

March 3, 2003

H 154. DNA ANALYSIS/SEX ASSAULT KITS. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PERFORM DNA ANALYSIS ON UNTESTED SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS LOCATED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA AND TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION CRIME LABORATORY SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PERFORM DNA ANALYSIS OF EVIDENCE TO ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTORS IN CONVICTING CRIMINALS.* Blank bill.

Intro. by Ross, Weiss, Sutton, Wright.

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June 4, 2003

H 154. DNA ANALYSIS/SEX ASSAULT KITS. Intro. 3/03/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Replaces blank bill with bill providing for DNA analysis of rape kits, providing for construction of new wing to SBI crime laboratory in order to provide facilities for such analysis, and establishing framework for state to issue debt secured only by facility or facilities financed by such debt.

Appropriates \$102,344 for 2003-04 fiscal year and \$269,144 for 2004-05 fiscal year from General Fund to Dep't of Justice to help support staff positions, training, and supplies necessary to process rape kits. Authorizes state to issue up to \$ 3.6 million in financing contract indebtedness (under general framework established in bill) for new wing for SBI crime lab.

Enacts new GS Chapter 142, Article 9, establishing framework under which state or state agencies may borrow money through financing contracts (e.g., lease-purchase or installment purchase contracts), certificates of participation, or state limited obligation bonds. Provides that such debt may be secured by liens on facilities financed or renovated with debt proceeds or on land on which such facilities located. Requires State Treasurer and Council of State approval of such debt, and provides for supervision also by Dep't of Administration. Conditions any use of such debt on specific authorization by General Assembly or on General Assembly authorization of such debt up to specific maximum for specific category of facilities. Permits variable rate obligations and swaps and sets out provisions relevant to such debt, and provides for various details of debt issuance.

Makes appropriation effective July 1, 2003, and rest of bill when it becomes law.