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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS, TRAINING, AND OVERSIGHT FOR STATE
AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; TO CREATE A DECERTIFICATION
DATABASE; TO REQUIRE USE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S
NEXT GENERATION IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND RAP BACK SERVICE FOR
LAW ENFORCEMENT; TO REQUIRE REPORTING RELATED TO GIGLIO
MATERIAL; TO EXPAND TRANSPORTATION OF INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT
RESPONDENTS; TO STANDARDIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ENTRY
REQUIREMENTS AND ONGOING REQUIREMENTS; TO REQUIRE
PSYCHOLOGICAL SCREENINGS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PRIOR TO
CERTIFICATION OR EMPLOYMENT; TO EDUCATE LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS ON MAINTAINING GOOD MENTAL HEALTH, AND TO PROVIDE
INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON MENTAL HEALTH
RESOURCES AVAILABLE; TO CREATE A PHYSICAL FITNESS STUDY; TO
EXPAND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS' COURT DATE
REMINDER SYSTEM; TO DECRIMINALIZE CERTAIN LOCAL ORDINANCES AND
PROVIDE COMPLIANCE AS A DEFENSE TO AN ORDINANCE VIOLATION; TO
INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR RIOT OFFENSES; TO MANDATE
MISDEMEANOR FIRST APPEARANCES WHEN A DEFENDANT IS IN CUSTODY;
TO REQUIRE USE OF THE NATIONAL DECERTIFICATION INDEX MAINTAINED
BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING IN THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS
FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL; TO ESTABLISH A DUTY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS TO INTERVENE IN AND REPORT EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE; TO
ADDRESS CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES WITH SATELLITE-BASED MONITORING
RAISED IN STATE VERSUS GRADY AND CREATE A PROCESS TO REVIEW
WHETHER OFFENDERS SUBJECT TO THAT CASE WHICH WERE REMOVED
FROM SATELLITE-BASED MONITORING ARE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE; AND TO
REMOVE THE STANDARDS COMMISSIONS FROM A NONEXCLUSIVE LIST OF
STATE AGENCY LICENSING BOARDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I. DECERTIFICATION STATEWIDE DATABASE AND PUBLIC LAW
ENFORCEMENT DATABASE REGULATIONS

   SECTION 1.(a) Article 1 of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes is amended by
adding a new section to read:
"§ 17C-14. Database of law enforcement officer certification suspensions and revocations.

The Commission shall develop and maintain a statewide database accessible to the public on its website that contains all revocations and suspensions of law enforcement officer certifications by the Commission."

SECTION 1.(b) Chapter 17E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 17E-14. Database of justice officer certification suspensions and revocations.

The Commission shall develop and maintain a statewide database accessible to the public on its website that contains all revocations and suspensions of justice officer certifications by the Commission."

SECTION 1.(c) This section becomes effective October 1, 2021.

PART II. REQUIRE USE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S NEXT GENERATION IDENTIFICATION (NGI) SYSTEM AND RAP BACK SERVICE

SECTION 2.(a) Article 13 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:


(a) The State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) shall provide to the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission the criminal history of any person who applies for certification or is certified, as a criminal justice officer or justice officer or any other position that requires certification with either Commission, from the State and National Repositories of Criminal Histories. Each agency employing a certified criminal justice officer or justice officer shall provide to the SBI the fingerprints of certified officers, other identifying information required by the State and National Repositories, and any additional information required by the SBI.

(b) The SBI shall conduct a criminal history records check using the fingerprints of the applicants and certified officers, in accordance with 12 NCAC 09B, 0103 and 12 NCAC 10B, 0302, and enroll the fingerprints in the Statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS).

(c) In addition to searching the State's criminal history record file, the SBI shall forward a set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a national criminal history record check. The SBI shall enroll each individual whose fingerprints are received under this section in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Next Generation Identification (NGI) System and Criminal Justice Record of Arrest and Prosecution Background (Rap Back) Service. The SBI will also notify the certifying Commission of any subsequent arrest of an individual identified through the Rap Back Service.

(d) Within 15 business days of receiving notification by either Commission that the individual whose fingerprints have been stored in the State Automated Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS) pursuant to subsection (b) of this section has withdrawn the application or separated from employment and an Affidavit of Separation has been filed with either Commission, the SBI shall remove the individual's fingerprints from SAFIS and forward a request to the FBI to remove the fingerprints from the NGI System and the Criminal Justice Rap Back Service.

(e) The Commissions shall keep all information obtained pursuant to this section confidential."
SECTION 2.(b) No later than June 30, 2023, all personnel certified by either Commission shall have their fingerprints electronically submitted to the SBI for a state and national criminal history check.

SECTION 2.(c) This section becomes effective January 1, 2023.

PART III. CRITICAL INCIDENT STATEWIDE DATABASE

SECTION 3.(a) G.S. 17C-2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 17C-2. Definitions.

Unless the context clearly otherwise requires, the following definitions apply in this Article:

(3a) Critical incident. – An incident involving any use of force by a law enforcement officer that results in death or serious bodily injury to a person.

SECTION 3.(b) Article 1 of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 17C-15. Database for law enforcement officer critical incident information.

(a) The Division shall develop and maintain a statewide database for use by law enforcement agencies that tracks all critical incident data of law enforcement officers in North Carolina.

(b) All law enforcement agencies in the State that employ personnel certified by the Commission shall provide any information requested by the Division to maintain the database required by subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Information collected under this section that is confidential under State or federal law shall remain confidential.

(d) A law enforcement officer who is reported to the Division as having been involved in a critical incident who disputes being involved in a critical incident has a right, prior to being placed in the database, to request a contested case hearing regarding that determination pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes."

SECTION 3.(c) This section becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to critical incidents on or after that date.
PART IV. REPORT REQUIREMENT RELATED TO GIGLIO MATERIAL

SECTION 4(a) Article 1 of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

“§ 17C-16. Requirement to report material relevant to testimony.

(a) Any person who is certified by the Commission or has received a conditional offer of employment and who has been notified that the person may not be called to testify at trial based on bias, interest, or lack of credibility shall report and provide a copy of that notification to the Criminal Justice Standards Division within 30 days of receiving the notification, except as provided in subsection (h) of this section. This requirement shall only apply if the person is notified by one of the following methods:

(1) In writing by a superior court judge, district court judge, federal judge, district attorney, assistant district attorney, United States attorney, or assistant United States attorney.

