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HOUSE BILL 898*
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/23/97

Short Title: Public Records Law Amendments.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 8, 1997

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAW TO CLARIFY PROVISIONS
3 CONCERNING CORRESPONDENCE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 132-6 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(g) Upon receipt of a request by any person to inspect, examine or copy letters or
7 other documents transmitted or received by a public agency by any mode of delivery or
8 communication (including, but not limited to, the United States Postal Service,
9 commercial postal delivery, electronic means, or hand delivery) the custodian of the
10 agency's records: (i) shall promptly sort the letters or other documents to remove any
11 items that are not public records, (ii) is not required to permit the inspection, examination
12 or copying of items that are not public records, and (iii) is not required to permit the
13 inspection, examination or copying of items that are public records until such sorting has
14 occurred. Nothing in this section restricts the right of the addressee or recipient to route a
15 letter or other document received in the course of public business to another person, but
16 the addressee or recipient may make copies of the letter or other document and make
17 them available for inspection and copying as provided by this Chapter."

18 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.