

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 222*

Short Title: Ex-Offender Study Recommendations. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hartsell, Dannelly, and Jones.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 7, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO
3 UTILIZE CERTAIN DATA TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS
4 PROGRAMS; AND TO REQUIRE THE SENTENCING AND POLICY ADVISORY
5 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE BEST METHODS AND PROCEDURES FOR
6 ENSURING THAT A DEFENDANT WHO ENTERS A GUILTY PLEA
7 UNDERSTANDS THE COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLEA, AS
8 RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON EX-OFFENDER
9 REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission
12 shall incorporate data from the Employment Security Commission's Common Follow-up
13 System into its biennial correctional program evaluation.

14 **SECTION 2.** The North Carolina Department of Correction shall utilize Common
15 Follow-up System data in evaluating the effectiveness of programs it operates.

16 **SECTION 3.** The North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission
17 shall report to the General Assembly no later than the convening of the 2012 Regular Session
18 of the 2011 General Assembly on the best methods and procedures, and under what
19 circumstances, a court would (i) provide actual notice to a defendant who is entering a guilty
20 plea as to the collateral consequences of a conviction of the offense or offenses and (ii) waive,
21 in the court's discretion, any of the collateral consequences which would result from a
22 conviction of the offense or offenses.

23 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

