

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 1148**

Short Title: Identify Juvenile Escapees. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Justus, Sutton, Spear, Goforth (Primary Sponsors); Clary, Coates, Faison, Folwell, Frye, Gulley, Haire, Hilton, Howard, Hurley, Johnson, Kiser, Love, McAllister, McGee, Mobley, Moore, Pierce, Rapp, Ray, Stam, Starnes, Steen, Stiller, Thomas, Wainwright, Walend, Walker, E. Warren, and R. Warren.

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Referred to: Judiciary III.

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March 29, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND  
2 DELINQUENCY PREVENTION TO RELEASE THE IDENTIFICATION OF  
3 JUVENILES WHO ESCAPE THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7B-2102(d1) is repealed.

7 **SECTION 2.** Article 31 of Chapter 7B of the General Statutes is amended  
8 by adding a new section to read:

9 "**§ 7B-3102. Disclosure of information about juveniles who escape.**

10 Notwithstanding G.S. 7B-2102(d) or any other law to the contrary, if the juvenile  
11 escapes from a youth development center, other juvenile facility, a holdover facility, or  
12 from the custody of juvenile personnel or a local law enforcement officer, the  
13 Department shall release the juvenile's name, the juvenile's photograph, and a brief  
14 description of the offense for which the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent to the  
15 public within 24 hours of the time the juvenile escapes."

16 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 7B-3100(b) reads as rewritten:

17 "(b) Disclosure of information concerning any juvenile under investigation or  
18 alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the court that would reveal the identity of that  
19 juvenile is prohibited except that publication of pictures of runaways is permitted with  
20 the permission of the ~~parents.~~ parents and except as provided in G.S. 7B-3102."

21 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2007.