

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 288*

Short Title: Continue Sentencing Commission.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Cooper and Hartsell.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 3, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE NORTH CAROLINA SENTENCING AND POLICY
2 ADVISORY COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE THE
3 COMMISSION.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Section 8 of Chapter 1076 of the 1989 Session Laws, as amended
7 by Chapters 812 and 816 of the 1991 Session Laws, Chapters 253, 321, and 591 of the
8 1993 Session Laws, and Chapter 236 of the 1995 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

9 "Sec. 8. This act is effective ~~upon ratification, and shall expire~~ July 1, 1997."

10 Section 2. G.S. 164-38 reads as rewritten:

11 "**§ 164-38. (Effective until July 1, 1997) Terms of members; compensation;**
12 **expenses.**

13 The terms of existing members shall expire on June 30, ~~1995, 1997,~~ unless they resign
14 or are removed. New members shall be appointed or the existing members reappointed by
15 the appointing authorities to serve ~~until July 1, 1997,~~ terms of two years, unless they resign
16 or are removed. Members serving by virtue of elective or appointive office or as
17 designees of such officeholders may serve only so long as the officeholders hold those
18 respective offices. Members appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro
19 Tempore of the Senate may be removed by the appointing authority without cause.
20 Vacancies occurring before the expiration of a term shall be filled in the manner provided

1 for the members first appointed. A member of the Commission may be removed only for
2 disability, neglect of duty, incompetence, or malfeasance in office. Before removal, the
3 member is entitled to a hearing. Effective with respect to members designated on or after
4 July 1, 1992, a person making a designation pursuant to G.S. 164-37 may not make
5 another designation, except that the person's successor in elective or appointive office
6 may make a new designation.

7 The Commission members shall receive no salary for serving. All Commission
8 members shall receive necessary subsistence and travel expenses in accordance with the
9 provisions of G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, and 138-6 as applicable."

10 Section 3. G.S. 164-36 reads as rewritten:

11 "**§ 164-36. (Effective until July 1, 1997) Powers and duties.**

12 Sentences established for violations of the State's criminal laws should be based on
13 the established purposes of our criminal justice and corrections systems. The
14 Commission shall evaluate sentencing laws and policies in relationship to both the stated
15 purposes of the criminal justice and corrections systems and the availability of sentencing
16 options. The Commission shall make recommendations to the General Assembly for the
17 modification of sentencing laws and policies, and for the addition, deletion, or expansion
18 of sentencing options as necessary to achieve policy goals. The Commission shall make
19 a report of its recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to the General
20 Assembly annually."

21 Section 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.