

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 463

Short Title: Jail Dormitory Minimum Standards. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Woodard and McKissick (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Finance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR JAIL
3 DORMITORIES TO ALLOW COUNTIES WITH POPULATIONS IN EXCESS OF TWO
4 HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND INMATES TO HOUSE SIXTY-FOUR INMATES PER
5 DORMITORY SO LONG AS CERTAIN MINIMUM STANDARDS ARE MET.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 153A-221(d) reads as rewritten:

8 "(d) Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, each dormitory in a county
9 detention facility may house up to 64 inmates as long as the dormitory provides all of the
10 following:

- 11 (1) A minimum floor space of 70 square feet per inmate, including both the
12 sleeping and dayroom areas.
- 13 (2) One shower per eight inmates, one toilet per eight inmates, one sink with a
14 security mirror per eight inmates, and one water fountain.
- 15 (3) A telephone jack or other telephone arrangement provided within the
16 dormitory.
- 17 (4) Space designed to allow a variety of activities.
- 18 (5) Sufficient seating and tables for all inmates.
- 19 (6) A way for officers to observe the entire area from the entrance.

20 This subsection applies only to those counties that have a population in excess of
21 ~~300,000~~, 250,000, according to the most recent decennial federal census."

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