(2) In open court by a superior court judge, district court judge, or federal judge, and documented in a written order.

(b) The report to the Division shall be in writing and shall state who notified the person that the person may not be called to testify at trial. A person required to report to the Division under subsection (a) of this section shall make the same report to the person’s agency head within 30 days of being notified that the person may not be called to testify at trial. An agency head who receives a report that a person in the agency has been notified that the person may not be called to testify at trial shall also report the notification to the Division in writing within 30 days of the agency head’s receipt of that report.

(c) A superior court judge, district court judge, federal judge, district attorney, assistant district attorney, United States attorney, or assistant United States attorney who notifies a person that the person may not be called to testify at trial as provided in subsection (a) of this section shall report that notification to the Division and provide a copy of the written document or order within 30 days of notifying the person that the person may not be called to testify at trial.

(d) If the Division transfers to another agency the certification of any person required to report to the Division pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Division shall provide written notification to both the head of the new agency and the elected district attorney in the prosecutorial district where the agency is located that the person has been previously notified that the person may not be called to testify at trial. If the new agency receiving notification pursuant to this subsection is a State agency, the Division shall notify the elected district attorney in every prosecutorial district of the State.

(e) If any person required to report to the Division pursuant to subsection (a) of this section is subsequently informed in writing that the notification has been rescinded, the person shall provide the Division a copy of that document. The provisions of subsection (d) of this section do not apply if the person required to report pursuant to subsection (a) of this section is subsequently informed in writing that the notification has been rescinded.

(f) No later than March 1 each year, the Commission shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety regarding the number of individuals for whom the Division received a report required by subsection (a) of this section during the previous calendar year. The report shall include information for each case on whether a final agency decision has been entered pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes and what action, if any, has been taken against each certification. The report shall not include the name or any other identifying information of any person required to report pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(g) The reports and notifications received by the Division pursuant to this section shall not be public record.

(h) Any person who has received a notification that may meet the reporting requirement provided in subsection (a) of this section may apply for a hearing in a court of competent
jurisdiction for a judicial determination of whether or not the person received a notification that
the person may not be called to testify at trial based on bias, interest, or lack of credibility. This
hearing is limited to reviewing whether (i) a person who is certified by the Commission or has
received a conditional offer of employment, (ii) has been notified in writing by a superior court
judge, district court judge, federal judge, district attorney, assistant district attorney, United States
attorney, or assistant United States attorney; or notified in open court by a superior court judge,
district court judge, or federal judge, and documented in a written order, and (iii) that notification
states that the person may not be called to testify at trial based on bias, interest, or lack of
credibility, not matters of law or admissibility. The person must provide notice of the hearing to
the Division. One extension of 15 days will be added to the 30-day reporting requirement
provided in subsection (a) of this section if notice of a hearing is received."

SECTION 4.(b) Chapter 17E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
section to read:

"§ 17E-16. Requirement to report material relevant to testimony.

(a) Any person who is certified by the Commission or has received a conditional offer of
employment and who has been notified that the person may not be called to testify at trial based
on bias, interest, or lack of credibility shall report and provide a copy of that notification to the
Justice Officers’ Standards Division within 30 days of receiving the notification, except as
provided in subsection (h) of this section. This requirement shall only apply if the person is
notified by one of the following methods:

(1) In writing by a superior court judge, district court judge, federal judge, district
attorney, assistant district attorney, United States attorney, or assistant United
States attorney.

(2) In open court by a superior court judge, district court judge, or federal judge
and documented in a written order.

(b) The report to the Division shall be in writing and shall state who notified the person
that the person may not be called to testify at trial. A person required to report to the Division
under subsection (a) of this section shall make the same report to the person’s agency head within
30 days of being notified that the person may not be called to testify at trial. An agency head who
receives a report that a person in the agency has been notified that the person may not be called
to testify at trial shall also report the notification to the Division in writing within 30 days of the
agency head’s receipt of that report.

(c) A superior court judge, district court judge, federal judge, district attorney, assistant
district attorney, United States attorney, or assistant United States attorney who notifies a person
that the person may not be called to testify at trial as provided in subsection (a) of this section
shall report that notification to the Division and provide a copy of the written document or order
within 30 days of notifying the person that the person may not be called to testify at trial.

(d) If the Division transfers to another agency the certification of any person required to
report to the Division pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Division shall provide written
notification to both the head of the new agency and the elected district attorney in the
prosecutorial district where the agency is located that the person has been previously notified that
the person may not be called to testify at trial. If the new agency receiving notification pursuant
to this subsection is a State agency, the Division shall notify the elected district attorney in every
prosecutorial district of the State.

(e) If any person required to report to the Division pursuant to subsection (a) of this
section is subsequently informed in writing that the notification has been rescinded, the
person shall provide the Division a copy of that document. The provisions of subsection (d) of
this section do not apply if the person required to report pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
is subsequently informed in writing that the notification has been rescinded.

(f) No later than March 1 each year, the Commission shall report to the Joint Legislative
Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety regarding the number of individuals for whom
the Division received a report required by subsection (a) of this section during the previous
calendar year. The report shall include information for each case on whether a final agency
decision has been entered and what action, if any, has been taken against each certification. The
report shall not include the name or any other identifying information of any person required to
report pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(g) The reports and notifications received by the Division pursuant to this section shall
not be public record.

(h) Any person who has received a notification that may meet the reporting requirement
provided in subsection (a) of this section may apply for a hearing in a court of competent
jurisdiction for a judicial determination of whether or not the person received a notification that
the person may not be called to testify at trial based on bias, interest, or lack of credibility. This
hearing is limited to reviewing whether (i) a person who is certified by the Commission or has
received a conditional offer of employment, (ii) has been notified in writing by a superior court
judge, district court judge, federal judge, district attorney, assistant district attorney, United States
attorney, or assistant United States attorney; or notified in open court by a superior court judge,
district court judge, or federal judge, and documented in a written order, and (iii) that notification
states that the person may not be called to testify at trial based on bias, interest, or lack of
credibility, not matters of law or admissibility. The person must provide notice of the hearing to
the Division. One extension of 15 days will be added to the 30-day reporting requirement
provided in subsection (a) of this section, if notice of a hearing is received."

