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SENATE DRS45245-LR-46C (02/10)

Short Title: Law Enforcement Privacy/Public Web Sites. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Woodard and McKissick (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA COURTS COMMISSION TO STUDY  
3 REQUIRING CITIES AND COUNTIES TO REMOVE PERSONAL INFORMATION  
4 FROM RECORDS AVAILABLE ON INTERNET WEB SITES MAINTAINED BY  
5 COUNTIES AND CITIES WHEN REQUESTED BY CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT  
6 PERSONNEL, PROSECUTORS, AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina Courts Commission shall study the development  
9 of a process to remove personal information of nonelected officials from records available on  
10 Internet Web sites maintained by cities and counties. In conducting the study, the Courts  
11 Commission shall consider the following:

- 12 (1) The nonelected officials, including law enforcement personnel, prosecutors,  
13 and judicial officers, who may request removal of their personal information.
- 14 (2) The city and county Web sites from which nonelected officials may request  
15 removal of their personal information.
- 16 (3) The information subject to removal from Web sites.
- 17 (4) The process for removal of personal information from Web sites.
- 18 (5) Under what circumstances the information removed from Web sites is  
19 subject to disclosure as a public record.
- 20 (6) The costs of such a process to cities and counties.
- 21 (7) Any other matters that the Courts Commission deems relevant.

22 **SECTION 2.** In conducting the study required by this act, the North Carolina  
23 Courts Commission shall consult with any other agencies, institutions, or individuals that it  
24 deems appropriate.

25 **SECTION 3.** The North Carolina Courts Commission shall report its findings and  
26 recommendations, together with any recommended legislation, to the 2016 Regular Session of  
27 the 2015 General Assembly upon its convening.

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

