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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW PROBATION OFFICERS TO ACCESS CERTAIN OFFENDERS' JUVENILE RECORDS, TO MAKE WARRANTLESS SEARCHES AND DRUG SCREENING REGULAR CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION, TO ADD ADDITIONAL CONTROLLING MEASURES FOR OFFENDERS SUBJECT TO INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT, AND TO MAKE CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS TO STREAMLINE PROCEDURES FOR SUPERVISION OF OFFENDERS IN THE COMMUNITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 7B-3000 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 7B-3000. Juvenile court records.**

(a) The clerk shall maintain a complete record of all juvenile cases filed in the clerk's office to be known as the juvenile record. The record shall include the summons and petition, any secure or nonsecure custody order, any electronic or mechanical recording of hearings, and any written motions, orders, or papers filed in the proceeding.

(b) All juvenile records shall be withheld from public inspection and, except as provided in this subsection, may be examined only by order of the court. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the following persons may examine the juvenile's record and obtain copies of written parts of the record without an order of the court:

- (1) The juvenile;
- (2) The juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian, or the authorized representative of the juvenile's parent, guardian, or custodian;
- (3) The prosecutor; ~~and~~
- (4) Court counselors; and
- (5) Probation officers in the Division of Community Corrections of the Department of Correction, as provided in subsection (e1) of this section and in G.S. 15A-1341(e).

Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the prosecutor may, in the prosecutor's discretion, share information obtained from a juvenile's record with law enforcement officers sworn in this State, but may not allow a law enforcement officer to photocopy any part of the record.

(c) The court may direct the clerk to "seal" any portion of a juvenile's record. The clerk shall secure any sealed portion of a juvenile's record in an envelope clearly marked "SEALED: MAY BE EXAMINED ONLY BY ORDER OF THE COURT", or with similar notice, and shall permit examination or copying of sealed portions of a juvenile's record only pursuant to a court order specifically authorizing inspection or copying.



1 (d) Any portion of a juvenile's record consisting of an electronic or mechanical  
2 recording of a hearing shall be transcribed only when notice of appeal has been timely given  
3 and shall be copied electronically or mechanically, only by order of the court. After the time for  
4 appeal has expired with no appeal having been filed, the court may enter a written order  
5 directing the clerk to destroy the recording of the hearing.

6 (e) The juvenile's record of an adjudication of delinquency for an offense that would be  
7 a felony if committed by an adult may be used by law enforcement, the magistrate, and the  
8 prosecutor for pretrial release and plea negotiating decisions.

9 (e1) During anytime in which a person is subject to probation supervision under Article  
10 82 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes, for an offense that was committed while the person  
11 was less than 25 years of age, that person's juvenile record of an adjudication of delinquency  
12 for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult may be examined without a  
13 court order by the probation officer in the Division of Community Corrections assigned to  
14 supervise the person for the purpose of assessing risk related to supervision.

15 Each judicial district manager in the Division of the Community Corrections shall designate  
16 a Division staff person in each county to obtain from the clerk, at the request of the probation  
17 officer assigned to supervise the person, any juvenile records authorized to be examined under  
18 this subsection. The judicial district manager shall inform the clerk in each county, in writing,  
19 of the designated staff person in the county. The designated staff person shall transfer any  
20 juvenile records obtained to the probation officer assigned to supervise the person.

21 Any copies of juvenile records obtained pursuant to this subsection shall continue to be  
22 withheld from public inspection and shall not become part of the public record in any criminal  
23 proceeding. Any copies of juvenile records shall be destroyed within 30 days of termination of  
24 the person's period of probation supervision. Any other information in the Division of  
25 Community Corrections records, relating to a person's juvenile record, shall remain confidential  
26 and shall be maintained or destroyed pursuant to guidelines established by the Department of  
27 Cultural Resources for the maintenance and destruction of Division of Community Corrections  
28 records.

29 (f) The juvenile's record of an adjudication of delinquency for an offense that would be  
30 a Class A, B1, B2, C, D, or E felony if committed by an adult may be used in a subsequent  
31 criminal proceeding against the juvenile either under G.S. 8C-1, Rule 404(b), or to prove an  
32 aggravating factor at sentencing under G.S. 15A-1340.4(a), 15A-1340.16(d), or 15A-2000(e).  
33 The record may be so used only by order of the court in the subsequent criminal proceeding,  
34 upon motion of the prosecutor, after an in camera hearing to determine whether the record in  
35 question is admissible.

36 (g) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a juvenile's record shall be  
37 destroyed only as authorized by G.S. 7B-3200 or by rules adopted by the Administrative Office  
38 of the Courts."