SECTION 4.(c) This section becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to
notifications received prior to, on, or after that date by persons required to report pursuant to this
act.

PART V. REQUIRE CERTAIN MINIMUM LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
STANDARDS

SECTION 5.(a) The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards
Commission and the Sheriffs’ Education and Training Standards Commission shall jointly
develop uniform, statewide minimum standards for law enforcement officers and justice officers
and adopt these standards as rules.

SECTION 5.(b) Each Commission shall report the standards developed pursuant to
subsection (a) of this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public
Safety no later than December 31, 2021.

SECTION 5.(c) Each Commission may adopt temporary rules under G.S. 150B-21.1
to comply with this section and shall adopt permanent rules to comply with this section by
December 31, 2022.

PART VI. TRANSPORTATION OF INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT
RESPONDENTS

SECTION 6.(a) G.S. 122C-251(f) reads as rewritten:

"(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, a clerk,
a magistrate, or a district court judge, where applicable, may authorize either a health care
provider of the respondent or the family or immediate friends of the respondent, if they so request,
to transport the respondent in accordance with the procedures of this Article. This authorization
shall only be granted in cases where the danger to the public, the health care provider of the
respondent, the family or friends of the respondent, or the respondent himself or herself is not
substantial. The health care provider of the respondent or the family or immediate friends of the
respondent shall bear the costs of providing this transportation."

SECTION 6.(b) This section becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to
custody orders issued on or after that date.
PART VII. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, ONGOING REQUIREMENTS, AND CREATE A PHYSICAL FITNESS STUDY

SECTION 7.(a) G.S. 17C-6(a) reads as rewritten:
"(a) In addition to powers conferred upon the Commission elsewhere in this Article, the Commission shall have the following powers, which shall be enforceable through its rules and regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of G.S. 17C-10:

... (2) Establish minimum educational and training standards that must be met in order to qualify for entry level employment and retention as a criminal justice officer in temporary or probationary status or in a permanent position. The standards for entry level employment shall include all of the following:

... c. Education and training to develop knowledge and increase awareness of effective mental health and wellness strategies for criminal justice officers.

... (14) Establish minimum standards for in-service training for criminal justice officers. In-service training standards shall include all of the following:

... c. Training to develop knowledge and increase awareness of effective mental health and wellness strategies for criminal justice officers. The standards established shall include two hours of training on this issue every three years.

..."

SECTION 7.(b) G.S. 17E-4(a) reads as rewritten:
"(a) The Commission shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities, which are enforceable through its rules and regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of G.S. 17E-8 and G.S. 17E-9:

... (2) Establish minimum educational and training standards that may be met in order to qualify for entry level employment as an officer in temporary or probationary status or in a permanent position. The standards for entry level employment of officers shall include all of the following:

... c. Education and training to develop knowledge and increase awareness of effective mental health and wellness strategies for justice officers.

... (11) Establish minimum standards for in-service training for justice officers. In-service training standards shall include all of the following:

... c. Training to develop knowledge and increase awareness of effective mental health and wellness strategies for justice officers. The standards established shall include two hours of training on this issue every three years.

..."

SECTION 7.(c) G.S. 17C-10(c) reads as rewritten:
"(c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, the Commission, by rules and regulations, shall fix other qualifications for the employment, training, and retention of criminal justice officers including minimum age, education, physical and mental standards, citizenship, good moral character, experience, and such other matters as relate to the competence and reliability of persons to assume and discharge the responsibilities of criminal justice officers,
and the officers. The Commission shall prescribe the means for presenting evidence of fulfillment of these requirements. The Commission shall require the administration of a psychological screening examination, including a face-to-face interview conducted by a licensed psychologist, to determine the criminal justice officer's psychological suitability to properly fulfill the responsibilities of the criminal justice officer. The psychological screening examination shall be given (i) prior to the initial certification and (ii) before the criminal justice officer is employed by an agency.

Where minimum educational standards are not met, yet the individual shows potential and a willingness to achieve the standards by extra study, they may be waived by the Commission for the reasonable amount of time it will take to achieve the standards required. Such an educational waiver shall not exceed 12 months."

SECTION 7.(d) G.S. 17E-7(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, the Commission, by rules and regulations, may fix other qualifications for the employment and retention of justice officers including minimum age, education, physical and mental standards, citizenship, good moral character, experience, and such other matters as relate to the competence and reliability of persons to assume and discharge the responsibilities of the office, and the office. The Commission shall prescribe the means for presenting evidence of fulfillment of these requirements. The Commission shall require the administration of a psychological screening examination, including a face-to-face interview conducted by a licensed psychologist, to determine the justice officer's psychological suitability to properly fulfill the responsibilities of the office. The psychological screening examination shall be given (i) prior to the initial certification and (ii) before the justice officer is employed by an agency.

Where minimum educational standards are not met, yet the individual shows potential and a willingness to achieve the standards by extra study, they may be waived by the Commission for the reasonable amount of time it will take to achieve the standards required. Upon petition from a sheriff, the Commission may grant a waiver of any provisions of this section (17E-7) for any justice officer serving that sheriff."

SECTION 7.(e) In developing the standards and training required by subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission are encouraged to adopt standards that provide training conducted by mental health professionals and through face-to-face instruction.

SECTION 7.(f) The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission shall regularly provide information on any statewide mental health resources specifically available to criminal justice officers or justice officers to all criminal justice agencies or departments in the State that employ officers certified by either Commission.

SECTION 7.(g) All criminal justice agencies or departments in the State that employ criminal justice officers certified by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission or justice officers certified by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission shall coordinate with the appropriate local management entity/managed care organization (LME/MCO) or prepaid health plan, as defined under G.S. 108D-1, to make information on State and local mental health resources and programs easily available to all employees and develop policies to encourage employees to utilize the resources available.

SECTION 7.(h) The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission shall jointly study the benefits, if any, of requiring physical fitness testing throughout the career of a law enforcement officer, and shall also study whether that testing, if required, should be incrementally adjusted based upon the age of the law enforcement officer,
and report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety no later than March 31, 2022.

