



HOUSE BILL 224: Warrant Check of Inmates in Custody.

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Committee:	Senate Judiciary. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	May 31, 2017
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 224 would clarify the requirement created in S.L. 2015-48 for courts to attempt to determine if a defendant has any outstanding warrants.*

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.

In an effort to resolve an inmate's outstanding warrants while in custody, G.S. 15A-301.1 was amended by S.L. 2015-48. 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: **House Bill 224** would clarify 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 becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to orders entered on or after that date.

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