

HOUSE BILL 597: Mediated Settlement Agreements

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SUMMARY: The PCS to House Bill 597 amends the provisions requiring mediated settlement agreements to be signed by the parties against whom enforcement is sought.

CURRENT LAW:

G.S. 7A-38.1, G.S. 7A-38.3B, G.S. 7A-38.3D, and G.S. 7A-38.4A govern mediated settlement conferences in superior court civil actions, mediations in matters within the jurisdiction of the clerk of superior court and the district criminal courts, and settlement procedures in district court actions. G.S. 8-110 makes statements made during mediations inadmissible in any proceeding in the action or other actions on the same claim.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS to House Bill 597 amends each of the current laws to provide mediated settlement agreements must be signed by the parties "against whom enforcement is sought."

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective July 1, 2015, and applies to agreements entered into on or after that date.

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