## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2011

| Short Title:   | Sex Offense/Child Witness Remote Testimony.                      | (Public)         |
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| Sponsors:  | Senator Mansfield.   |                  |
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|  | A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  |                  |
| AN ACT R   | ELATING TO THE REMOTE TESTIMONY OF CHILD W                       | TTNESSES IN      |
| CRIMIN   | AL PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO SEXUAL OFFENSES.                      |                  |
| The General  | Assembly of North Carolina enacts:                               |                  |
| <b>SECTION 1.</b> G.S. 15A-1225.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read: |  |                  |
| " <u>(b1)</u> <u>Ir</u>  | a criminal proceeding relating to an alleged sexual offense      | against a child  |
| witness, the   | court may make the determination pursuant to subsection (b) of   | this section to  |
| allow remote   | testimony by the child witness based solely upon lay testimony." |                  |
| <b>S</b>   | FCTION 2 This act becomes effective October 1, 2011, and and     | lies to criminal |

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2011, and applies to criminal proceedings pending on or after that date.

