

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 779*

Short Title: PPE for Working Inmates and Prison PPE Report. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Murdock, Waddell, and Peterson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 18, 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT INMATES WORKING IN A STATE PRISON OR FOR
2 CORRECTION ENTERPRISES BE PROVIDED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE
3 EQUIPMENT DURING THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY; TO DIRECT THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION AND
5 JUVENILE JUSTICE, TO REPORT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT
6 COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY REGARDING ITS DISTRIBUTION
7 OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT DURING THE CURRENT STATE OF
8 EMERGENCY; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.
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10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and
12 Juvenile Justice, shall provide inmates working in a State prison or for Correction Enterprises
13 with personal protective equipment. To the extent possible, the Division shall provide all other
14 inmates in State prisons with personal protective equipment.

15 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and expires on the
16 earlier of the date the Governor signs an executive order rescinding Executive Order No. 116,
17 Declaration of a State of Emergency to Coordinate Response and Protective Actions to Prevent
18 the Spread of COVID-19, or March 1, 2021.

19 **SECTION 2.** No later than October 1, 2020, the Department of Public Safety,
20 Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, shall report on its distribution of personal
21 protective equipment during the COVID-19 emergency to the Joint Legislative Oversight
22 Committee on Justice and Public Safety. The COVID-19 emergency shall encompass the time
23 period between March 10, 2020, and the date that the Division submits its report.

24 **SECTION 3.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
25 Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, the sum of one hundred
26 thousand dollars (\$100,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be used for
27 personal protective equipment and inmate medical costs caused by the COVID-19 emergency.

28 **SECTION 3.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2020.

29 **SECTION 4.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
30 law.

