

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE DRS75100-LL-112 (2/25)

Short Title: Expand Interpreting Services. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Clodfelter.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPANSION OF STATE-REIMBURSED  
3 INTERPRETING SERVICES TO ENCOMPASS ALL COURT PROCEEDINGS IN  
4 WHICH AN INTERPRETER IS NECESSARY TO ASSIST THE COURT IN THE  
5 EFFICIENT TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-314(f) reads as rewritten:

8 "(f) In any case in which the Judicial Department is bearing the costs of representation  
9 for a party and that party or a witness for that party does not speak or understand the English  
10 language, and the court appoints a foreign language interpreter to assist that party or witness,  
11 the reasonable fee for the interpreter's services is payable from funds appropriated to the  
12 Administrative Office of the Courts. ~~In order to facilitate the disposition of criminal or Chapter~~  
13 ~~50B cases, the~~ The court may authorize the use of a court interpreter, paid from funds  
14 appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts, in ~~eases~~ all proceedings in which an  
15 interpreter is necessary to assist the court in the efficient transaction of business. The  
16 appointment and payment shall be made in accordance with G.S. 7A-343(9c)."

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.



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