

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE BILL 173  
House Committee Substitute Favorable 8/31/05**

Short Title: Court Sys. Study/Amend DV Empowerment Act. (Public)

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Sponsors:

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Referred to:

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February 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA COURTS COMMISSION TO  
3 STUDY THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE INTO  
4 DISTRICTS AND DIVISIONS AND TO AMEND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
5 VICTIMS EMPOWERMENT ACT.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7       **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina Courts Commission shall study the current  
8 state of the General Court of Justice, focusing on workloads, case backlogs, and other  
9 issues relevant to the efficient administration of justice and determine whether the  
10 current organization of the State into judicial divisions, superior court districts, district  
11 court districts, and prosecutorial districts is in need of revision or adjustment in order to  
12 better serve the interests of justice. The Commission shall report its findings and  
13 recommendations to the 2006 Regular Session of the 2005 General Assembly.

14       **SECTION 2.(a)** Section 2 of S.L. 2005-343 is repealed.

15       **SECTION 2.(b)** Section 3 of S.L. 2005-343 reads as rewritten:

16       **"SECTION 3.** The Administrative Office of the Courts ~~shall~~may develop a  
17 standard informational sheet for plaintiffs issued protective orders under Chapter 50B of  
18 the General Statutes that explains the plaintiffs' right to apply for a permit under  
19 G.S. 14-415.15."

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