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SENATE BILL 774

Short Title: Prison Social Distancing and Reopening. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Smith and Foushee (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 18, 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION AND JUVENILE JUSTICE, TO DEVELOP A PLAN REGARDING PRISON DEPOPULATION, A PLAN REGARDING FUTURE RESPONSE EFFORTS FOR AN EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019, AND A PROPOSAL AND COST ANALYSIS FOR THE CONTRACTED USE OF ODOM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION BY UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, shall do each of the following:

- (1) Develop a plan for the release to the community of offenders that are either (i) serving a sentence for a nonviolent crime, (ii) suffering from a medical diagnosis that compromises the offender's immune system, (iii) near release, or (iv) juveniles.
- (2) Develop a plan regarding future response efforts for an emergency related to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- (3) Develop a proposal and cost analysis for the contracted use of Odom Correctional Institution as a detention center by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to house ICE detainees that were taken into custody in North Carolina.

SECTION 2. The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice shall submit the plans and proposal required by Section 1 of this act to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety no later than September 1, 2020.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be used for electronic monitoring services, community corrections staffing, and other costs associated with the release of offenders to the community pursuant to Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 4. Section 3 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2020. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.

