GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2013

SESSION LAW 2014-22 SENATE BILL 463

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR JAIL DORMITORIES TO ALLOW COUNTIES TO HOUSE SIXTY-FOUR INMATES PER DORMITORY SO LONG AS CERTAIN MINIMUM STANDARDS ARE MET.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-221(d) reads as rewritten:

- "(d) Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, each dormitory in a county detention facility may house up to 64 inmates as long as the dormitory provides all of the following:
 - (1) A minimum floor space of 70 square feet per inmate, including both the sleeping and dayroom areas.
 - One shower per eight inmates, one toilet per eight inmates, one sink with a security mirror per eight inmates, and one water fountain.
 - (3) A telephone jack or other telephone arrangement provided within the dormitory.
 - (4) Space designed to allow a variety of activities.
 - (5) Sufficient seating and tables for all inmates.
 - (6) A way for officers to observe the entire area from the entrance.

This subsection applies only to those counties that have a population in excess of 300,000, according to the most recent decennial federal census."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18th day of June, 2014.

- Presiding Officer of the Senate
- s/ Tim Moore Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives
- s/ Pat McCrory Governor

Approved 1:22 p.m. this 24th day of June, 2014

