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HOUSE BILL 176

Short Title: Review DV Program Participation. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives McLawhorn, Ross, and Farmer-Butterfield (Primary Sponsors).  
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Judiciary Subcommittee C.

February 24, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REVIEW OF A DEFENDANT'S PARTICIPATION IN A  
COURT-ORDERED ABUSER TREATMENT PROGRAM, AS RECOMMENDED BY  
THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 15A-1343(12) reads as rewritten:

"(12) Attend and complete an abuser treatment program if (i) the court finds the defendant is responsible for acts of domestic violence and (ii) there is a program, approved by the Domestic Violence Commission, reasonably available to the defendant, unless the court finds that such would not be in the best interests of justice. A defendant attending an abuser treatment program shall abide by all of the rules of the program. The probation officer shall forward a copy of the probation judgment to the program and request to be notified of any violations of program rules by the defendant. The court shall review the defendant's participation in the program within 30 days of a notification that the defendant has violated program rules or failed to complete the program within the specified time period for completion. The notification of the review shall be conducted according to the procedures set forth in G.S. 15A-1342(d)."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2011, and applies to defendants placed on probation on or after that date.

