



# HOUSE BILL 224: Warrant Check of Inmates in Custody.

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**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2017-101 clarifies the requirement created in S.L. 2015-48 for courts to attempt to determine if a defendant has any outstanding warrants. This act is effective December 1, 2017, and applies to orders entered on or after that date.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 15A-301.1 provides for a statewide warrant repository, NCAWARE, to maintain and track criminal processes such as warrants, criminal summons, orders for arrest, and appearance bonds.

G.S. 15A-301.1 was amended by S.L. 2015-48 to resolve an inmate's outstanding warrants while in custody. Upon confinement, law enforcement is required to determine if there are any outstanding warrants against the inmate. Prior to entry of an order, courts are required to attempt to determine if there are any outstanding warrants against the defendant.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** This act clarifies that the court is not required to attempt to determine if every defendant has any outstanding warrants, prior to entering an order. The court is only required to attempt to determine if a defendant in custody has any outstanding warrants.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective December 1, 2017, and applies to orders entered on or after that date.

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