

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1993**

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HOUSE BILL 157

Short Title: Columbus Soc. Serv. Bldg. Exemption.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives Hill; Redwine and Wright.

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Referred to: Local and Regional Government I.

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February 15, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO EXEMPT COLUMBUS COUNTY FROM CERTAIN STATUTORY  
2 REQUIREMENTS IN THE BUILDING OF A NEW SOCIAL SERVICES  
3 FACILITY.  
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5 Whereas, Columbus County has been informed by the Department of Human  
6 Resources that overcrowded conditions at its social services facility have placed it out  
7 of compliance with State standards for office space and facilities, and that failure to  
8 correct the deficiencies could result in the withholding of federal and State  
9 administrative funds; and

10 Whereas, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is cooperating with  
11 the Department of Human Resources to bring the county into compliance with State  
12 standards by planning the construction of a new social services facility using the "design  
13 and build" concept; and

14 Whereas, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has been informed  
15 that the concept of "design and build" may conflict with some provisions of Article 8 of  
16 Chapter 143 of the General Statutes concerning the letting of public contracts; and

17 Whereas, Chapter 8 of the 1989 Session Laws exempted the State of North  
18 Carolina from certain provisions of Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes in  
19 order to expedite construction in response to similar overcrowding emergencies; and

20 Whereas, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has requested the  
21 reenactment of an expired act, Chapter 393 of the 1991 Session Laws, exempting  
22 Columbus County from meeting certain requirements of Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the  
23 General Statutes; and

1           Whereas, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has stated that it  
2 will endeavor to comply with the spirit of Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the General  
3 Statutes by providing local contractors and minority contractors with an opportunity to  
4 bid on portions of the construction projects; Now, therefore,  
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6           Sec. 1. The County of Columbus may contract for the design and  
7 construction of a county social services facility to remedy overcrowding at its current  
8 facility without being subject to the requirements of G.S. 143-128, 143-129, 143-131,  
9 and 143-132.

10          Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.