

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 656

Short Title: Prohibition on No-Knock Warrant Service. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Alexander and Logan (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 26, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT NO-KNOCK WARRANT SERVICE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT
3 OFFICERS IN ALL INSTANCES EXCEPT A HOSTAGE RESCUE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 15A-251 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 15A-251. Entry by force.

7 An officer may break and enter any premises or vehicle when necessary to the execution of
8 the warrant ~~if~~ when effecting the rescue of a hostage that there is probable cause to believe is
9 located on the premises or in the vehicle.

- 10 (1) ~~The officer has previously announced his identity and purpose as required by~~
11 ~~G.S. 15A-249 and reasonably believes either that admittance is being denied~~
12 ~~or unreasonably delayed or that the premises or vehicle is unoccupied; or~~
13 (2) ~~The officer has probable cause to believe that the giving of notice would~~
14 ~~endanger the life or safety of any person."~~

15 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to the service of
16 warrants on or after that date.