39 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 7B-3001 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

40 "(d) When the Division of Community Corrections of the Department of Correction is  
41 authorized to access a juvenile record pursuant to G.S. 7B-3000(e1), the Department may, at  
42 the request of the Division of Community Corrections, notify the Division of Community  
43 Corrections that there is a juvenile record of an adjudication of delinquency for an offense that  
44 would be a felony if committed by an adult for a person subject to probation supervision under  
45 Article 82 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes and may notify the Division of Community  
46 Corrections of the county or counties where the adjudication of delinquency occurred."

47 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 7B-3100(a) reads as rewritten:

48 "(a) The Department, after consultation with the Conference of Chief District Court  
49 Judges, shall adopt rules designating certain local agencies that are authorized to share  
50 information concerning juveniles in accordance with the provisions of this section. Agencies so  
51 designated shall share with one another, upon request and to the extent permitted by federal law

1 and regulations, information that is in their possession that is relevant to any assessment of a  
 2 report of child abuse, neglect, or dependency or the provision or arrangement of protective  
 3 services in a child abuse, neglect, or dependency case by a local department of social services  
 4 pursuant to the authority granted under Chapter 7B of the General Statutes or to any case in  
 5 which a petition is filed alleging that a juvenile is abused, neglected, dependent, undisciplined,  
 6 or delinquent and shall continue to do so until the protective services case is closed by the local  
 7 department of social services, or if a petition is filed when the juvenile is no longer subject to  
 8 the jurisdiction of juvenile court. Agencies that may be designated as "agencies authorized to  
 9 share information" include local mental health facilities, local health departments, local  
 10 departments of social services, local law enforcement agencies, local school administrative  
 11 units, the district's district attorney's office, the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency  
 12 Prevention, and the Office of Guardian ad Litem Services of the Administrative Office of the  
 13 ~~Courts.~~ Courts, and, pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 7B-3000(e1), the Division of  
 14 Community Corrections of the Department of Correction. Any information shared among  
 15 agencies pursuant to this section shall remain confidential, shall be withheld from public  
 16 inspection, and shall be used only for the protection of the juvenile and others or to improve the  
 17 educational opportunities of the juvenile, and shall be released in accordance with the  
 18 provisions of the Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act as set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 1232g.  
 19 Nothing in this section or any other provision of law shall preclude any other necessary sharing  
 20 of information among agencies. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the disclosure or  
 21 release of any information in the possession of a district attorney."

22 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 15A-1341 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

23 "(e) Review of Defendant's Juvenile Record. – The probation officer assigned to a  
 24 defendant may examine and obtain copies of the defendant's juvenile record in a manner  
 25 consistent with G.S. 7B-3000(b) and (e1)."

26 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 15A-1340.11 reads as rewritten:

27 **"§ 15A-1340.11. Definitions.**

28 The following definitions apply in this Article:

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- 30 (4a) House arrest with electronic monitoring. – Probation in which the offender is  
 31 required to remain at his or her residence unless the court or the probation  
 32 officer authorizes the offender to leave for the purpose of employment,  
 33 counseling, a course of study, or vocational training. The offender shall be  
 34 required to wear a device which permits the supervising agency to monitor  
 35 the offender's compliance with the ~~condition electronically.~~ condition.
- 36 (5) Intensive ~~probation supervision.~~ probation supervision. – Probation that requires the offender to  
 37 submit to ~~supervision by officers assigned to the Intensive Supervision~~  
 38 ~~Program established pursuant to G.S. 143B 262(c), and to comply with the~~  
 39 ~~rules adopted for that Program. Unless otherwise ordered by the court,~~  
 40 ~~intensive supervision also requires~~ rules adopted by the Division of  
 41 Community Corrections for intensive supervision, including, but not limited  
 42 to, multiple contacts by a probation officer per week, a specific period each  
 43 day during which the offender must be at his or her residence, and that the  
 44 offender remain gainfully and suitably employed or faithfully pursue a  
 45 course of study or of vocational training that will equip the offender for  
 46 suitable employment.
- 47 (6) Intermediate punishment. – A sentence in a criminal case that places an  
 48 offender on supervised probation and includes at least one of the following  
 49 conditions:
- 50 a. Special probation as defined in G.S. 15A-1351(a).
  - 51 b. Assignment to a residential program.

- c. House arrest with electronic monitoring.
- d. Intensive ~~probation, supervision.~~
- e. Assignment to a day-reporting center.
- f. Assignment to a drug treatment court program.

