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Short Title: Records to Medical Examiner. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative L. Hall.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION TO PROVIDE  
3 COPIES OF ALL RECORDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER  
4 IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF AN INMATE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE  
5 DIVISION.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.** Article 1 of Chapter 148 of the General Statutes is amended by  
8 adding a new section to read:  
9 **"§ 148-10.5. Death of an inmate; records to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.**  
10 In addition to any other requirements under State law, and consistent with the  
11 responsibilities and jurisdiction of medical examiners under Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter  
12 130A of the General Statutes, whenever an inmate dies while in the custody of the Division of  
13 Adult Correction, the Division shall provide full and accurate copies of all records associated  
14 with the deceased inmate, including any records made after the inmate's death, to the Office of  
15 the Chief Medical Examiner. In the event that the State Bureau of Investigation conducts an  
16 investigation into the death, a full and accurate copy of the report of that investigation shall also  
17 be provided to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Notwithstanding any other provision  
18 of law, no right of privacy considerations shall prevent the Office of the Chief Medical  
19 Examiner from obtaining copies of all such records directly from the Division of Adult  
20 Correction or the State Bureau of Investigation."  
21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

