

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007

H

2

HOUSE BILL 2163
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/17/08

Short Title: Study Pitt Co. Sheriff/Access Drug Database.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 19, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO CREATE A LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON EXPANDING
3 ACCESS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES'
4 PRESCRIPTION DRUG DATABASE TO INCLUDE PITT COUNTY SHERIFF
5 AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is established the Legislative Study Committee on
8 Expanding Access to the Department of Health and Human Services' Prescription Drug
9 Database to Include Pitt County Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs. The purpose of the
10 Committee is to study whether, and under what circumstances, the prescription drug
11 database maintained by the Department of Health and Human Services should be
12 accessible to the Pitt County sheriff and deputy sheriffs.

13 The Committee shall consist of 12 members as follows:

14 (1) Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives.

16 (2) Six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

17 **SECTION 2.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate
18 one Representative as cochair, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall
19 designate one Senator as cochair. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the
20 same appointing authority that made the initial appointment.

21 **SECTION 3.** The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties,
22 may exercise all the powers provided under the provisions of Articles 5 and 5A of
23 Chapter 120 of the General Statutes. The Committee may meet at any time upon the call
24 of the cochairs. The Committee may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative
25 Office Building. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant
26 services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

27 **SECTION 4.** The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative
28 Services Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. The
29 House of Representatives' and the Senate's Director of Legislative Assistants shall

1 assign clerical staff to the Committee, and the expenses relating to the clerical
2 employees shall be borne by the Committee. Members of the Committee shall receive
3 subsistence and travel expenses at the rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as
4 appropriate.

5 **SECTION 5.** The Committee shall make its final report, including any
6 legislative proposals, by the convening of the 2009 General Assembly. The Committee
7 shall terminate upon filing its final report or upon the convening of the 2009 General
8 Assembly, whichever is earlier.

9 **SECTION 6.** From the funds available to the General Assembly, the
10 Legislative Services Commission may allocate monies to fund the work of the
11 Committee.

12 **SECTION 7.** This act is effective when it becomes law.