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**SECTION 6.** G.S. 143B-262(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) ~~The Division of Community Corrections of the Department shall establish within the Division of Community Corrections a program of Intensive Supervision. This program shall provide intensive supervision for probationers, post release supervisees, and parolees who require close supervision in order to remain in the community pursuant to a community penalties plan, community work plan, community restitution plan, or other plan of rehabilitation. The intensive supervision program shall be available to both felons and misdemeanants. Each offender shall be required to comply with the rules adopted for the Program as well as rules for intensive supervision consistent with the requirements specified in G.S. 15A-1340.11(5).~~"

**SECTION 7.** G.S. 153A-230.2(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) There is created in the Office of State Budget and Management the County Satellite Jail/Work Release Unit Fund to provide State grant funds for counties or groups of counties for construction of satellite jail/work release units for certain misdemeanants who receive active sentences. A county or group of counties may apply to the Office for a grant under this section. The application shall be in a form established by the Office. The Office shall:

- (1) Develop application and grant criteria based on the basic requirements listed in this Part,
- (2) Provide all Boards of County Commissioners and Sheriffs with the criteria and appropriate application forms, technical assistance, if requested, and a proposed written agreement,
- (3) Review all applications,
- (4) Select grantees and award grants,
- (5) Award no more than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for any one county or group of counties except that if a group of counties agrees to jointly operate one unit for males and one unit for females, the maximum amount may be awarded for each unit,
- (6) Take into consideration the potential number of misdemeanants and the percentage of the county's or counties' misdemeanor population to be diverted from the State prison system,
- (7) Take into consideration the utilization of existing buildings suitable for renovation where appropriate,
- (8) Take into consideration the timeliness with which a county proposes to complete and occupy the unit,
- (9) Take into consideration the appropriateness and cost effectiveness of the proposal,
- (10) Take into consideration the plan with which the county intends to coordinate the unit with other community service programs such as intensive ~~probation, supervision,~~ community penalties, and community service.

When considering the items listed in subdivisions (6) through (10), the Office shall determine the appropriate weight to be given each item."

**SECTION 8.** G.S. 164-42(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Commission shall recommend structures for use by a sentencing court in determining the most appropriate sentence to be imposed in a criminal case, including:

- (1) Imposition of an active term of imprisonment;
- (2) Imposition of a term of probation;

- 1 (3) Suspension of a sentence to imprisonment and imposition of probation with  
2 conditions, including the appropriate probation option or options, including  
3 house arrest, regular probation, intensive ~~probation~~, supervision, restitution,  
4 and community service;
- 5 (4) Based upon the combination of offense and defendant characteristics in each  
6 case, the presumptively appropriate length of a term of probation, or a term  
7 of imprisonment;
- 8 (5) Ordering multiple sentences to terms of imprisonment to run concurrently or  
9 consecutively;
- 10 (6) For a sentence to probation without a suspended sentence to imprisonment,  
11 the maximum term of confinement to be imposed if the defendant violates  
12 the conditions of probation."

13 **SECTION 9.(a)** G.S. 15A-1343(b) reads as rewritten:

14 "(b) Regular Conditions. – As regular conditions of probation, a defendant must:

- 15 (1) Commit no criminal offense in any jurisdiction.
- 16 (2) Remain within the jurisdiction of the court unless granted written permission  
17 to leave by the court or his probation officer.
- 18 (3) Report as directed by the court or his probation officer to the officer at  
19 reasonable times and places and in a reasonable manner, permit the officer to  
20 visit him at reasonable times, answer all reasonable inquiries by the officer  
21 and obtain prior approval from the officer for, and notify the officer of, any  
22 change in address or employment.
- 23 (4) Satisfy child support and other family obligations as required by the court. If  
24 the court requires the payment of child support, the amount of the payments  
25 shall be determined as provided in G.S. 50-13.4(c).
- 26 (5) Possess no firearm, explosive device or other deadly weapon listed in  
27 G.S. 14-269 without the written permission of the court.
- 28 (6) Pay a supervision fee as specified in subsection (c1).
- 29 (7) Remain gainfully and suitably employed or faithfully pursue a course of  
30 study or of vocational training that will equip him for suitable employment.  
31 A defendant pursuing a course of study or of vocational training shall abide  
32 by all of the rules of the institution providing the education or training, and  
33 the probation officer shall forward a copy of the probation judgment to that  
34 institution and request to be notified of any violations of institutional rules  
35 by the defendant.
- 36 (8) Notify the probation officer if he fails to obtain or retain satisfactory  
37 employment.
- 38 (9) Pay the costs of court, any fine ordered by the court, and make restitution or  
39 reparation as provided in subsection (d).
- 40 (10) Pay the State of North Carolina for the costs of appointed counsel, public  
41 defender, or appellate defender to represent him in the case(s) for which he  
42 was placed on probation.
- 43 (11) At a time to be designated by his probation officer, visit with his probation  
44 officer a facility maintained by the Division of Prisons.
- 45 (12) Attend and complete an abuser treatment program if (i) the court finds the  
46 defendant is responsible for acts of domestic violence and (ii) there is a  
47 program, approved by the Domestic Violence Commission, reasonably  
48 available to the defendant, unless the court finds that such would not be in  
49 the best interests of justice.
- 50 (13) Submit at reasonable times to warrantless searches by a probation officer of  
51 the probationer's person and of the probationer's vehicle and premises while

1 the probationer is present, for purposes directly related to the probation  
2 supervision, but the probationer may not be required to submit to any other  
3 search that would otherwise be unlawful. Whenever the warrantless search  
4 consists of testing for the presence of illegal drugs, the probationer may also  
5 be required to reimburse the Department of Correction for the actual cost of  
6 drug screening and drug testing, if the results are positive.

