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SENATE BILL 229

Short Title: Protection for Former Government Officer. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Bishop, B. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Daniel, Dunn, Krawiec, Newton, Rabin, and Sanderson.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 14, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR FORMER EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, AND COURT OFFICERS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AFTER THEY LEAVE OFFICE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 5A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-16.9A. Former executive, legislative, and court officers to be covered.

Any person who was elected to any office covered by this Article shall continue to be considered to hold that office for the purpose of this Article for a period of one year from either (i) the date that the person's term of office expired or (ii) the date that the person resigned from the office, whichever is appropriate."

SECTION 2. G.S. 20-189 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-189. Patrolmen assigned to Governor's office; patrolman assigned for protection of former governor.

(a) The Secretary of Public Safety, at the request of the Governor, shall assign and attach two members of the State Highway Patrol to the office of the Governor, there to be assigned such duties and perform such services as the Governor may direct. The salary of the State Highway Patrol members so assigned to the office of the Governor shall be paid from appropriations made to the office of the Governor and shall be fixed in an amount to be determined by the Governor.

(b) The Secretary of Public Safety, at the request of the immediate past Governor, shall assign one member of the State Highway Patrol on an occasional basis to the former governor for his or her security for one year after the former Governor has left office. The expenses of the services, travel, and lodging of any trooper assigned to the former Governor pursuant to this subsection shall be paid from appropriations made to the office of the Governor and shall be fixed in an amount to be determined by the Governor."

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.

