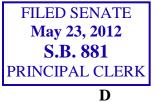
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2011



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SENATE DRS35328-LHz-204 (03/14)

Short Title:	Transfer Evidence Warehouse to DPS.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Goolsby.	
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED		
2	AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE WAREHOUSE FORMERLY OPERATED BY THE LAW		
3	ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION AND ITS CONTENTS FROM THI		
4	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO		
5	ASSIGN THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE STORAGE AND MANAGEMENT OF		
6	EVIDENCE HOUSED IN THE WAREHOUSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC		
7	SAFETY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT		
8	COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY.		
9	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:		
10	SECTION 1. Section 19.1(cc) of S.L. 2011-145 is repealed.		
11	SECTION 2. The evidence warehouse that was operated by the Law Enforcemen		
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13	January 1, 2012, is transferred to the Office of External Affairs in the Department of Public		
14	Safety. All State-owned personal property located in or associated with the warehouse and all		
15	evidence of any type, including rape kits, located in the warehouse are reallocated to the Office		
16	of External Affairs in the Department of Public Safety. The warehouse shall be known as the		
17	"Victim Services Warehouse." The Department of Public Safety shall assume any lease to		
18	which the warehouse is subject at the time this section becomes effective.		
19	SECTION 3. G.S. 143B-600(a)(7) reads as rewritten:		
20	"(7) The Office of External Affairs, which shall be responsible for federal and		
21	State liaison activities, victim services, the Victim Services Warehouse and		
22	the storage and management of evidence and other contents housed in the		
23	warehouse, and public affairs."		
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25	to read:		
26	"(12) To provide central storage and management of evidence according to the		
27	provisions of Article 13 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes and create		
28	and maintain a databank of statewide storage locations of postconviction		
29	evidence or other similar programs.		
30	(13) To provide central storage and management of rape kits according to the		
31	federal Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization		
32	Act of 2005 with specific protections against release of names of victime		
33	providing anonymous or "Jane Doe" rape kits without victim consent.		
34 25	(14) To provide for the storage and management of evidence."		
35	SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.		

