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HOUSE BILL 1682
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Short Title: Study/NC No Place for Torture Act.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA SENTENCING AND POLICY
3 ADVISORY COMMISSION TO STUDY THE MOST APPROPRIATE
4 PENALTIES FOR LEGISLATION MAKING TORTURE, ENFORCED
5 DISAPPEARANCE, AND RELATED ACTS UNLAWFUL IN NORTH
6 CAROLINA, RECOGNIZING THE SEVERITY OF THESE CRIMES WHILE
7 MAKING THE SENTENCING CONSISTENT WITH SENTENCES IMPOSED
8 FOR RELATED CRIMES SUCH AS KIDNAPPING.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory
11 Commission shall study the most appropriate penalties for legislation making torture,
12 enforced disappearance, and related acts crimes in North Carolina, recognizing the
13 severity of these crimes while providing for sentencing that is consistent with the
14 sentences imposed for related crimes such as kidnapping.

15 **SECTION 2.** The Sentencing Commission shall report its findings and
16 recommendations to the General Assembly, including recommended language for a bill
17 to be introduced in the 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly. The report
18 and recommendations shall be delivered to the Speaker of the House of Representatives
19 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate not later than January 31, 2008. The report
20 and recommendations may be included in the report to the General Assembly required
21 by G.S. 164-36(a), provided the report and recommendations required by this act are
22 delivered no later than January 31, 2008.

23 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.