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**HOUSE BILL 274**

Short Title: Ex-Offender Study Recommendations. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Bryant, Guice, Pierce, and M. Alexander (Primary Sponsors).  
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

March 10, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO UTILIZE CERTAIN DATA TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS PROGRAMS; AND TO REQUIRE THE SENTENCING AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION TO STUDY THE BEST METHODS AND PROCEDURES FOR ENSURING THAT A DEFENDANT WHO ENTERS A GUILTY PLEA UNDERSTANDS THE COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLEA, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON EX-OFFENDER REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission shall incorporate data from the Employment Security Commission's Common Follow-up System into its biennial correctional program evaluation.

**SECTION 2.** The North Carolina Department of Correction shall utilize Common Follow-up System data in evaluating the effectiveness of programs it operates.

**SECTION 3.** The North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission shall report to the General Assembly no later than the convening of the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly on the best methods and procedures, and under what circumstances, a court would (i) provide actual notice to a defendant who is entering a guilty plea as to the collateral consequences of a conviction of the offense or offenses and (ii) waive, in the court's discretion, any of the collateral consequences which would result from a conviction of the offense or offenses.

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

