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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE COURT TO IMPOSE CUSTODIAL SANCTIONS AND OTHER  
CONDITIONS IN RESPONSE TO VIOLATION ON AN OUT-OF-STATE PROBATION  
OFFENDER; TO CLARIFY THE LANGUAGE CONCERNING HEARING  
PROCEDURES FOR OFFENDERS BEING SUPERVISED UNDER THE INTERSTATE  
COMPACT; AND TO ALLOW THE SECTION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO  
IMPOSE ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF PROBATION SUPERVISION FOR  
OFFENDERS BEING SUPERVISED UNDER THE INTERSTATE COMPACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 15A-1344 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"§ 15A-1344. **Response to violations; alteration and revocation.**

...

(d2) **Confinement in Response to Violation.** – When a defendant under supervision for a felony conviction has violated a condition of probation other than G.S. 15A-1343(b)(1) or G.S. 15A-1343(b)(3a), the court may impose a period of confinement of 90 consecutive days to be served in the custody of the Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety. The court may not revoke probation unless the defendant has previously received a total of two periods of confinement under this subsection. A defendant may receive only two periods of confinement under this subsection. The 90-day term of confinement ordered under this subsection for a felony shall not be reduced by credit for time already served in the case. Any such credit shall instead be applied to the suspended sentence. However, if the time remaining on the maximum imposed sentence on a defendant under supervision for a felony conviction is 90 days or less, then the term of confinement is for the remaining period of the sentence. Confinement under this section shall be credited pursuant to G.S. 15-196.1.

When a defendant under supervision for a misdemeanor conviction sentenced pursuant to Article 81B of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes has violated a condition of probation other than G.S. 15A-1343(b)(1) or G.S. 15A-1343(b)(3a), the court may impose a period of confinement pursuant to G.S. 15A-1343(a1)(3). The court may not revoke probation unless the defendant has previously received at least two periods of confinement for violating a condition of probation other than G.S. 15A-1343(b)(1) or G.S. 15A-1343(b)(3a). Those periods of confinement may have been imposed pursuant to G.S. 15A-1343(a1)(3), 15A-1343.2(e)(5), or 15A-1343.2(f)(6). The second period of confinement must have been imposed for a violation that occurred after the defendant served the first period of confinement. Confinement under this section shall be credited pursuant to G.S. 15-196.1.



1 When a defendant under supervision for a misdemeanor conviction not sentenced pursuant  
2 to Article 81B of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes has violated a condition of probation  
3 other than G.S. 15A-1343(b)(1) or G.S. 15A-1343(b)(3a), the court may impose a period of  
4 confinement of up to 90 consecutive days to be served where the defendant would have served  
5 an active sentence. The court may not revoke probation unless the defendant has previously  
6 received a total of two periods of confinement under this subsection. A defendant may receive  
7 only two periods of confinement under this subsection. Confinement under this section shall be  
8 credited pursuant to G.S. 15-196.1.

9 (d3) Where probation supervision of an offender in this State is being administered  
10 pursuant to the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision established by  
11 G.S. 148-65.5, which carries the weight of federal law and requires supervision consistent with  
12 the supervision of other similar offenders sentenced in this State, the court may, after notice  
13 and hearing pursuant to G.S. 15A-1345 and upon finding that the offender violated one or more  
14 conditions of probation, impose a custodial sanction in accordance with subdivision (1), (2), or  
15 (3) of this subsection and any other condition listed in G.S. 15A-1343 with the exception of an  
16 active term of imprisonment as a condition of special probation and criminal contempt. At no  
17 time is the court authorized to alter any condition imposed by the sending state or extend,  
18 transfer to unsupervised, revoke, or terminate the period of probation supervision.

19 (1) When an offender under probation supervision for a felony conviction has  
20 violated a condition of probation, the court may impose a period of  
21 confinement for 90 consecutive days to be served in the custody of the  
22 Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety. An  
23 offender may receive only two periods of confinement under this subsection.  
24 The 90-day term of confinement ordered under this subdivision for a felony  
25 shall not be reduced by credit for time already served in the case. Any such  
26 credit shall instead be applied to the suspended sentence.

27 (2) When an offender under probation supervision for a misdemeanor  
28 conviction has violated a condition of probation, the court may impose a  
29 period or periods of confinement in a local confinement facility for a total of  
30 no more than six days per month during any three separate months during  
31 the period of probation. The six days per month confinement provided for in  
32 this subdivision may only be imposed as two-day or three-day consecutive  
33 periods. When a defendant is on probation for multiple judgments,  
34 confinement periods imposed under this subdivision shall run concurrently  
35 and may total no more than six days per month.

