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SENATE BILL 137

Short Title: Private Correctional Officers.

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Sponsors: Senator Ballance.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PRIVATE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS TO
2 USE FORCE AND MAKE ARRESTS CONSISTENT WITH NORTH CAROLINA
3 LAW.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Correctional officers and security supervisors employed at the
7 private correctional facility proposed for Hertford County pursuant to a contract
8 between the Federal Bureau of Prisons and Wackenhut Corrections Corporation may, in
9 the course of their employment as correctional officers or security supervisors at that
10 facility, use necessary force and make arrests consistent with North Carolina law,
11 provided that their employment is in accordance with the minimum standards and
12 practices followed by the Department of Correction in hiring its correctional personnel,
13 and if:

- 14 (1) Those correctional officers and security supervisors have been
15 certified as correctional officers as provided under Chapter 17C of the
16 General Statutes; or
17 (2) Wackenhut Corrections Corporation provides the North Carolina
18 Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission with
19 documentation sufficient to demonstrate to the Commission that those
20 officers and supervisors have completed a training curriculum that
21 meets or exceeds the standards required by the Commission for
22 correctional personnel.

23 **SECTION 2.** Wackenhut Corrections Corporation shall certify at least
24 annually to the Department of Correction that it maintains liability insurance of an
25 amount sufficient for a correctional facility of its size and security level.

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