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SENATE BILL DRS15500-NDa-144

Short Title: Prison Social Distancing and Reopening. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Smith and Foushee (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF ADULT  
3 CORRECTION AND JUVENILE JUSTICE, TO DEVELOP A PLAN REGARDING  
4 PRISON DEPOPULATION, A PLAN REGARDING FUTURE RESPONSE EFFORTS  
5 FOR AN EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019, AND A  
6 PROPOSAL AND COST ANALYSIS FOR THE CONTRACTED USE OF ODOM  
7 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION BY UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND  
8 CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and  
11 Juvenile Justice, shall do each of the following:

- 12 (1) Develop a plan for the release to the community of offenders that are either  
13 (i) serving a sentence for a nonviolent crime, (ii) suffering from a medical  
14 diagnosis that compromises the offender's immune system, (iii) near release,  
15 or (iv) juveniles.  
16 (2) Develop a plan regarding future response efforts for an emergency related to  
17 the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).  
18 (3) Develop a proposal and cost analysis for the contracted use of Odom  
19 Correctional Institution as a detention center by United States Immigration  
20 and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to house ICE detainees that were taken into  
21 custody in North Carolina.

22 **SECTION 2.** The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall submit the  
23 plans and proposal required by Section 1 of this act to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee  
24 on Justice and Public Safety no later than September 1, 2020.

25 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
26 Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, the sum of ten million dollars  
27 (\$10,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be used for electronic  
28 monitoring services, community corrections staffing, and other costs associated with the release  
29 of offenders to the community pursuant to Section 1 of this act.

30 **SECTION 4.** Section 3 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2020. The remainder of  
31 this act is effective when it becomes law.



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