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Short Title: Street Gang Nuisance Abatement.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Faircloth.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN A PATTERN OF STREET  
3 GANG ACTIVITY ARE SUBJECT TO INJUNCTIONS AS NUISANCES PURSUANT  
4 TO CHAPTER 19 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
7 Article to read:

8 "Article 13B.

9 "North Carolina Street Gang Nuisance Abatement Act.

10 **"§ 14-45.41. Short title.**

11 This Article shall be known and may be cited as the 'North Carolina Street Gang Nuisance  
12 Abatement Act.'

13 **"§ 14-45.42. Real property used by criminal street gangs declared a public nuisance:**  
14 **abatement.**

15 (a) Public Nuisance. – Any real property that is erected, established, maintained,  
16 owned, leased, or used by any criminal street gang for the purpose of conducting criminal street  
17 gang activity, as defined in G.S. 14-50.16, shall constitute a public nuisance and may be abated  
18 as provided by and subject to the provisions of Article 1 of Chapter 19 of the General Statutes.

19 (b) Innocent Activities. – The provisions of this section shall not apply to real property  
20 used for criminal street gang activity where the owner or person who has legal possession of  
21 the real property does not have actual knowledge that the real property is being used for  
22 criminal street gang activity.

23 **"§ 14-45.43. Street gangs declared a public nuisance.**

24 (a) A street gang, as defined in G.S. 14-50.16(b), that regularly associates in criminal  
25 street gang activities as defined in G.S. 14-50.16(c), constitutes a public nuisance. For the  
26 purposes of this section, the term "regularly" means at least five times in a period of not more  
27 than 12 months.

28 (b) Any person who regularly associates with others to engage in criminal street gang  
29 activity, as defined in G.S. 14-50.16, may be made a defendant in a suit, brought pursuant to  
30 Chapter 19 of the General Statutes, to abate any public nuisance resulting from criminal street  
31 gang activity.

32 (c) If the court finds that a public nuisance exists under this section, the court may enter  
33 an order enjoining the defendant in the suit from engaging in criminal street gang activities and  
34 impose other reasonable requirements to prevent the defendant or a gang from engaging in  
35 future criminal street gang activities."



1                   **SECTION 2.** G.S. 14-50.24 is repealed.

2                   **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2011, and applies to offenses  
3 committed and abatement actions commenced on or after that date.