

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

**SENATE BILL 689  
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING COPIES OF THE TRIAL FILE TO APPOINTED APPELLATE COUNSEL IN INDIGENT CASES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-452 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(e) In cases in which an indigent person has entered notice of appeal and appellate counsel has been appointed by the Office of Indigent Defense Services, the clerk of superior court shall make a copy of the complete trial division file in the case, make a copy of documentary exhibits upon request, and furnish those files and any requested documentary exhibits to the appointed attorney."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005