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Sponsors: Representative Boles (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Judiciary II.

March 19, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF THREAT OF AN ESCAPED JUVENILE BEFORE RELEASING INFORMATION REGARDING THE JUVENILE TO THE PUBLIC, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 7B-3102(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Notwithstanding G.S. 7B-2102(d) or any other law to the contrary, within 24 hours of the time a juvenile escapes from custody the Division shall (i) determine the level of threat posed to the community by the juvenile who has escaped and (ii) if deemed appropriate, release to the public the juvenile's first name, last initial, and photograph; the name and location of the institution from which the juvenile escaped, or if the juvenile's escape was not from an institution, the circumstances and location of the escape; and a statement, based on the juvenile's record, of the level of concern of the Division as to the juvenile's threat to self or to others, if the juvenile escapes from a detention facility, secure custody, or a youth development center and the juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent. The determination of the level of threat posed by a juvenile who escapes from custody shall be made by the Deputy Commissioner of Juvenile Justice or the Deputy Commissioner's designee."

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

