SENATE BILL 439

Short Title: Washington Co. Inmates Work.   (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Martin of Pitt.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

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1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2   AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE WASHINGTON COUNTY TO PLACE NONVIOLENT
3   MISDEMEANANTS INCARCERATED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL
4   TO WORK ON PUBLIC WORKS WITHOUT THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF
5   THE SHERIFF.
6   The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7   Section 1. The board of commissioners of a county may enact by resolution
8   all necessary rules and regulations for work on the public works by persons convicted of
9   nonviolent misdemeanors and imprisoned in the local confinement facilities or satellite
10   jail/work release units of the county. Prisoners placed at work under this act shall be
11   supervised by county employees or by the sheriff. The rules enacted by the board of
12   county commissioners shall specify a procedure for ensuring that county employees
13   supervising prisoners pursuant to this act be provided with notice that the persons
14   placed under their supervision are inmates from a local confinement facility or a
15   satellite jail/work release unit.
16   Sec. 2. No prisoner shall be placed at work pursuant to Section 1 of this act
17   unless the prisoner has been approved for the work by the person having custody of the
18   prisoner. For purposes of this section, the person having custody of the prisoner is the
19   sheriff, except that when the prisoner is confined in a district confinement facility the
20   person having custody of the prisoner is the jail administrator. The person having
21   custody of the prisoner may use his discretion to revoke his approval at any time and to
22   return the prisoner to the local confinement facility or satellite jail/work release unit.
23   Neither the person having custody of the prisoner nor any jailer may be held liable for

1 the actions of any prisoner, including those actions committed during and after the
2 escape of the prisoner, while the prisoner is outside their supervision