7 (14) Submit to warrantless searches by a law enforcement officer of the  
8 probationer's person and of the probationer's vehicle, upon a reasonable  
9 suspicion that the probationer is engaged in criminal activity or is in  
10 possession of a firearm, explosive device, or other deadly weapon listed in  
11 G.S. 14-269 without written permission of the court.

12 (15) Not use, possess, or control any illegal drug or controlled substance unless it  
13 has been prescribed for him or her by a licensed physician and is in the  
14 original container with the prescription number affixed on it; not knowingly  
15 associate with any known or previously convicted users, possessors, or  
16 sellers of any such illegal drugs or controlled substances; and not knowingly  
17 be present at or frequent any place where such illegal drugs or controlled  
18 substances are sold, kept, or used.

19 A defendant shall not pay costs associated with a substance abuse monitoring program or  
20 any other special condition of probation in lieu of, or prior to, the payments required by this  
21 subsection.

22 In addition to these regular conditions of probation, a defendant required to serve an active  
23 term of imprisonment as a condition of special probation pursuant to G.S. 15A-1344(e) or  
24 G.S. 15A-1351(a) shall, as additional regular conditions of probation, obey the rules and  
25 regulations of the Department of Correction governing the conduct of inmates while  
26 imprisoned and report to a probation officer in the State of North Carolina within 72 hours of  
27 his discharge from the active term of imprisonment.

28 Regular conditions of probation apply to each defendant placed on supervised probation  
29 unless the presiding judge specifically exempts the defendant from one or more of the  
30 conditions in open court and in the judgment of the court. It is not necessary for the presiding  
31 judge to state each regular condition of probation in open court, but the conditions must be set  
32 forth in the judgment of the court.

33 Defendants placed on unsupervised probation are subject to the provisions of this  
34 subsection, except that defendants placed on unsupervised probation are not subject to the  
35 regular conditions contained in subdivisions (2), (3), (6), (8), ~~and (11)-(11), (13), (14), and (15)~~  
36 of this subsection."

37 **SECTION 9.(b)** G.S. 15A-1343(b1) reads as rewritten:

38 "(b1) Special Conditions. – In addition to the regular conditions of probation specified in  
39 subsection (b), the court may, as a condition of probation, require that during the probation the  
40 defendant comply with one or more of the following special conditions:

- 41 (1) Undergo available medical or psychiatric treatment and remain in a specified  
42 institution if required for that purpose.
- 43 (2) Attend or reside in a facility providing rehabilitation, counseling, treatment,  
44 social skills, or employment training, instruction, recreation, or residence for  
45 persons on probation.
- 46 (2a) Repealed by Session Laws 2002, ch. 126, s. 17.18, effective August 15,  
47 2002.
- 48 (2b) Participate in and successfully complete a Drug Treatment Court Program  
49 pursuant to Article 62 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes.
- 50 (3) Submit to imprisonment required for special probation under  
51 G.S. 15A-1351(a) or G.S. 15A-1344(e).

