

May 4, 2009

H 1573. HELP HOMELESS VETERANS RECEIVE BENEFITS. Filed 5/4/09. *TO FACILITATE THE IDENTIFICATION OF VETERANS, HOMELESS VETERANS IN PARTICULAR, IN ORDER TO ASSIST SUCH PERSONS IN OBTAINING BENEFITS TO WHICH THEY MAY BE ENTITLED.*

Enacts new GS 148-12.1, GS 15A-1343.4, and GS 122C-210.3 as the title indicates.

GS 148-12.1. Directs the Secretary of Correction to adopt rules requiring that the following inquiries be made of each prisoner received in the state prison system: (1) has the prisoner ever served in the active or reserve components of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Air Guard, National Guard, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marine and (2) does the prisoner consent to this information being shared with other state, local, and federal agencies and entered into the Carolina Homeless Information Network (CHIN) database where applicable. Directs the Department of Correction to enter into an agency participation agreement with the NC Housing Coalition, Inc. regarding access and use of the CHIN Homeless Management Information System. Provides that the requirements of this section be interpreted consistent with federal law and that the information obtained under this section is not a public record under GS Chapter 132.

GS 15A-1343.4. Directs the Secretary of Correction to adopt rules and enter into an agency participation agreement with CHIN Homeless Management Information System as indicated above, pertaining to each offender on probation.

GS 122C-210.3. Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to adopt rules and enter into an agency participation agreement with CHIN Homeless Management Information System as indicated above, pertaining to each person admitted to a facility.

Appropriates \$64,271 for 2009-10 and \$51,419 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services to purchase 168 end user licenses for the CHIN program. Appropriates \$38,257 for 2009-10 and \$30,607 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the Department of Correction to purchase 100 end user licenses for the CHIN program. Directs the Division of Veterans Affairs of the Department of Administration to investigate additional sources of funding to accomplish the purposes of this act and to apply for any such funding.

Effective October 1, 2009.

Intro. by Martin, Fisher.

GS 15A, 122C, 148, APPROP

May 20, 2009

H 1573. HELP HOMELESS VETERANS RECEIVE BENEFITS. Filed 5/4/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes a technical change to proposed GS 122C-210.3 and to a whereas clause.