36 (3) When an offender under supervision for a misdemeanor impaired driving  
37 conviction has violated a condition of probation, the court may impose a  
38 period of confinement of up to 90 consecutive days to be served in the  
39 statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program. An offender may receive  
40 only two periods of confinement under this subdivision. Confinement under  
41 this subdivision shall be credited pursuant to G.S. 15-196.1.

42 If the time remaining on the maximum imposed sentence is equal to or less than the period  
43 of confinement that may be imposed in subdivision (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection, then  
44 confinement may not be ordered in response to the violation. The period of confinement  
45 imposed under this subsection on a defendant who is on probation for multiple offenses shall  
46 run concurrently on all cases related to the violation. Confinement shall be immediate unless  
47 otherwise specified by the court.

48 ...."

49 SECTION 2. G.S. 148-65.8 reads as rewritten:

50 "**§ 148-65.8. Interstate parole and probation hearing ~~procedures.~~ procedures for retaking**  
51 **by the sending state.**

1 (a) Where supervision of an offender is being administered pursuant to the Interstate  
 2 Compact for Adult Offender Supervision, the appropriate judicial or administrative authorities  
 3 in this State shall notify the Compact Administrator of the sending state whenever, in their  
 4 view, consideration should be given to retaking ~~or reincarceration~~ for a parole, probation, or  
 5 post-release supervision violation. Prior to the giving of any such notification, a hearing shall  
 6 be held in accordance with this section within a reasonable time, unless such hearing is waived  
 7 by the offender. Pending any proceeding pursuant to this section, the appropriate officers of this  
 8 State may take custody of and detain the offender involved for a period not to exceed 15 days  
 9 prior to the hearing. The offender shall not be entitled to bail pending the hearing.

10 ...  
 11 (c1) A record of the hearing shall be made and preserved. As soon as practicable  
 12 following termination of any hearing conducted pursuant to this section or the waiver of such  
 13 hearing, the appropriate officer or officers of this State shall report to the sending state, furnish  
 14 a copy of the hearing record, and make recommendations regarding the disposition to be made  
 15 of the offender by the sending state. If the hearing recommendation is to retake ~~or reincarcerate~~  
 16 the offender, the hearing officer or officers may detain the offender until notice is received  
 17 from the sending state. If the sending state provides notice that it intends to retake ~~or~~  
 18 ~~reincarcerate~~ the offender, the offender shall remain in custody for such reasonable period after  
 19 the hearing or waiver as may be necessary to arrange for the ~~retaking~~ ~~or~~  
 20 ~~reincarceration~~ retaking.

21 ...."

22 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 15A-1343.2 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:  
 23 "**§ 15A-1343.2. Special probation rules for persons sentenced under Article 81B.**

24 ...  
 25 (g) Repealed by Session Laws 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 19, s. 3.

26 (g1) Supervision Under Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision. – In all cases  
 27 in which probation supervision of an offender in this State is being administered pursuant to the  
 28 Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision established by G.S. 148-65.5, the Section of  
 29 Community Corrections of the Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety  
 30 may require an offender to do any of the following:

- 31 (1) Perform up to 20 hours of community service and pay the fee prescribed by  
 32 law for that supervision.
- 33 (2) Report to the offender's probation officer on a frequency to be determined by  
 34 the officer.
- 35 (3) Submit to substance abuse assessment, monitoring, or treatment.
- 36 (4) Submit to house arrest with electronic monitoring.
- 37 (5) Submit to a period or periods of confinement in a local confinement facility  
 38 for a total of no more than six days per month during any three separate  
 39 months during the period of supervision. The six days per month  
 40 confinement period provided for in this subdivision may only be imposed as  
 41 two-day or three-day consecutive periods. When a defendant is under  
 42 supervision for multiple judgments, confinement periods imposed under this  
 43 subdivision shall run concurrently and total no more than six days per  
 44 month.
- 45 (6) Submit to a curfew that requires the offender to remain in a specified place  
 46 for a specified period each day and wear a device that permits the offender's  
 47 compliance with the condition to be monitored electronically.
- 48 (7) Participate in an educational or vocational skills development program,  
 49 including an evidence-based program.
- 50 (8) Obtain a specific sex offender assessment and follow all recommended  
 51 treatment.

1           (9) Obtain a mental health assessment and follow all recommended treatment.

2           If the Section of Community Corrections imposes any of the above requirements, then it  
3 may subsequently reduce or remove those same requirements. The Section of Community  
4 Corrections may impose the conditions under this subsection only if it first determines that the  
5 offender has failed to comply with one or more of the conditions of supervision or the offender  
6 is determined to be high risk based upon the results of the risk assessment in G.S. 15A-1343.2,  
7 except that the condition provided for in subdivision (5) of this subsection may not be imposed  
8 unless the Section of Community Corrections determines that the offender failed to comply  
9 with one or more of the conditions of supervision.

