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S 122. AMEND INVESTIGATIVE GRAND JURY AUTHORITY. Filed 2/12/07. *TO PROVIDE THAT AN INVESTIGATIVE GRAND JURY MAY INVESTIGATE CERTAIN ALLEGED CRIMES IN ADDITION TO THOSE RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR CONVENING AN INVESTIGATIVE GRAND JURY.* Enacts new GS 15A-632(a) to authorize the convening of a grand jury to investigate allegations of the commission of listed crimes, and new subsection (b) to require that beginning December 1, 2007, and every two years thereafter, the Chief Justice appoint a permanent panel of three superior court judges to decide all petitions to convene an investigative grand jury during the two-year period. Current law requires the appointment of a new three-judge panel upon receipt of each grand jury petition. Repeals GS 15A-622(h) and 15A-623(h) and incorporates their provisions into GS 15A-632(c) and (d) respectively, but deletes the requirements that grand jury petitions be approved by three members of the NC Conference of District Attorneys and that the Attorney General and the Clerk of the NC Supreme Court concur in the petition. Makes technical corrections and conforming changes. Effective December 1, 2007.

Intro. by Rand.

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