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SENATE DRS35219-LL-80A (02/28)

Short Title: Jail Dormitory Minimum Standards. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Woodard and McKissick (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR JAIL  
3 DORMITORIES TO ALLOW COUNTIES WITH POPULATIONS IN EXCESS OF TWO  
4 HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND INMATES TO HOUSE SIXTY-FOUR INMATES PER  
5 DORMITORY SO LONG AS CERTAIN MINIMUM STANDARDS ARE MET.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 153A-221(d) reads as rewritten:

8 "(d) Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, each dormitory in a county  
9 detention facility may house up to 64 inmates as long as the dormitory provides all of the  
10 following:

- 11 (1) A minimum floor space of 70 square feet per inmate, including both the  
12 sleeping and dayroom areas.
- 13 (2) One shower per eight inmates, one toilet per eight inmates, one sink with a  
14 security mirror per eight inmates, and one water fountain.
- 15 (3) A telephone jack or other telephone arrangement provided within the  
16 dormitory.
- 17 (4) Space designed to allow a variety of activities.
- 18 (5) Sufficient seating and tables for all inmates.
- 19 (6) A way for officers to observe the entire area from the entrance.

20 This subsection applies only to those counties that have a population in excess of  
21 ~~300,000~~, 250,000, according to the most recent decennial federal census."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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