

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 876\***

Short Title: Probation Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wainwright; M. Alexander, Bell, Glazier, Guice, Hughes,  
Lucas, Pierce, Weiss, and Wray.

Referred to: State Government/State Personnel, if favorable, Appropriations.

March 31, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO STUDY  
2 COMPREHENSIVE REFORM OF THE STATE'S APPROACH TO COMMUNITY  
3 CORRECTIONS.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Correction, in consultation with the Sentencing  
7 and Policy Advisory Commission, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Conference of  
8 District Attorneys, Office of Indigent Defense Services, the Department of Health and Human  
9 Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the School of  
10 Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and other organizations and  
11 agencies it deems appropriate, shall study comprehensive reform of the State's approach to  
12 community corrections. The study shall consider the integration of evidence-based practices  
13 into all aspects of community corrections and the development of cost-effective ways to  
14 manage offenders without compromising public safety. The study shall review data from North  
15 Carolina and other states to identify best practices in community-based supervision and  
16 treatment, proven through research-based evidence to reduce crime, decrease offender  
17 recidivism rates, and improve offender reintegration into society. The study shall estimate the  
18 costs of the identified programs and their projected impact on offender populations in prison  
19 and under community supervision. The Department shall report its findings, including proposed  
20 legislation to enact a comprehensive Community Corrections Act, to the Legislative  
21 Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee no later than April 1,  
22 2010.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

