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**HOUSE BILL 1115  
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Short Title: Allow Electronic Parole Notification.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION TO THE MEDIA WHENEVER  
3 THE POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION AND PAROLE COMMISSION IS  
4 CONSIDERING PAROLE FOR A PERSON SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 15A-1371(b)(3) reads as rewritten:

7 "(3) Whenever the Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission will be  
8 considering for parole a prisoner serving a sentence of life imprisonment the  
9 Commission must notify, at least 30 days in advance of considering the  
10 parole, by first class mail at the last known address:

- 11 a. The prisoner;  
12 b. The district attorney of the district where the prisoner was convicted;  
13 c. The head of the law enforcement agency that arrested the prisoner  
14 and the sheriff of the county where the crime occurred;  
15 d. Any of the victim's immediate family members who have requested  
16 in writing to be notified; and  
17 e. Repealed by Session Laws 1993, c. 538, s. 22.  
18 f. As many newspapers of general circulation and other media in the  
19 county where the defendant was convicted and if different, in the  
20 county where the prisoner was charged, as reasonable. The  
21 Commission may elect to use electronic means rather than the mail to  
22 notify the media under this sub-subdivision if such notification  
23 would be more timely and cost-effective.

24 The Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission must consider any  
25 information provided by any such parties before consideration of parole. The  
26 Commission must also give the district attorney, the head of the law  
27 enforcement agency who has requested in writing to be notified, the victim,  
28 any member of the victim's immediate family who has requested to be  
29 notified, and as many newspapers of general circulation and other media in  
30 the county or counties designated in sub-subdivision f. of this section as  
31 reasonable, written notice of its decision within 10 days of that decision. The  
32 Commission may elect to use electronic means rather than the mail to notify  
33 the media under this paragraph if such notification would be more timely  
34 and cost-effective. The Parole Commission shall not, however, include the  
35 name of any victim in its notification to the newspapers and other media."



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