

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS65201-RK-13 (3/31)

Short Title: Study/Chronically Ill and Disabled in Prison. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Berger.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
ON INMATES WHO ARE IRREVERSIBLY PHYSICALLY INCAPACITATED
BY CHRONIC ILLNESS OR DISABILITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Department of Correction shall conduct a study of the confinement of inmates who are irreversibly physically incapacitated due to chronic illness or disability. The Department's study shall include, but is not limited to, a review of current policies, a calculation of potential population figures and medical care costs, a determination of possible alternatives to incarceration and accompanying costs, and a consideration of procedures for termination or commutation of sentences.

SECTION 2. The Department of Correction shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later than the convening of the 2004 Regular Session of the 2003 General Assembly by filing a report with the Offices of the Principal Clerk of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Legislative Library.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.