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SENATE BILL DRS35189-MN-10A (03/02)

Short Title: People First 2017.

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Sponsors: Senators Barringer, Krawiec, and Lee (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PERTAINING TO STATUTORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REFERENCES  
3 TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** It is the intent of the General Assembly to periodically review this  
6 State's statutes and update language that refers to people with disabilities in order to continue to  
7 effectuate the intent of S.L. 2009-264.

8 **SECTION 2.** The General Statutes Commission shall recommend to the 2018  
9 Session of the 2017 General Assembly and to the 2019 Regular Session of the General  
10 Assembly any statutory changes and drafting policies needed to make the General Statutes and  
11 administrative rules refer to a person with a disability as a person first. The goal of the revisions  
12 shall be to avoid language that (i) implies that a person as a whole is disabled, (ii) equates a  
13 person with his or her condition, or (iii) is regarded as derogatory or demeaning. In making  
14 recommendations, the General Statutes Commission shall distinguish those instances where a  
15 word or phrase is required by federal law or regulation, is describing a medical diagnosis, or is  
16 referring to nonliving entities such as facilities, organizations, programs, services, or zone  
17 designations.

18 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