- 1 (3a) Repealed by Session Laws 1997-57, s. 3.
- 2 (3b) ~~Submit to intensive supervision by officers assigned to the Intensive~~  
3 ~~Supervision Program established pursuant to G.S. 143B-262(e), and abide by~~  
4 ~~the rules adopted for that Program by the Division of Community~~  
5 ~~Corrections for that level of supervision. Unless otherwise ordered by the~~  
6 ~~court, intensive supervision also requires multiple contacts by a probation~~  
7 ~~officer per week, a specific period each day during which the offender must~~  
8 ~~be at his or her residence, and that the offender remain gainfully and suitably~~  
9 ~~employed or faithfully pursue a course of study or of vocational training that~~  
10 ~~will equip the offender for suitable employment.~~
- 11 (3c) Remain at his or her residence unless the court or the probation officer  
12 authorizes the offender to leave for the purpose of employment, counseling,  
13 a course of study, or vocational training. The offender shall be required to  
14 wear a device which permits the supervising agency to monitor the  
15 offender's compliance with the condition electronically and to pay a fee for  
16 the device as specified in subsection (c2) of this section.
- 17 (4) Surrender his or her driver's license to the clerk of superior court, and not  
18 operate a motor vehicle for a period specified by the court.
- 19 (5) Compensate the Department of Environment and Natural Resources or the  
20 North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, as the case may be, for the  
21 replacement costs of any marine and estuarine resources or any wildlife  
22 resources which were taken, injured, removed, harmfully altered, damaged  
23 or destroyed as a result of a criminal offense of which the defendant was  
24 convicted. If any investigation is required by officers or agents of the  
25 Department of Environment and Natural Resources or the Wildlife  
26 Resources Commission in determining the extent of the destruction of  
27 resources involved, the court may include compensation of the agency for  
28 investigative costs as a condition of probation. This subdivision does not  
29 apply in any case governed by G.S. 143-215.3(a)(7).
- 30 (6) Perform community or reparation service under the supervision of the  
31 Division of Community Corrections and pay any the fee required by law or  
32 ~~ordered by the court for participation in the community or reparation service~~  
33 ~~program. G.S. 143B-262.~~
- 34 (7) ~~Submit at reasonable times to warrantless searches by a probation officer of~~  
35 ~~his or her person and of his or her vehicle and premises while the~~  
36 ~~probationer is present, for purposes specified by the court and reasonably~~  
37 ~~related to his or her probation supervision, but the probationer may not be~~  
38 ~~required to submit to any other search that would otherwise be unlawful.~~  
39 ~~Whenever the warrantless search consists of testing for the presence of~~  
40 ~~illegal drugs, the probationer may also be required to reimburse the~~  
41 ~~Department of Correction for the actual cost of drug screening and drug~~  
42 ~~testing, if the results are positive.~~
- 43 (8) ~~Not use, possess, or control any illegal drug or controlled substance unless it~~  
44 ~~has been prescribed for him or her by a licensed physician and is in the~~  
45 ~~original container with the prescription number affixed on it; not knowingly~~  
46 ~~associate with any known or previously convicted users, possessors or~~  
47 ~~sellers of any such illegal drugs or controlled substances; and not knowingly~~  
48 ~~be present at or frequent any place where such illegal drugs or controlled~~  
49 ~~substances are sold, kept, or used.~~
- 50 (8a) Purchase the least expensive annual statewide license or combination of  
51 licenses to hunt, trap, or fish listed in G.S. 113-270.2, 113-270.3, 113-270.5,

1 113-271, 113-272, and 113-272.2 that would be required to engage lawfully  
2 in the specific activity or activities in which the defendant was engaged and  
3 which constitute the basis of the offense or offenses of which he was  
4 convicted.

5 (9) If the offense is one in which there is evidence of physical, mental or sexual  
6 abuse of a minor, the court should encourage the minor and the minor's  
7 parents or custodians to participate in rehabilitative treatment and may order  
8 the defendant to pay the cost of such treatment.

9 (9a) Repealed by Session Laws 2004-186, s. 1.1, effective December 1, 2004,  
10 and applicable to offenses committed on or after that date.

11 (10) Satisfy any other conditions determined by the court to be reasonably related  
12 to his rehabilitation."

13 **SECTION 9.(c)** G.S. 15A-1343 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

14 "(b4) Intermediate Conditions. – The following conditions of probation apply to each  
15 defendant subject to intermediate punishment:

16 (1) If required in the discretion of the defendant's probation officer, perform  
17 community service under the supervision of the Division of Community  
18 Corrections and pay the fee required by G.S. 143B-262.

19 (2) Not use, possess, or control alcohol.

20 (3) Remain within the county of residence unless granted written permission to  
21 leave by the court or the defendant's probation officer.

22 (4) Participate in any evaluation, counseling, treatment, or educational program  
23 as directed by the probation officer, keeping all appointments and abiding by  
24 the rules, regulations, and direction of each program.

25 These conditions apply to each defendant subject to intermediate punishment unless the  
26 court specifically exempts the defendant from one or more of the conditions in its judgment or  
27 order. It is not necessary for the presiding judge to state each of these conditions in open court,  
28 but the conditions must be set forth in the judgment or order of the court."

29 **SECTION 10.** G.S. 15A-1342 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

30 "(a1) Supervision of Defendants on Deferred Prosecution. – The Division of Community  
31 Corrections of the Department of Correction may be ordered by the court to supervise an  
32 offender's compliance with the terms of a deferred prosecution agreement entered into under  
33 G.S. 15A-1341(a1). Violations of the terms of the agreement shall be reported to the court as  
34 provided in this Article and to the district attorney in the district in which the agreement was  
35 entered."

36 **SECTION 11.(a)** G.S. 15A-1344(d) reads as rewritten:

37 "(d) Extension and Modification; Response to Violations. – At any time prior to the  
38 expiration or termination of the probation period or in accordance with subsection (f) of this  
39 section, the court may after notice and hearing and for good cause shown extend the period of  
40 probation up to the maximum allowed under G.S. 15A-1342(a) and may modify the conditions  
41 of probation. ~~The probation period shall be tolled if the probationer shall have pending against~~  
42 ~~him criminal charges in any court of competent jurisdiction, which, upon conviction, could~~  
43 ~~result in revocation proceedings against him for violation of the terms of this probation. The A~~  
44 hearing extending or modifying probation may be held in the absence of the defendant, if he  
45 fails to appear for the hearing after a reasonable effort to notify him. If a ~~convicted defendant~~  
46 probationer violates a condition of probation at any time prior to the expiration or termination  
47 of the period of probation, the court, in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 15A-1345, may  
48 continue him on probation, with or without modifying the conditions, may place the defendant  
49 on special probation as provided in subsection (e), or, if continuation, modification, or special  
50 probation is not appropriate, may revoke the probation and activate the suspended sentence  
51 imposed at the time of initial sentencing, if any, or may order that charges as to which



