

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1989

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SENATE BILL 434

Short Title: Top Priority to Jail Cases.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Staton and Bryan.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

March 15, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO MAKE REASONABLE
2 EFFORTS TO GIVE PRIORITY FOR TRIAL TO THOSE CASES IN WHICH
3 THE DEFENDANT IS DETAINED.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 7A-49.3(a) reads as rewritten:

7 "(a) At least one week before the beginning of any session of the superior court
8 for the trial of criminal cases, the district attorney shall file with the clerk of superior
9 court a calendar of the cases he intends to call for trial at that session. The district
10 attorney shall make reasonable efforts whenever practical to give higher priority for trial
11 to those cases in which the defendant is being detained than to those in which the
12 defendant is not being detained. The calendar shall fix a day for the trial of each case
13 listed thereon. The district attorney may place on the calendar for the first day of the
14 session all cases which will require consideration by the grand jury without obligation
15 to call such cases for trial on that day. No case on the calendar may be called for trial
16 before the day fixed by the calendar except by consent or by order of the court. Any
17 case docketed after the calendar has been filed with the clerk may be placed on the
18 calendar at the discretion of the district attorney."

19 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989.