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SENATE DRS25064-LL-98 (2/24)

Short Title: Persons Under 18 in Confinement Facilities. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Robinson and Tillman (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN SHOULD
3 NOT BE HOUSED IN A LOCAL CONFINEMENT FACILITY OCCUPIED BY
4 PERSONS AGE EIGHTEEN AND OLDER UNLESS A SIGHT AND SOUND BARRIER
5 EXISTS BETWEEN THE PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND THE
6 OLDER PERSONS.
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 153A-218 reads as rewritten:
9 "**§ 153A-218. County confinement facilities.**
10 (a) A county may establish, acquire, erect, repair, maintain, and operate local
11 confinement facilities and may for these purposes appropriate funds not otherwise limited as to
12 use by law. A juvenile detention facility may be located in the same facility as a county jail
13 provided that the juvenile detention facility meets the requirements of this Article and
14 ~~G.S. 147-33.40.~~G.S. 143B-817.
15 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, whenever possible,
16 persons under the age of 18 should not be housed in the same local confinement facility as
17 persons age 18 and older. If persons under the age of 18 are housed in the same local
18 confinement facility as persons age 18 and older, then a complete sight and sound barrier shall
19 be erected and maintained between the persons under the age of 18 and the persons age 18 and
20 older. The provisions of this subsection apply regardless of whether the persons under the age
21 of 18 are confined pursuant to Chapter 7B of the General Statutes or Chapter 15A of the
22 General Statutes."
23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