SECTION 7.(i) The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs’ Education and Training Standards Commission shall implement the requirements of subsections (a) through (d) of this section no later than January 1, 2022. The requirements of subsections (c) and (d) of this section shall apply to certifications issued and employees entering employment on or after the implementation date of those requirements.

SECTION 7.(j) Subsections (a) through (d) of this section become effective January 1, 2022, and apply to applications for law enforcement certification filed on or after that date. The remainder of this section is effective when it becomes law.

PART VIII. DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS

SECTION 8.(a) Chapter 17A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

§ 17A-10. Development of law enforcement early warning system.

(a) Every agency in the State that employs personnel certified by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission or the North Carolina Sheriffs’ Education and Training Standards Commission shall develop and implement an early warning system to document and track the actions and behaviors of law enforcement officers for the purpose of intervening and improving performance. The early warning system required by this section shall include information, at a minimum, regarding the following:

(1) Instances of the discharge of a firearm.

(2) Instances of use of force.

(3) Vehicle collisions.

(4) Citizen complaints.

(b) Information collected under this section that is confidential under State or federal law shall remain confidential.

(c) For purposes of this section, "law enforcement officer" means any sworn law enforcement officers with the power of arrest, both State and local.

SECTION 8.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to actions and behaviors on or after that date.

PART IX. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BEST PRACTICES RECRUITING GUIDE


SECTION 9.(b) The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs’ Education and Training Standards Commission shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety no later than April 1, 2022, regarding the best practices guide required by subsection (a) of this section.

PART X. INVESTIGATIONS OF OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

SECTION 10.(a) G.S. 143B-919 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(b1) The Bureau shall, upon request of the Governor or a sheriff, chief of police, head of a State law enforcement agency, district attorney, or the Commissioner of Prisons, investigate and prepare evidence in the event of any of the following:
(1) A sworn law enforcement officer with the power to arrest uses force against
an individual in the performance of the officer's duties that results in the death
of, or serious bodily injury to, the individual.

(2) An individual in the custody of the Department of Public Safety, a State
prison, a county jail, or a local confinement facility, regardless of the physical
location of the individual, dies or suffers serious bodily injury.

"Serious bodily injury" as used in this subsection is defined as bodily injury that creates a
substantial risk of death, or that causes serious permanent disfigurement, coma, a permanent or
protracted condition that causes extreme pain, or permanent or protracted loss or impairment of
the function of any bodily member or organ, or that results in prolonged hospitalization.

SECTION 10.(b) This section becomes effective October 1, 2021.

PART XI. MANDATORY IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS

SECTION 11.(a) G.S. 17C-6(a), as amended by Section 7 of this act, reads as
rewritten:

"(a) In addition to powers conferred upon the Commission elsewhere in this Article, the
Commission shall have the following powers, which shall be enforceable through its rules and
regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of G.S. 17C-10:

…

(14) Establish minimum standards for in-service training for criminal justice
officers. In-service training standards for sworn law enforcement officers shall
include all of the following training topics:

a. Training in response to, and investigation of, domestic

violence cases, as well as training investigation for evidence-based

prosecutions.

b. Training on juvenile justice issues, including (i) the handling

and processing of juvenile matters for referrals, diversion, arrests, and
detention; (ii) best practices for handling incidents involving juveniles;
(iii) adolescent development and psychology; and (iv) promoting
relationship building with youth as a key to delinquency prevention.

c. Ethics.
d. Mental health for criminal justice officers.
e. Community policing.
f. Minority sensitivity.
g. Use of force.
h. The duty to intervene and report.

…"

SECTION 11.(b) G.S. 17E-4(a), as amended by Section 7 of this act, reads as
rewritten:

"(a) The Commission shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities, which
are enforceable through its rules and regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of
G.S. 17E-8 and G.S. 17E-9:

…

(11) Establish minimum standards for in-service training for justice officers.
In-service training standards for sworn law enforcement officers shall include
all of the following training topics:

a. Training in response to, and investigation of, domestic

violence cases, as well as training investigation for evidence-based

prosecutions. For purposes of the domestic violence training

requirement, the term "justice officer" shall include those defined in
G.S. 17E-2(3)a., except that the term shall not include "special deputy sheriffs" as defined in G.S. 17E-2(3)a.

b. Training on juvenile justice issues, including (i) the handling and processing of juvenile matters for referrals, diversion, arrests, and detention; (ii) best practices for handling incidents involving juveniles; (iii) adolescent development and psychology; and (iv) promoting relationship building with youth as a key to delinquency prevention.

c. Ethics.

d. Mental health for justice officers.

e. Community policing.

f. Minority sensitivity.

g. Use of force.

h. The duty to intervene and report.

SECTION 11.(c) This section becomes effective January 1, 2022.

PART XII. EXEMPT CHANGES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IN-SERVICE TRAINING STANDARDS FROM RULEMAKING

SECTION 12.(a) G.S. 150B-1(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Exemptions from Rule Making. – Article 2A of this Chapter does not apply to the following:

..."

(6a) The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission with respect to establishing minimum standards for in-service training for criminal justice officers under G.S. 17C-6(a)(14).

(6b) The Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission with respect to establishing minimum standards for in-service training for justice officers under G.S. 17E-4(a)(11).

"..."

SECTION 12.(b) This section is effective when it becomes law.

PART XIII. UTILIZE TECHNOLOGY TO LIMIT FAILURES TO APPEAR IN COURT

SECTION 13.(a) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall automatically enroll all criminal defendants into its court date reminder system. A criminal defendant shall be allowed to opt out of this automatic enrollment by using processes developed by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The processes that allow a criminal defendant to opt out of this automatic enrollment shall be developed and implemented no later than December 1, 2021.

SECTION 13.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to criminal defendants arrested on or after that date.

PART XIV. DECRIMINALIZATION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES

SECTION 14.(a) G.S. 153A-123 reads as rewritten:

"§ 153A-123. Enforcement of ordinances.

..."