1 prosecution has been deferred be brought to trial; provided that probation may not be revoked  
2 solely for conviction of a Class 3 misdemeanor. The court, before activating a sentence to  
3 imprisonment established when the defendant was placed on probation, may reduce the  
4 sentence, but the reduction shall be consistent with subsection (d1) of this section. A sentence  
5 activated upon revocation of probation commences on the day probation is revoked and runs  
6 concurrently with any other period of probation, parole, or imprisonment to which the  
7 defendant is subject during that period unless the revoking judge specifies that it is to run  
8 consecutively with the other period."

9 **SECTION 11.(b)** G.S. 15A-1344 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 "(g) If there are pending criminal charges against the probationer in any court of  
11 competent jurisdiction, which, upon conviction, could result in revocation proceedings against  
12 the probationer for violation of the terms of this probation, the probation period shall be tolled  
13 until all pending criminal charges are resolved. The probationer shall remain subject to the  
14 conditions of probation, including supervision fees, during the tolled period. If the probationer  
15 is acquitted or if the new charge is dismissed, the time spent on probation during the tolled  
16 period shall be credited against the period of probation."

17 **SECTION 12.** G.S. 14-72.1(f) is repealed.

18 **SECTION 13.(a)** G.S. 15A-1371(h) reads as rewritten:

19 "(h) Community Service Parole. – Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
20 subsection herein, prisoners serving sentences for impaired driving shall be eligible for  
21 community service parole, in the discretion of the Post-Release Supervision and Parole  
22 Commission.

23 Community service parole is early parole for the purpose of participation in ~~a program of~~  
24 community service under the supervision of ~~a probation/parole officer~~ the Division of  
25 Community Corrections. A parolee who is paroled under this subsection must perform as a  
26 condition of parole community service in an amount and over a period of time to be determined  
27 by the Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission. However, the total amount of  
28 community service shall not exceed an amount equal to 32 hours for each month of active  
29 service remaining in his minimum sentence. The Post-Release Supervision and Parole  
30 Commission may grant early parole under this section without requiring the performance of  
31 community service if it determines that such performance is inappropriate to a particular case.

32 The probation/parole officer and the ~~community service~~ judicial services coordinator shall  
33 develop a program of community service for the parolee. The ~~community service~~  
34 coordinator shall report any willful failure to perform community service work to the probation/parole  
35 officer. Parole may be revoked for any parolee who willfully fails to perform community  
36 service work as directed by ~~a community service coordinator~~ the Division of Community  
37 Corrections. The provisions of G.S. 15A-1376 shall apply to this violation of a condition of  
38 parole.

39 Community service parole eligibility shall be available to a prisoner:

- 40 (1) Who is serving an active sentence the term of which exceeds six months;  
41 and
- 42 (2) Who, in the opinion of the Post-Release Supervision and Parole  
43 Commission, is unlikely to engage in further criminal conduct; and
- 44 (3) Who agrees to complete service of his sentence as herein specified; and
- 45 (4) Who has served one-half of his minimum sentence.

46 In computing the service requirements of subdivision (4) of this subsection, credit shall be  
47 given for good time and gain time credit earned pursuant to G.S. 148-13. Nothing herein is  
48 intended to create or shall be construed to create a right or entitlement to community service  
49 parole in any prisoner."

50 **SECTION 13.(b)** G.S. 15A-1371(i) reads as rewritten:

1       "~~(i) A~~The fee of two hundred dollars (~~\$200.00~~)required by G.S. 143B-262.4 shall be  
2 paid by all persons who participate in the Community Service Parole Program.~~That fee must~~  
3 ~~be paid to the clerk of court in the county in which the parolee is released. The fee must be paid~~  
4 ~~in full within two weeks unless the Post Release Supervision and Parole Commission, upon a~~  
5 ~~showing of hardship by the person, allows the person additional time to pay the fee. The~~  
6 ~~parolee may not be required to pay the fee before the person begins the community service~~  
7 ~~unless the Post Release Supervision and Parole Commission specifically orders that the person~~  
8 ~~do so. Fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the General Fund. The fee~~  
9 ~~imposed under this subsection may be paid as prescribed by the supervising parole officer."~~

10       **SECTION 14.** G.S. 20-179(n) reads as rewritten:

11       "(n) Time Limits for Performance of Community Service. – If the judgment requires the  
12 defendant to perform a specified number of hours of community service ~~as provided in~~  
13 ~~subsections (i), (j), or (k), the community service shall be completed:~~