10       ...."

11           **SECTION 4.** G.S. 14-208.40B is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12       **"§ 14-208.40B. Determination of satellite-based monitoring requirement in certain**  
13 **circumstances.**

14       ...

15       (c) At the hearing, the court shall determine if the offender falls into one of the  
16 categories described in G.S. 14-208.40(a). The court shall hold the hearing and make findings  
17 of fact pursuant to G.S. 14-208.40A.

18       If the court finds that (i) the offender has been classified as a sexually violent predator  
19 pursuant to G.S. 14-208.20, (ii) the offender is a recidivist, (iii) the conviction offense was an  
20 aggravated offense, or (iv) the conviction offense was a violation of G.S. 14-27.23 or  
21 G.S. 14-27.28, the court shall order the offender to enroll in satellite-based monitoring for life.

22       If the court finds that the offender committed an offense that involved the physical, mental,  
23 or sexual abuse of a minor, that the offense is not an aggravated offense or a violation of  
24 G.S. 14-27.23 or G.S. 14-27.28, and the offender is not a recidivist, the court shall order that  
25 the Division of Adult Correction do a risk assessment of the offender. The Division of Adult  
26 Correction shall have a minimum of 30 days, but not more than 60 days, to complete the risk  
27 assessment of the offender and report the results to the court. The Division of Adult Correction  
28 may use a risk assessment of the offender done within six months of the date of the hearing.

29       Upon receipt of a risk assessment from the Division of Adult Correction, the court shall  
30 determine whether, based on the Division of Adult Correction's risk assessment, the offender  
31 requires the highest possible level of supervision and monitoring. If the court determines that  
32 the offender does require the highest possible level of supervision and monitoring, the court  
33 shall order the offender to enroll in a satellite-based monitoring program for a period of time to  
34 be specified by the court.

35       (d) When an offender from another state is transferred to North Carolina under the  
36 Interstate Compact and the crime for which the offender will be under supervision in North  
37 Carolina equates to a reportable conviction under G.S. 14-208.6(4), but the court of the state  
38 transferring the offender did not consider or order satellite-based monitoring, a court of this  
39 State shall consider whether the offender's criminal conviction is one that requires  
40 satellite-based monitoring. The procedure for making that determination shall be as follows:

41           (1) The offender shall receive notice, before being transferred to North Carolina,  
42 that the offender may be subject to a judicial hearing in North Carolina to  
43 determine whether the offender's conviction requires the offender to enroll in  
44 satellite-based monitoring.

45           (2) The Division of Adult Correction shall make an initial determination as to  
46 whether the offender's crime is a reportable conviction under North Carolina  
47 law.

48           (3) The district attorney in the judicial district where the offender will be  
49 supervised shall schedule a hearing in the appropriate court in that judicial  
50 district to determine whether the offender must enroll in satellite-based  
51 monitoring. The Division of Adult Correction shall notify the offender of the

1 Division's determination and the date of the scheduled hearing by certified  
2 mail sent to the address provided by the offender. The hearing shall be  
3 scheduled no sooner than 15 days from the date the notification is mailed.  
4 Receipt of notification shall be presumed to be the date indicated by the  
5 certified mail receipt. If the court determines that an offender is indigent and  
6 entitled to counsel, the court shall assign counsel to represent the offender at  
7 the hearing pursuant to rules adopted by the Office of Indigent Defense  
8 Services. At the hearing, the court shall determine whether the offender's  
9 crime constitutes a reportable conviction under North Carolina law and shall  
10 make findings of fact pursuant to G.S. 14-208.40A.

11 (4) If the court determines that the offender may be classified as a sexually  
12 violent predator, is a recidivist, committed an aggravated offense, or  
13 committed a crime substantially similar to G.S. 14-27.2A or G.S. 14-27.4A,  
14 the court shall order the offender to enroll in satellite-based monitoring for  
15 the duration of the period of supervision in this State.

16 (5) If the court finds that the offender committed an offense involving the  
17 physical, mental, or sexual abuse of a minor but the offense is not one  
18 described in subdivision (4) of this subsection and the Division of Adult  
19 Correction's risk assessment requires the highest possible level of  
20 supervision and monitoring, the court shall order the offender to enroll in  
21 satellite-based monitoring for the duration of the period of supervision in  
22 this State."

23 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to  
24 offenders placed on probation on or after that date.