## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2003

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## SENATE DRS85156-LL-95 (3/24)

Short Title: Increase Use of Public Defenders.

Sponsors:	Senator Rand.	
Referred to:		

2       AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE FORMATION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC         3       DEFENDER OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY         4       THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION TO PROMOTE GOVERNMENT         5       EFFICIENCY AND SAVINGS ON STATE SPENDING.         6       The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:         7       SECTION 1. G.S. 7A-498.7(a) reads as rewritten:         8       "(a) The following counties of the State are organized into the defender districts         9       listed below, and in each of those defender districts an office of public defender is         10       established:         11       11         12       Defender District         14       3A         15       3B         16       12         17       14         18       Carteret         16       12         19       16A         19       16A         19       16A         20       16B         21       18         22       21         18       Guilford         22       24         25       28	1	A BILL T	O BE ENTITLED	
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After notice to, and consultation with, the affected district bar, senior resident superior court judge, and chief district court judge, the Commission on Indigent Defense Services may recommend to the General Assembly that a district or regional public defender office be established. A legislative act is required in order to establish a new office or to abolish an existing office. establish district and regional public defender <u>offices.</u>"
SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.