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**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO REQUEST THE SUPREME COURT TO ADOPT A PLAN TO  
ADMINISTER JUSTICE WITHOUT DELAY IN NORTH CAROLINA TRIAL  
COURTS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The North Carolina Supreme Court is requested to develop and implement a case flow management plan designed to avoid delay and unnecessary appearances and to increase efficiency in the handling of cases in North Carolina's trial courts. The plan should:

- (1) Place responsibility for managing the flow of cases on specific persons;
- (2) Adopt case processing standards and goals;
- (3) Address the problem of delay;
- (4) Avoid unnecessary appearances in court by parties, witnesses, and attorneys;
- (5) Provide mechanisms for keeping continuous control of cases;
- (6) Have short-set deadlines throughout the process;
- (7) Include a limited continuance policy;
- (8) Consider the interests of victims and witnesses;
- (9) Set out accountability mechanisms; and

- 1           (10) Provide for training of those persons responsible for managing the case  
2           flow.
- 3           Sec. 2. The Supreme Court is requested to make a report detailing the case  
4 flow management plan to the 1995 General Assembly, Regular Session 1996, by January  
5 1, 1996. The report should include the recommended standards and goals; a report of the  
6 plan to implement those standards and goals; a timetable for implementation; persons  
7 responsible for managing the flow of cases and how they will be held accountable; how  
8 the plan is going to be evaluated; what training is necessary; and recommended  
9 legislation to facilitate implementation.
- 10          Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.