(b) Unless the board of commissioners has provided otherwise. Except for the types of ordinances listed in subsection (b1) of this section, violation of a county ordinance is may be a misdemeanor or infraction as provided by G.S. 14-4. G.S. 14-4 only if the county specifies such in the ordinance. An ordinance may provide by express statement that the maximum fine, term of imprisonment, or infraction penalty to be imposed for a violation is some amount of money or number of days less than the maximum imposed by G.S. 14-4. Notwithstanding G.S. 153A-45,
no ordinance specifying a criminal penalty may be enacted at the meeting in which it is first
introduced.

(b1) No ordinance of the following types may impose a criminal penalty:
   (1) Any ordinance adopted under Article 18 of this Chapter, Planning and
       Regulation of Development or, its successor, Chapter 160D of the General
       Statutes, except for those ordinances related to unsafe buildings.
   (2) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 153A-134, Regulating and licensing
       businesses, trades, etc.
   (3) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 153A-138, Registration of mobile
       homes, house trailers, etc.
   (4) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 153A-140.1, Stream-clearing
       programs.
   (5) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 153A-143, Regulation of outdoor
       advertising or, its successor, G.S. 160D-912, Outdoor advertising.
   (6) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 153A-144, Limitations on regulating
       solar collectors or, its successor, G.S. 160D-914, Solar collectors.
   (7) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 153A-145, Limitations on regulating
       cisterns and rain barrels.
   (8) Any ordinance regulating trees.

"§ 160A-175. Enforcement of ordinances.
..."

SECTION 14.(b) G.S. 160A-175 reads as rewritten:
"§ 160A-175. Enforcement of ordinances.
..."

(b) Unless the Council shall otherwise provide, Except for the types of ordinances listed
in subsection (b1) of this section, violation of a city ordinance...
(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this section, if any person shall violate an
ordinance of a county, city, town, or metropolitan sewerage district created under Article 5 of
Chapter 162A, he shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five
hundred dollars ($500.00). No fine shall exceed fifty dollars ($50.00) unless the ordinance
expressly states that the maximum fine is greater than fifty dollars ($50.00).
(b) If any person shall violate an ordinance of a county, city, or town regulating the
operation or parking of vehicles, he shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be required to
pay a penalty of not more than fifty dollars ($50.00).
(c) A person may not be found responsible or guilty of a local ordinance violation if,
when tried for that violation, the person produces proof of compliance with the local ordinance
through any of the following:

(1) No new alleged violations of the local ordinance within 30 days from the date
of the initial alleged violation.
(2) The person provides proof of a good-faith effort to seek assistance to address
any underlying factors related to unemployment, homelessness, mental health,
or substance abuse that might relate to the person's ability to comply with the
local ordinance."

SECTION 14.(d) This section becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to
offenses and violations committed on or after that date.

PART XV. INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR RIOT OFFENSES

SECTION 15.(a) G.S. 14-288.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-288.2. Riot; inciting to riot; punishments.
(a) A riot is a public disturbance involving an assemblage of three or more persons which
by disorderly and violent conduct, or the imminent threat of disorderly and violent conduct,
results in injury or damage to persons or property or creates a clear and present danger of injury
or damage to persons or property.
(b) Any person who willfully engages in a riot is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.
(c) Any person who willfully engages in a riot is guilty of a Class G felony, if:
(1) In the course of the riot there is if in the course of the riot, the
person causes property damage in excess of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500)
or serious bodily injury; or
(2) The person brandishes a dangerous weapon or uses a dangerous
substance.
(c1) Any person who willfully engages in a riot is guilty of a Class F felony if one of the
following applies:
(1) In the course of the riot, the person causes serious bodily injury to another.
(2) Such participant in the riot has in his possession any In the course of the riot,
the person brandishes a dangerous weapon or uses a dangerous
substance.
(d) Any person who willfully incites or urges another to engage in a riot, so that as a
result of such inciting or urging a riot occurs or a clear and present danger of a riot is created, is
guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.
(e) Any person who willfully incites or urges another to engage in a riot, and such inciting
or urging is a contributing cause of a riot in which there is property damage in excess of fifteen
hundred dollars ($1,500) or serious bodily injury, shall be punished as a Class F felon.
(f) For the purposes of this section, "dangerous substance" may include, but is not limited
to, tear gas or pepper spray.
(g) Mere presence alone without an overt act is not sufficient to sustain a conviction
pursuant to this section."

SECTION 15.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to
offenses committed on or after that date.
PART XVI. REQUIRE MANDATORY FIRST APPEARANCE FOR MISDEMEANORS
WHEN DEFENDANT IS IN CUSTODY AND REQUIRE FIRST APPEARANCE FOR
ALL CHARGES WHEN DEFENDANT IS IN CUSTODY TO BE HELD WITHIN
SEVENTY-TWO HOURS

SECTION 16.(a) G.S. 15A-601 reads as rewritten:
"§ 15A-601. First appearance before a district court judge; right in felony and other cases
in original jurisdiction of superior court; consolidation of first appearance
before magistrate and before district court judge; first appearance before clerk
of superior court; use of two-way audio and video transmission.

(a) Any defendant charged in a magistrate's order under G.S. 15A-511 or criminal
process under Article 17 of this Chapter, Criminal Process, with a crime in the original
jurisdiction of the superior court must be brought before a district court judge in the district court
district as defined in G.S. 7A-133 in which the crime is charged to have been committed. This
first appearance before a district court judge is not a critical stage of the proceedings against the
defendant.

Any defendant charged in a magistrate's order under G.S. 15A-511 or criminal process under
Article 17 of this Chapter, Criminal Process, with a misdemeanor offense and held in custody
must be brought before a district court judge in the district court district as defined in G.S. 7A-133
in which the crime is charged to have been committed. This first appearance before a district
court judge is not a critical stage of the proceedings against the defendant.

(b) When a district court judge conducts an initial appearance as provided in
G.S. 15A-511, the judge may consolidate those proceedings and the proceedings under this
Article.

(c) Unless the defendant is released pursuant to Article 26 of this Chapter, Bail, first
appearance before a district court judge must be held within 96-72 hours after the defendant is
taken into custody or at the first regular session of the district court in the county, whichever
occurs first. If the defendant is not taken into custody, or is released pursuant to Article 26 of this
Chapter, Bail, within 96-72 hours after being taken into custody, first appearance must be held at
the next session of district court held in the county. This subsection does not apply to a defendant
whose first appearance before a district court judge has been set in a criminal summons pursuant
to G.S. 15A-303(d).