14           (1) ~~Within 90 days, if the amount of community service required is 72 hours or~~  
15 ~~more; or~~

16           (2) ~~Within 60 days, if the amount of community service required is 48 hours; or~~

17           (3) ~~Within 30 days, if the amount of community service required is 24 hours.~~

18 ~~The court may extend these time limits upon motion of the defendant if it finds that the~~  
19 ~~defendant has made a good faith effort to comply with the time limits specified in this~~  
20 ~~subsection. service, a minimum of 24 hours must be ordered.~~"

21       **SECTION 15.** G.S. 20-179.3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

22       "(j1) Effect of Violation of Community Service Requirement. – Division of Community  
23 Corrections staff shall report significant violations of the terms of a probation judgment related  
24 to community service to the court that ordered the community service. The court shall then  
25 conduct a hearing to determine if there was a willful failure to comply. The hearing may be  
26 held in the district where the requirement was imposed, where the alleged violation occurred, or  
27 where the probationer resides. If the court determines that there was a willful failure to pay the  
28 prescribed fee or to complete the work as ordered within the applicable time limits, the court  
29 shall revoke any limited driving privilege issued in the impaired driving case until community  
30 service requirements have been met. In addition, the court may take any further action  
31 authorized by Article 82 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes for violation of a condition of  
32 probation."

33       **SECTION 16.** G.S. 20-179.4 is repealed.

34       **SECTION 17.** G.S. 143B-262.4 reads as rewritten:

35       "~~§ 143B-262.4. Deferred prosecution, community service restitution, and volunteer~~  
36 ~~program.~~**Community service program.**

37       (a) ~~The Department of Correction may conduct a deferred prosecution, community~~  
38 ~~service restitution, and volunteer program for youthful and adult offenders.~~program. The  
39 program shall provide oversight of offenders placed under the supervision of the Division of  
40 Community Corrections and ordered to perform community service hours for criminal  
41 violations, including driving while impaired violations under G.S. 20-138.1. This program shall  
42 assign offenders, either on supervised or on unsupervised probation, to perform service to the  
43 local community in an effort to promote the offender's rehabilitation and to provide services  
44 that help restore or improve the community. The program shall provide appropriate work site  
45 placement for offenders ordered to perform community service hours. The Department may  
46 adopt rules to conduct the program. Each offender shall be required to comply with the rules  
47 adopted for the program.

48       (a1) ~~The Secretary of Correction may assign one or more coordinator~~employees to each  
49 district court district as defined in G.S. 7A-133 to assure and report to the Court the offender's  
50 compliance with the requirements of the program. ~~The appointment of each coordinator shall~~  
51 ~~be made in consultation with the chief district court judge in the district to which the~~

1 ~~coordinator is assigned.~~ Each county shall provide office space in the courthouse or other  
2 convenient place, for the use of ~~each coordinator~~ the employees assigned to that county.

3 (b) ~~Unless a fee is assessed pursuant to G.S. 20-179.4 or G.S. 15A-1371(i), a~~ fee of  
4 two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be paid by all persons who participate in the program or  
5 receive services from the program staff. Only one fee may be assessed for each sentencing  
6 transaction, even if the person is assigned to the program on more than one occasion, or while  
7 on deferred prosecution, or while serving a sentence for the offense. A sentencing transaction  
8 shall include all offenses considered and adjudicated during the same term of court. Fees  
9 collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the General Fund. If the person is  
10 convicted in a court in this State, the fee shall be paid to the clerk of court in the county in  
11 which the person is ~~convicted~~ convicted, regardless of whether the person is participating in  
12 the program as a condition of probation imposed by the court or pursuant to the exercise of  
13 authority delegated to the probation officer pursuant to G.S. 15A-1343.2(e) or (f). If the person  
14 is participating in the program as a result of a deferred prosecution or similar program, the fee  
15 shall be paid to the clerk of court in the county in which the agreement is filed. If the person is  
16 participating in the program as a condition of parole, the fee shall be paid to the clerk of the  
17 county in which the person is released on parole. Persons participating in the program for any  
18 other reason shall pay the fee to the clerk of court in the county in which the services are  
19 provided by the program staff. The fee shall be paid in full ~~within two weeks from the date the~~  
20 person is ordered to perform the community service, and before the person may participate in  
21 the community service program, except that:

22 (1) A person convicted in a court in this State may be given an extension of time  
23 or allowed to begin the community service before the person pays the fee by  
24 the court in which the person is convicted; or

25 (2) A person performing community service pursuant to a deferred prosecution  
26 or similar agreement may be given an extension of time or allowed to begin  
27 community service before the fee is paid by the official or agency  
28 representing the State in the agreement.

29 (3) A person performing community service as a condition of parole may be  
30 given an extension of time to pay the fee by the Post-Release Supervision  
31 and Parole Commission. No person shall be required to pay the fee before  
32 beginning the community service unless the Commission orders the person  
33 to do so in writing.

