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Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO STUDY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL SAFETY FROM  
HOSTILE THREATS AND WHAT DEFENSIVE RESOURCES SHOULD BE  
ALLOWED TO PREVENT INJURY TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE  
PERSONNEL OR THE PATIENTS UNDER THEIR CARE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health  
Service Regulation, in consultation with the North Carolina Medical Care Commission and the  
Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, shall study how emergency  
medical service personnel can reduce the threat of bodily harm when performing duties  
necessary for the health and safety of the public. The study shall address all of the following:

- (1) Crisis intervention courses.
- (2) Self-defense tactics.
- (3) Use of protective body garments and vests.
- (4) Non-lethal deterrents such as conducted electrical weapons.
- (5) Non-lethal deterrents such as chemical irritants, mace, pepper spray, and tear gas.

**SECTION 2.** The Division shall report its findings to the Joint Legislative  
Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services no later than April 1, 2016.

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



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