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SENATE BILL DRS35021-LR-24 (01/25)

Short Title: Public Meetings/Records Law Violations. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Cook and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE VIOLATIONS OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS AND OPEN MEETINGS  
LAWS CLASS 3 MISDEMEANORS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 132-9 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(a1) It is a Class 3 misdemeanor to deny access to public records for purposes of inspection and examination or to deny copies of public records."

**SECTION 2.** Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 143-318.18A. Violation of Article.**

Violation of this Article is a Class 3 misdemeanor."

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2017.



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