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SENATE BILL DRS15137-ND-117

Short Title: CJIN Changes.

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Sponsors: Senators Steinburg, Burgin, and Ford (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY IN  
3 ACCORDANCE WITH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
4 INFORMATION NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 143B-1393 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 143B-1393. Powers and duties.

8 (a) The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

9 (1) To establish and operate the Network as an integrated system of State and  
10 local government components for effectively and efficiently storing,  
11 communicating, and using criminal justice information at the State and local  
12 levels throughout North Carolina's law enforcement, judicial, juvenile justice,  
13 and corrections agencies, with the components of the Network to include  
14 electronic devices, programs, data, and governance and to set the Network's  
15 policies and procedures.

16 (2) To develop and adopt uniform standards and cost-effective information  
17 technology, after thorough evaluation of the capacity of information  
18 technology to meet the present and future needs of the State and, in  
19 consultation with the Department of Information Technology, to develop and  
20 adopt standards for entering, storing, and transmitting information in criminal  
21 justice databases and for achieving maximum compatibility among user  
22 technologies.

23 (3) To identify the funds needed to establish and maintain the Network, identify  
24 public and private sources of funding, and secure funding to:

25 a. Create the Network and facilitate the sharing of information among  
26 users of the Network; and

27 b. Make grants to local government users to enable them to acquire or  
28 improve elements of the Network that lie within the responsibility of  
29 their agencies or State agencies; provided that the elements developed  
30 with the funds must be available for use by the State or by local  
31 governments without cost and the applicable State agencies join in the  
32 request for funding.

33 (4) To provide assistance to local governments for the financial and systems  
34 planning for Network-related automation and to coordinate and assist the  
35 Network users of this State in soliciting bids for information technology  
36 hardware, software, and services in order to assure compliance with the



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- 1 Board's technical standards, to gain the most advantageous contracts for the  
2 Network users of this State, and to assure financial accountability where State  
3 funds are used.
- 4 (5) To provide a liaison among local government users and to advocate on behalf  
5 of the Network and its users in connection with legislation affecting the  
6 Network.
- 7 (6) To facilitate the sharing of knowledge about information technologies among  
8 users of the Network.
- 9 (7) To take any other appropriate actions to foster the development of the  
10 Network.

11 (a1) Notwithstanding G.S. 143B-1322(c)(19) and (d) or any other provision of law to the  
12 contrary, the Board shall do all of the following:

- 13 (1) Exercise administrative control over the transportation and subsistence budget  
14 established by the Board and appropriated by the General Assembly.
- 15 (2) Establish qualifications, classification, and salary levels for its employees and  
16 determine appropriate methods of screening for candidates, interviewing,  
17 hiring, and day-to-day management of Board employees.

18 (b) All grants or other uses of funds appropriated or granted to the Board shall be  
19 conditioned on compliance with the Board's technical and other standards."

20 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 143B-1394 reads as rewritten:

21 "**§ 143B-1394. Election of officers; meetings; staff, etc.**

22 (a) The Governor shall call the first meeting of the Board. At the first meeting, the Board  
23 shall elect a chair and a vice-chair, each to serve a one-year term, with subsequent officers to be  
24 elected for one-year terms. The Board shall hold at least two regular meetings each year, as  
25 provided by policies and procedures adopted by the Board. The Board may hold additional  
26 meetings upon the call of the chair or any three Board members. A majority of the Board  
27 membership constitutes a quorum.

28 (b) The staff of the Criminal Justice Information Network shall provide the Board with  
29 professional and clerical support and any additional support the Board needs to fulfill its mandate.  
30 The Board's staff shall use space provided by the Department of Information Technology. The  
31 Department of Information Technology shall provide technical assistance to the Board at the  
32 request of the Board."

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