Guilford, Perdue; Conder, Forrester, Walker, Marshall, Harris, Cooper, Lucas, Edwards, Plyler, Kerr, Speed, Gunter, Warren, Lee, Albertson, Sands, Seymour, Ward, Tally, and Hoyle.

Referred to: Juveniles/Prevention.

February 9, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO CONDUCT
2 A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES'
3 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. (a) The Department of Human Resources shall conduct a
7 comprehensive study of the Division of Youth Services' juvenile justice system in order
8 to ensure the efficacy, cost-effectiveness, and optimal utilization of the system and its
9 continuum of services.

10 This study shall include:

- 11 (1) An evaluation of the Community-Based Alternative Program;
- 12 (2) An evaluation of vocational education in the training schools;
- 13 (3) Alternatives to detention and to training schools; and
- 14 (4) Development of an early warning system in which potential youthful
15 offenders are identified at a very early age so that intervention can be
16 made to prevent adverse outcomes.

17 (b) The Department shall complete this study by November 30, 1994, and
18 shall report its findings and recommendations to the 1995 General Assembly by March
19 1, 1995.

20 (c) Notwithstanding G.S. 143-23, the Department of Human Resources, with the
21 approval of the Office of Budget and Management, may use any funds available to the
22 Department to fund this study.

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