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S 29. DV VICTIMS/SECURITY. Filed 1/29/07. *TO DETERMINE WHETHER SECURITY GUIDELINES ARE NEEDED FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS OPERATED BY STATE-FUNDED AGENCIES AND TO PROVIDE, WHERE FEASIBLE, PRIVATE AREAS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS WHO ARE NEEDED FOR ANY COURT PROCEEDING WHERE THE DEFENDANT WILL BE PRESENT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.* Requires the North Carolina Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission (Council) to work in cooperation with the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence to review existing guidelines that agencies must meet to receive Council funding and evaluate the need for specific guidelines designed to ensure safety at domestic violence shelters operated by State-funded agencies. Directs the Council to report the results of its review to the Joint Legislative Committee on Domestic violence by May 1, 2008. Directs each courthouse in the state, where feasible, to provide a private waiting area for domestic violence victims until they are needed in court, in any proceeding where the domestic violence offender may be present in the courtroom. Instructs the Administrative Office of the Courts to report on the progress of providing a private waiting area for victims of domestic violence to the Joint Legislative Committee on Domestic Violence by May 1, 2008.

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