

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 980

Short Title: Search Warrant Disclosure.

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Sponsors: Representatives Alexander; Black, D. Brown, Church, Cole, Cunningham, Easterling, Hill, Ives, Kinney, Lemmond, McCrary, McLaughlin, and C. Wilson.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

April 19, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO LIMIT THE DISCLOSURE OF SEARCH WARRANT APPLICATIONS
2 AND SEARCH WARRANTS PENDING THE RETURN OF THE WARRANT.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 15A-245 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, the
7 search warrant application, the search warrant, and their contents, shall not be disclosed
8 by the issuing official, the clerk, or any other party, except in connection with service of
9 the warrant as provided in G.S. 15A-252, until the search warrant has been returned in
10 accordance with G.S. 15A-257 or for a period of 48 hours, whichever occurs first."

11 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective 30 days after ratification.