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HOUSE BILL 898

Short Title: Study Criminal Recidivism in North Carolina. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Clemmons, McNeill, Hardister, and Graham (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 22, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO WORK WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA SENTENCING AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION, LOCAL REENTRY COUNCILS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE STATE PERSONNEL COMMISSION TO USE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CASELOAD DATA TO STUDY RECIDIVISM RATES, TOOLS TO DECREASE RECIDIVISM, INCLUDING TOOLS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, RESOURCES NEEDED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TOOLS, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PROBATION-PAROLE OFFICER PAYMENT INCREASES BASED ON DECREASED RECIDIVISM RATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Public Safety, working with the North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, local reentry councils, community-based organizations, and the State Personnel Commission, shall use community corrections caseload data to study criminal recidivism rates, tools to reduce recidivism, including tools for mental health services and substance abuse services, resources needed for the implementation of tools, and the possibility of Probation-Parole Officer payment increases based on decreased recidivism rates.

**SECTION 1.(b)** The Department of Public Safety may report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety in an interim report by April 1, 2020, and shall make a final report by December 1, 2020, and shall terminate upon the earlier of December 1, 2020, or the filing of its final report.

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

