

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1459

Short Title: Study Missing Persons w/ Dementia. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Parmon, Earle, Hurley, Weiss (Primary Sponsors);
Adams, Alexander, Carney, Coleman, England, Faison,
Farmer-Butterfield, Glazier, Hall, Harrison, Jones, Mobley, Rapp, Ross,
Wainwright, and Womble.

Referred to: Aging.

April 16, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES TO STUDY THE PROCEDURES OF LOCAL LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES WHEN PERSONS WITH
5 DEMENTIA OR OTHER COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENTS ARE REPORTED
6 MISSING AND TO RECOMMEND WAYS TO COORDINATE AND IMPROVE
7 SEARCH EFFORTS WHEN PERSONS WITH DEMENTIA OR OTHER
8 COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENTS ARE REPORTED MISSING.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
11 Aging and Adult Services, shall study the procedures of local law enforcement and
12 health care facilities when persons with dementia or other cognitive impairments are
13 reported missing. The study shall examine the following:

- 14 (1) The coordination of search efforts among local and statewide agencies.
15 (2) The search methods utilized when persons with dementia or other
16 cognitive impairments are reported missing.

17 **SECTION 1.(b)** In response to the study authorized in this section, the
18 Department of Health and Human Services shall present findings and recommendations,
19 including any proposed statutory changes, to the Study Commission on Aging on or
20 before March 1, 2008.

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