

August 28, 2002

**H 1785. NC CAN/AMBER ALERT - 2.** *TO AUTHORIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR MISSING PERSONS TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND PRIVATE DONATIONS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - NC CAN (AMBER ALERT), TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA TO TRIGGER AN "AMBER ALERT", TO COORDINATE THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGNS TO DISPLAY INFORMATION REGARDING MISSING CHILDREN.* Creates the North Carolina Child Alert Notification System (NC CAN) within the NC Center for Missing Persons. The purpose of NC CAN is to provide a statewide system for rapid dissemination of information regarding abducted children who meet criteria set forth in the bill. Authorizes the Dep't of Crime Control and Public Safety to accept, on behalf of the Center for Missing Persons, grants, contributions and gifts to be used to fund the operations of the Center and the NC CAN system. The Center is required to consult with the Dep't of Transportation to develop a procedure for using overhead permanent changeable message signs to provide information about abducted children, and the Center is to encourage radio and television broadcasters to participate in the system. Also amends GS 143B-499.1, effective October 1, 2002, to require law enforcement agencies to report all missing children who meet the criteria for the new NC CAN system to report the missing child to the Center for Missing Persons.

**Intro. by Decker, Redwine.**

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September 4, 2002

**H 1785. NC CAN/AMBER ALERT-2.** Intro. 8/28/02. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds to required criteria in proposed new GS 143B-499.7(b) (disseminating information on missing children) that child is believed to have been abducted.

September 5, 2002

**H 1785. NC CAN/AMBER ALERT - 2.** Intro. 8/28/02. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes nonreverting the separate fund in which grants, etc., used to fund the operation of the NC Center for Missing Persons and the NC Child Alert Notification System are kept.