

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 156

Short Title: Conditions of Pretrial Detention. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators J. Jackson, Bishop, and Daniel (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 28, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT CONDITIONS OF PRETRIAL RELEASE ALSO APPLY TO
3 PRETRIAL DETENTION AND NO-CONTACT PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS
4 MAY BE SET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ARREST FOR DEFENDANTS
5 CHARGED WITH CERTAIN CRIMES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 15A-534 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 "(j) An order of pretrial release takes effect immediately and remains in effect until the
9 charges are disposed of, regardless of whether a defendant is incarcerated or released."

10 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 15A-534.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 "(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, at the initial appearance of a defendant
12 immediately following the defendant's arrest, a judicial official authorized by this Article to set
13 conditions of pretrial release may order that the defendant have no contact with the alleged victim
14 of the crime while the defendant awaits the determination of pretrial release conditions pursuant
15 to subsections (a) and (b)."

16 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

