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SENATE BILL 584

Short Title: Pilot Project: Tablets for Inmates. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators McKissick, Bishop, Britt (Primary Sponsors); Bryant, Smith-Ingram, Van Duyn, and Waddell.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 5, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION TO DEVELOP AND  
3 IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROJECT TO ALLOW ADULT OFFENDERS AND  
4 JUVENILES WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING TO HAVE ACCESS TO COMPUTER  
5 TABLETS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION, BEHAVIORAL  
6 MODIFICATION, AND REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMMING IN PREPARATION  
7 FOR REENTRY INTO SOCIETY.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** Pilot Project. – The Division of Adult Correction of the Department  
10 of Public Safety shall establish and implement a pilot project to allow adult offenders and  
11 juveniles who (i) are on good behavior and (ii) are within two years from their projected release  
12 date to have access to computer tablets for the purposes of taking continuing education classes,  
13 vocational classes, parenting classes, domestic violence/anger management classes, and other  
14 programs approved by the Division of Adult Correction. The Division of Adult Correction will  
15 determine what databases shall be accessible from the tablets. The purpose of the project is to  
16 prevent recidivism by allowing adult offenders and juveniles to build educational credentials,  
17 participate in prerelease planning and preparation activities, build social support in the outside  
18 community, and expose the adult offenders and juveniles to updated technology prior to  
19 release.

20 **SECTION 2.** Sites. – The Division of Adult Correction shall select one or more  
21 State correctional institutions, youth development centers, and residential treatment facilities to  
22 implement the project.

23 **SECTION 3.** The Division of Adult Correction shall utilize available funds during  
24 the 2016-2017 fiscal year to conduct the pilot project required by Section 1 of this act.

25 **SECTION 4.** Report. – The Division of Adult Correction shall report on the results  
26 of the pilot project to the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly, upon its reconvening.

27 **SECTION 5.** The Division of Adult Correction shall utilize available funds during  
28 the 2017-2018 fiscal year to conduct the Pilot Project required by Section 1 of this act.

29 **SECTION 6.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.