(e) The clerk of the superior court in the county in which the defendant is taken into
custody may conduct a first appearance as provided in this Article if a district court judge is not
available in the county within 96-72 hours after the defendant is taken into custody. The clerk, in
conducting a first appearance, shall proceed under this Article as would a district court judge."

SECTION 16.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to
criminal processes served on or after that date.

PART XVII. REQUIRE USE OF THE NATIONAL DECERTIFICATION INDEX
MAINTAINED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING IN THE CERTIFICATION
PROCESS FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

SECTION 17.(a) G.S. 17E-4(a) reads as rewritten:
"(a) The Commission shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities, which
are enforceable through its rules and regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of
G.S. 17E-8 and G.S. 17E-9:

…

(17) Search the National Decertification Index (NDI) maintained by the
International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and
Training (IADLEST) using the name of every applicant for certification or applicant for lateral transfer, and any other personal identifying information necessary to complete the search, and shall utilize any record of conviction of a criminal offense received as a result of the search during the application and lateral transfer process to determine if the applicant has any record that would disqualify the applicant for certification.

SECTION 17.(b) G.S. 17C-6(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) In addition to powers conferred upon the Commission elsewhere in this Article, the Commission shall have the following powers, which shall be enforceable through its rules and regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of G.S. 17C-10:

..."

(21) Search the National Decertification Index (NDI) maintained by the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) using the name of every applicant for certification or applicant for lateral transfer, and any other personal identifying information necessary to complete the search, and shall utilize any record of conviction of a criminal offense received as a result of the search during the application and lateral transfer process to determine if the applicant has any record that would disqualify the applicant for certification."

SECTION 17.(c) This section becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to applications for certification submitted on or after that date.

PART XVIII. ESTABLISH A DUTY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO INTERVENE IN AND REPORT EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE

SECTION 18.(a) G.S. 15A-401 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(d1) Duty to Intervene and Report Excessive Use of Force. – A law enforcement officer, while in the line of duty, who observes another law enforcement officer use force against another person that the observing officer reasonably believes exceeds the amount of force authorized by subsection (d) of this section and who possesses a reasonable opportunity to intervene, shall if it is safe to do so, attempt to intervene to prevent the use of excessive force. Additionally, the observing officer shall, within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 72 hours thereafter, report what the officer reasonably believes to be an unauthorized use of force to a superior law enforcement officer within the agency of the observing officer, even if the observing officer did not have a reasonable opportunity to intervene. If the head of the law enforcement agency of the observing officer was involved or present during what the observing officer reasonably believes to be unauthorized use of force, the observing officer shall make the report to the highest ranking law enforcement officer of that officer’s agency who was not involved in or present during the use of force. The report under this subsection is required even if the observing officer did not have a reasonable opportunity to intervene."

SECTION 18.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to uses of force that occur on or after that date.

PART XIX. REMOVE THE STANDARDS COMMISSIONS FROM A NONEXCLUSIVE LIST OF STATE AGENCY LICENSING BOARDS

SECTION 19.(a) G.S. 93B-1(3)(e) is repealed.

SECTION 19.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2021.

PART XX. ADDRESS CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES WITH SATELLITE-BASED MONITORING RAISED IN STATE V. GRADY AND CREATE A PROCESS TO REVIEW WHETHER OFFENDERS SUBJECT TO THAT CASE WHICH WERE
SECTION 20.(a) G.S. 14-208.6 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-208.6. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Article:

... (2d) Predatory recidivist. – A person who has two or more convictions for sexually violent offenses as described in G.S. 14-208.6(5).

(2b)(2f) Recidivist. – A person who has a prior conviction for an offense that is described in G.S. 14-208.6(4).

... (5) Sexually violent offense. – A violation of former G.S. 14-27.6 (attempted rape or sexual offense), G.S. 14-27.21 (first-degree forcible rape), G.S. 14-27.22 (second-degree forcible rape), G.S. 14-27.23 (statutory rape of a child by an adult), G.S. 14-27.24 (first-degree statutory rape), G.S. 14-27.25(a) (statutory rape of a person who is 15 years of age or younger and where the defendant is at least six years older), G.S. 14-27.26 (first-degree forcible sexual offense), G.S. 14-27.27 (second-degree forcible sexual offense), G.S. 14-27.28 (statutory sexual offense with a child by an adult), G.S. 14-27.29 (first-degree statutory sexual offense), G.S. 14-27.30(a) (statutory sexual offense with a person who is 15 years of age or younger and where the defendant is at least six years older), G.S. 14-27.31 (sexual activity by a substitute parent or custodian), G.S. 14-27.32 (sexual activity with a student), G.S. 14-27.33 (sexual battery), G.S. 14-43.11 (human trafficking) if (i) the offense is committed against a minor who is less than 18 years of age or (ii) the offense is committed against any person with the intent that they be held in sexual servitude, G.S. 14-43.13 (subjecting or maintaining a person for sexual servitude), G.S. 14-178 (incest between near relatives), G.S. 14-190.6 (employing or permitting minor to assist in offenses against public morality and decency), G.S. 14-190.9(a1) (felonious indecent exposure), G.S. 14-190.16 (first degree sexual exploitation of a minor), G.S. 14-190.17 (second degree sexual exploitation of a minor), G.S. 14-190.17A (third degree sexual exploitation of a minor), G.S. 14-202.1 (taking indecent liberties with children), G.S. 14-202.3 (Solicitation of child by computer or certain other electronic devices to commit an unlawful sex act), G.S. 14-202.4(a) (taking indecent liberties with a student), G.S. 14-205.2(c) or (d) (patronizing a prostitute who is a minor or has a mental disability), G.S. 14-205.3(b) (promoting prostitution of a minor or a person who has a mental disability), G.S. 14-318.4(a1) (parent or caretaker commit or permit act of prostitution with or by a juvenile), or G.S. 14-318.4(a2) (commission or allowing of sexual act upon a juvenile by parent or guardian), or an offense in another state, which if committed in this State, is substantially similar to a sexually violent offense as defined by this section. The term also includes the following: a solicitation or conspiracy to commit any of these offenses; aiding and abetting any of these offenses.

..."

