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Short Title: Sex Offense/Child Witness Remote Testimony. (Public) Sponsors: Senators Mansfield; and Davis. Referred to: Judiciary II. February 9, 2011 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE REMOTE TESTIMONY OF CHILD WITNESSES IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO SEXUAL OFFENSES. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: **SECTION 1.** G.S. 15A-1225.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read: "(b1) In a criminal proceeding relating to an alleged sexual offense against a child witness, the court may make the determination pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to allow remote testimony by the child witness based solely upon lay testimony." **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2011, and applies to criminal proceedings pending on or after that date.

