

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1014

Short Title: Study/Chronically Ill and Disabled in Prison. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Berger; and Carpenter.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

April 3, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
2 ON INMATES WHO ARE IRREVERSIBLY PHYSICALLY INCAPACITATED
3 BY CHRONIC ILLNESS OR DISABILITY.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Correction shall conduct a study of the
7 confinement of inmates who are irreversibly physically incapacitated due to chronic
8 illness or disability. The Department's study shall include, but is not limited to, a
9 review of current policies, a calculation of potential population figures and medical care
10 costs, a determination of possible alternatives to incarceration and accompanying costs,
11 and a consideration of procedures for termination or commutation of sentences.

12 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Correction shall report its findings and
13 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later than the convening of the
14 2004 Regular Session of the 2003 General Assembly by filing a report with the Offices
15 of the Principal Clerk of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Legislative
16 Library.

17 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.