SECTION 20.(b) G.S. 14-208.40 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-208.40. Establishment of program; creation of guidelines; duties.

(a) The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety shall establish a sex offender monitoring program that uses a continuous satellite-based..."
monitoring system and shall create guidelines to govern the program. The program shall be
designed to monitor three categories of offenders as follows:

(1) Any offender who is convicted of a reportable conviction as defined by
G.S. 14-208.6(4) and who is required to register under Part 3 of Article 27A
of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes because the defendant is classified as a
sexually violent predator, is a predatory recidivist, or was convicted of an
aggravated offense as those terms are defined in G.S. 14-208.6.

(2) Any offender who satisfies all of the following criteria: (i) is convicted of a
reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4), (ii) is required to
register under Part 2 of Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, (iii)
has committed an offense involving the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a
minor, and (iv) based on the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile
Justice's risk assessment program requires the highest possible level of
supervision and monitoring.

(3) Any offender who is convicted of G.S. 14-27.23 or G.S. 14-27.28, who shall
be enrolled in the satellite-based monitoring program for the offender's natural
life upon termination of the offender's active punishment.

(b) In developing the guidelines for the program, the Division of Adult Correction and
Juvenile Justice shall require that any offender who is enrolled in the satellite-based program
submit to an active continuous satellite-based monitoring program, unless an active program will
not work as provided by this section. If the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice
determines that an active program will not work as provided by this section, then the Division of
Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall require that the defendant submit to a passive
continuous satellite-based program that works within the technological or geographical
limitations.

(c) The satellite-based monitoring program shall use a system that provides all of the
following:

(1) Time-correlated and continuous tracking of the geographic location of the
subject using a global positioning system based on satellite and other location
tracking technology.

(2) Reporting of subject's violations of prescriptive and proscriptive schedule or
location requirements. Frequency of reporting may range from once a day
(passive) to near real-time (active).

(d) The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice may contract with a single
vendor for the hardware services needed to monitor subject offenders and correlate their
movements to reported crime incidents. The contract may provide for services necessary to
implement or facilitate any of the provisions of this Part.

SECTION 20.(c) G.S. 14-208.40A reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-208.40A. Determination of satellite-based monitoring requirement by court.

(a) When an offender is convicted of a reportable conviction as defined by
G.S. 14-208.6(4), during the sentencing phase, the district attorney shall present to the court any
evidence that (i) the offender has been classified as a sexually violent predator pursuant to
G.S. 14-208.20, (ii) the offender is a predatory recidivist, (iii) the conviction offense was an
aggravated offense, (iv) the conviction offense was a violation of G.S. 14-27.23 or G.S. 14-27.28,
or (v) the offense involved the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor. The district attorney
shall have no discretion to withhold any evidence required to be submitted to the court pursuant
to this subsection.

The offender shall be allowed to present to the court any evidence that the district attorney's
evidence is not correct.

(b) After receipt of the evidence from the parties, the court shall determine whether the
offender's conviction places the offender in one of the categories described in G.S. 14-208.40(a),
and if so, shall make a finding of fact of that determination, specifying whether (i) the offender has been classified as a sexually violent predator pursuant to G.S. 14-208.20, (ii) the offender is a predatory recidivist, (iii) the conviction offense was an aggravated offense, (iv) the conviction offense was a violation of G.S. 14-27.23 or G.S. 14-27.28, or (v) the offense involved the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor.

(c) If the court finds that the offender has been classified as a sexually violent predator, is a predatory recidivist, has committed an aggravated offense, or was convicted of G.S. 14-27.23 or G.S. 14-27.28, the court shall order the offender to enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program for life.

(d) If the court finds that the offender committed an offense that involved the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor, that the offense is not an aggravated offense or a violation of G.S. 14-27.23 or G.S. 14-27.28 and the offender is not a predatory recidivist, the court shall order that the Division of Adult Correction do a risk assessment of the offender. The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall have a minimum of 30 days, but not more than 60 days, to complete the risk assessment of the offender and report the results to the court.

(e) Upon receipt of a risk assessment from the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the court shall determine whether, based on the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice's risk assessment, the offender requires the highest possible level of supervision and monitoring. If the court determines that the offender does require the highest possible level of supervision and monitoring, the court shall order the offender to enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program for a period of time to be specified by the court."

SECTION 20.(d) G.S. 14-208.40B reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-208.40B. Determination of satellite-based monitoring requirement in certain circumstances.

(a) When an offender is convicted of a reportable conviction as defined by G.S. 14-208.6(4), and there has been no determination by a court on whether the offender shall be required to enroll in satellite-based monitoring, the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall make an initial determination on whether the offender falls into one of the categories described in G.S. 14-208.40(a).

(b) If the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice determines that the offender falls into one of the categories described in G.S. 14-208.40(a), the district attorney, representing the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, shall schedule a hearing in superior court for the county in which the offender resides. The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall notify the offender of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice's determination and the date of the scheduled hearing by certified mail sent to the address provided by the offender pursuant to G.S. 14-208.7. The hearing shall be scheduled no sooner than 15 days from the date the notification is mailed. Receipt of notification shall be presumed to be the date indicated by the certified mail receipt. Upon the court's determination that the offender is indigent and entitled to counsel, the court shall assign counsel to represent the offender at the hearing pursuant to rules adopted by the Office of Indigent Defense Services.

(c) At the hearing, the court shall determine if the offender falls into one of the categories described in G.S. 14-208.40(a). The court shall hold the hearing and make findings of fact pursuant to G.S. 14-208.40A.

If the court finds that (i) the offender has been classified as a sexually violent predator pursuant to G.S. 14-208.20, (ii) the offender is a predatory recidivist, (iii) the conviction offense was an aggravated offense, or (iv) the conviction offense was a violation of G.S. 14-27.23 or G.S. 14-27.28, the court shall order the offender to enroll in satellite-based monitoring for life.

If the court finds that the offender committed an offense that involved the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor, that the offense is not an aggravated offense or a violation of G.S. 14-27.23 or G.S. 14-27.28, and the offender is not a predatory recidivist, the court shall
order that the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice do a risk assessment of the
offender. The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall have a minimum of 30
days, but not more than 60 days, to complete the risk assessment of the offender and report the
results to the court. The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice may use a risk
assessment of the offender done within six months of the date of the hearing.