34 (4) A person performing community service as ordered by a probation officer  
35 pursuant to authority delegated by G.S. 15A-1343.2 may be given an  
36 extension of time to pay the fee by the probation officer exercising the  
37 delegated authority.

38 (c) ~~The Secretary may designate the same person to serve as a coordinator under this~~  
39 ~~section and under G.S. 20-179.4.~~

40 (d) A person is not liable for damages for any injury or loss sustained by an individual  
41 performing community or reparation service under this section unless the injury is caused by  
42 the person's gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing. As used in this subsection, "person"  
43 includes any governmental unit or agency, nonprofit corporation, or other nonprofit agency that  
44 is supervising the individual, or for whom the individual is performing community service  
45 work, as well as any person employed by the agency or corporation while acting in the scope  
46 and course of the person's employment. This subsection does not affect the immunity from civil  
47 liability in tort available to local governmental units or agencies. Notice of the provisions of  
48 this subsection shall be furnished to the individual at the time of assignment of community  
49 service work by the ~~community~~ judicial service coordinator.

50 (e) ~~In order to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the community service~~  
51 ~~program, (i) beginning September 1, 1995, community service program districts shall have the~~

1 same boundaries as the district court districts established in G.S. 7A-133 and (ii) beginning  
2 with persons hired on or after September 1, 1995, all community service program district  
3 supervisors employed by the Department of Correction to supervise each of the community  
4 service program districts shall reside in the district in which the supervisor works.

5 (f) The community service staff shall report to the court in which the community  
6 service was ordered, a significant violation of the terms of the probation, or deferred  
7 prosecution, related to community ~~service~~service, including a willful failure to pay any  
8 moneys due the State under any court order or payment schedule adopted by the Division of  
9 Community Corrections. The community service staff shall give notice of the hearing to  
10 determine if there is a willful failure to comply to the person who was ordered to perform the  
11 community service. This notice shall be given by either personal delivery to the person to be  
12 notified or by depositing the notice in the United States mail in an envelope with postage  
13 prepaid, addressed to the person at the address shown on the records of the community service  
14 staff. The notice shall be mailed at least 10 days prior to any hearing and shall state the basis of  
15 the alleged willful failure to comply. The court shall then conduct a hearing, even if the person  
16 ordered to perform the community service fails to appear, to determine if there is a willful  
17 failure to complete the work as ordered by the community service staff within the applicable  
18 time limits. The hearing may be held in the county in which the probation judgment or deferred  
19 prosecution requiring the performance of community service was imposed, the county in which  
20 the violation occurred, or the county of residence of the person. If the court determines there is  
21 a willful failure to comply, it shall revoke any drivers license issued to the person and notify the  
22 Division of Motor Vehicles to revoke any drivers license issued to the person until the  
23 community service requirement has been met. In addition, if the person is present, the court  
24 may take any further action authorized by Article 82 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes for  
25 violation of a condition of probation."

26 **SECTION 18.** G.S. 143B-273.10(a) reads as rewritten:

27 "(a) A county board or a multicounty board shall consist of not less than 10 members  
28 and shall, to the greatest extent possible, include the following:

- 29 (1) A county commissioner. In the case of a multicounty community corrections  
30 advisory board, one county commissioner from each participating county  
31 shall serve as a member.
- 32 (2) A county manager, or the county manager's designee.
- 33 (3) A judge of the superior court.
- 34 (4) A judge of the district court.
- 35 (5) A district attorney, or the district attorney's designee.
- 36 (6) A criminal defense attorney.
- 37 (7) A public defender.
- 38 (8) A county sheriff, or the sheriff's designee.
- 39 (9) A chief of a city police department, or the police chief's designee.
- 40 (10) A probation officer.
- 41 (11) ~~A community service coordinator.~~A judicial service coordinator.
- 42 (12) One member selected from each of the following service areas which are  
43 available in the county or counties: mental health, public health, substance  
44 abuse, employment and training, community-based corrections programs,  
45 victim services programs.
- 46 (13) A member of the business community.
- 47 (14) A member of the community who has been a victim of a crime.
- 48 (15) Members at large, including persons who are recovering from chemical  
49 dependency or are previous consumers of substance abuse treatment  
50 services."

1           **SECTION 19.** The provisions of this act are severable. If any provision is held  
2 invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions of  
3 the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision.

4           **SECTION 20.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and  
5 applies to the juvenile records of adjudication of delinquency for offenders placed on probation  
6 for offenses committed on or after that date; however, the juvenile records of adjudication of  
7 delinquency which Section 1 authorizes the probation officer to access may include  
8 adjudications of delinquency that occurred before December 1, 2009. Section 11(a) applies to  
9 hearings held on or after December 1, 2009. The remainder of this act becomes effective  
10 December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.