

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 689

Short Title: Copies of Files/Appointed Appellate Attorneys. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Kinnaird; and Rand.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

March 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT IS
2 RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING COPIES OF THE TRIAL FILE TO
3 APPOINTED APPELLATE COUNSEL IN INDIGENT CASES.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-452 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "(e) In cases in which an indigent person has entered notice of appeal and
8 appellate counsel has been appointed by the Office of Indigent Defense Services, the
9 clerk of superior court shall make a copy of the complete trial division file in the case,
10 make a copy of documentary exhibits upon request, and furnish those files and any
11 requested exhibits to the appointed attorney."

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