Upon receipt of a risk assessment from the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice,
the court shall determine whether, based on the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile
Justice's risk assessment, the offender requires the highest possible level of supervision and
monitoring. If the court determines that the offender does require the highest possible level of
supervision and monitoring, the court shall order the offender to enroll in a satellite-based
monitoring program for a period of time to be specified by the court."

SECTION 20.(e) G.S. 14-208.43 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-208.43. Request—Petition for termination or modification of the satellite-based
monitoring requirement.

(a) An offender described by G.S. 14-208.40(a)(1) or G.S. 14-208.40(a)(3) who is
required to submit to satellite-based monitoring for the offender's life may file a request petition
for termination or modification of the monitoring requirement with the Superior Court at the
Post Release Supervision and Parole Commission, superior court, 10 years from the date of initial enrollment if the person
has not committed a subsequent offense requiring enrollment in the satellite-based monitoring
program under this Article or the laws of any other jurisdiction. The request to terminate the
satellite-based monitoring requirement and to terminate the accompanying requirement of
unsupervised probation may not be submitted until at least one year after the offender: (i) has
served his or her sentence for the offense for which the satellite-based monitoring requirement
was imposed, and (ii) has also completed any period of probation, parole, or post-release
supervision imposed as part of the sentence.

(b) Upon receipt of the request for termination, the Commission shall review
documentation contained in the offender's file and the statewide registry to determine whether
the person has complied with the provisions of this Article. In addition, the Commission shall
conduct fingerprint-based state and federal criminal history record checks to determine whether
the person has been convicted of any additional reportable convictions.

(c) If it is determined that the person has not received any additional reportable
convictions during the period of satellite-based monitoring and the person has substantially
complied with the provisions of this Article, the Commission may terminate the monitoring
requirement if the Commission finds that the person is not likely to pose a threat to the safety of
others.

(d) If it is determined that the person has received any additional reportable convictions
during the period of satellite-based monitoring or has not substantially complied with the
provisions of this Article, the Commission shall not order the termination of the monitoring
requirement.

(d1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if the Commission is notified by the
Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety that the
offender has been released, pursuant to G.S. 14-208.12A, from the requirement to register under
Part 2 of Article 27A of this Chapter, upon request of the offender, the Commission shall order
the termination of the monitoring requirement.

(e) The Commission shall not consider any request to terminate a monitoring requirement
except as provided by this section. The district attorney in the district in which the petition is filed
shall be given notice of the petition at least three weeks before the hearing on the matter. The
petitioner may present evidence in support of the petition, and the district attorney may present
evidence in opposition to the requested relief or may otherwise demonstrate the reasons why the
petition should be denied.
(c) The victim of the underlying offense may appear and be heard by the court in a proceeding regarding a petition for termination or modification of the satellite-based monitoring requirement. If the victim has elected to receive notices of such proceedings, the district attorney's office shall notify the victim of the date, time, and place of the hearing. The district attorney's office may provide the required notification electronically or by telephone, unless the victim requests otherwise. The victim shall be responsible for notifying the district attorney's office of any changes in the victim's address and telephone number or other contact information. The judge in any court proceeding subject to this section shall inquire as to whether the victim is present and wishes to be heard. If the victim is present and wishes to be heard, the court shall grant the victim an opportunity to be reasonably heard. The right to be reasonably heard may be exercised, at the victim's discretion, through an oral statement, submission of a written statement, or submission of an audio or video statement.

(d) The petition may be granted only if the court makes all of the following findings:

1. The petitioner no longer requires the highest possible level of supervision and monitoring, for life.

2. The petitioner has not had a subsequent arrest for any of the following:
   a. An offense involving the physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor.
   b. An aggravated offense, as defined in G.S. 14-208.6(1a).
   c. A sexually violent offense, as defined in G.S. 14-208.6(5).

(e) The court may order any of the following:

1. The petitioner to remain enrolled in the satellite-based monitoring program for life.

2. The petitioner to remain enrolled in the satellite-based monitoring program for a period of time to be specified by the court.

3. The petitioner's requirement to enroll in the satellite-based monitoring program be terminated.

4. The defendant to submit to a passive continuous satellite-based program that works within the technological or geographical limitations for a set period of time not to exceed five years without review.

(f) If the court denies the petition, the person may again petition the court for relief in accordance with this section two years from the date of the denial of the original petition to terminate the satellite-based monitoring requirement. If the court grants the petition, the clerk of court shall forward a certified copy of the order to the Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission. The Commission has no authority to consider or terminate a monitoring requirement for an offender described in G.S. 14-208.40(a)(2).”

SECTION 20.(f) The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall provide each elected District Attorney a list of the individuals that reside in a county in that District Attorney's district that is subject to State v. Grady 831 S.E. 2d 542 (NC 2019), decided August 16, 2019, namely all individuals in the same category as the defendant, Mr. Grady: individuals subject to mandatory lifetime satellite-based monitoring based solely on their status as a statutorily defined "recidivist" who have completed their prison sentences and are no longer supervised by the State through probation, parole, or post-release supervision. An elected District Attorney must decide to handle each case or have the Attorney General handle the case. If requested by an elected District Attorney, the Attorney General shall make a preliminary determination whether the recidivist subject to State v. Grady, may meet any requirement to enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program other than being a recidivist, and represent the State in any proceedings created by this section. Each District Attorney or Attorney General shall review the determination for every one of the class members. If the District Attorney or Attorney General makes a preliminary determination that the individual may meet any requirement to enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program other than being a recidivist, the District Attorney or Attorney General shall notify the person and the sheriff in the county where the individual
resides. The District Attorney or Attorney General may petition the court in that county for a hearing to have a judge determine if an individual subject to State v. Grady meets the criteria for satellite-based monitoring consistent with G.S. 14-208.40A, as amended by this act.

SECTION 20.(g) Subsection (f) of this section becomes effective August 1, 2021, and applies to any individual required to enroll in the satellite-based monitoring program based solely on being a "recidivist" on or after August 16, 2019. The remainder of this section becomes effective August 1, 2021, and applies to satellite-based monitoring determinations on or after that date.

PART XXI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 21.(a) Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

SECTION 21.(b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.