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HOUSE DRH20058-LT-73 (3/6)

Short Title: Identify Juvenile Escapees. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Justus, Sutton, and Spear (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
DELINQUENCY PREVENTION TO RELEASE THE IDENTIFICATION OF
JUVENILES WHO ESCAPE THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 7B-2102(d1) is repealed.

SECTION 2. Article 31 of Chapter 7B of the General Statutes is amended
by adding a new section to read:

"§ 7B-3102. Disclosure of information about juveniles who escape.

Notwithstanding G.S. 7B-2102(d) or any other law to the contrary, if the juvenile escapes from a youth development center, other juvenile facility, a holdover facility, or from the custody of juvenile personnel or a local law enforcement officer, the Department shall release the juvenile's name, the juvenile's photograph, and a brief description of the offense for which the juvenile was adjudicated delinquent to the public within 24 hours of the time the juvenile escapes."

SECTION 3. G.S. 7B-3100(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Disclosure of information concerning any juvenile under investigation or alleged to be within the jurisdiction of the court that would reveal the identity of that juvenile is prohibited except that publication of pictures of runaways is permitted with the permission of the ~~parents~~. parents and except as provided in G.S. 7B-3102."

SECTION 4. This act becomes effective October 1, 2007.